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# WHAT IS ENGLISH UK?

English UK is the world's leading language teaching association.

We are the national association of English language teaching centres, representing more than 440 members in the state and private sectors. These include private language schools, educational trusts and charities, and language centres in further education colleges and universities.

We are a UK-registered charity with the prime aim of advancing the education of international students in the English language. All our members are accredited by the Accreditation UK scheme, which we manage in partnership with the British Council.

We have worked tirelessly to establish English UK as the voice of the English language teaching sector since we were formed from a merger of the leading state and private education bodies in 2004.

We represent the English language profession in the UK and abroad with a wide range of partners and stakeholders, lobbying governments, running training events and workshops and attending exhibitions worldwide.



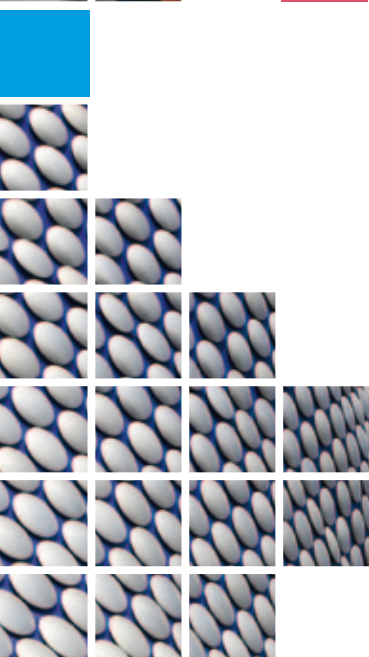


## QUALITY ASSURANCE

We want English language teaching in the UK to be the best there is. So English UK and the British Council created Accreditation UK, the world's most rigorous quality assurance scheme for English language teaching.

Language centres have to be world-class to win Accreditation UK status. Standards of teaching, management and student care are inspected along with facilities and accommodation, constantly driving standards upwards. Accreditation UK is approved by the British Government.

So students can be confident they have made the right investment in their future, with the added reassurance of a complaints procedure as well as the Student Emergency Support Fund which provides emergency assistance in the rare event of the closure of a member centre.

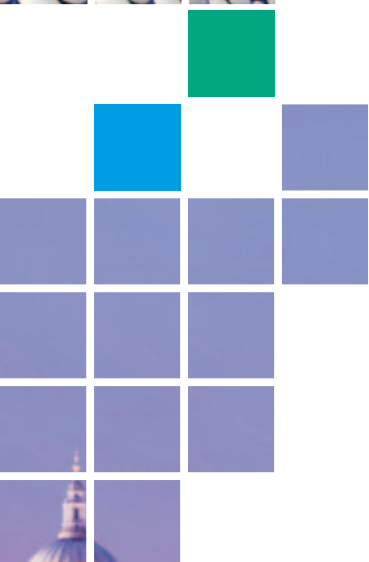


## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

English UK helps members to stay ahead of the competition at home and abroad, by providing tailored professional development and support.

Help is available in many different forms, whether in our informal private discussion forum where members share experiences and best practice, or through our programme of conferences, courses and training events tailored to meet the needs of managers, teachers and marketing staff.

We can also make the accreditation process much less daunting with step-by-step assistance and advice.



*More than 600,000 students every year choose to learn English in the UK, an estimated 35% of all students who travel abroad to study English. What attracts them is the UK's reputation for excellent English language teaching, the worldwide recognition of British qualifications, and the opportunity to experience British culture alongside their language learning.*

**Tony Millns, Chief Executive, English UK**



## REPRESENTATION AND LOBBYING

English UK promotes the interests of the ELT sector and international students to governments, government agencies and other organisations at home and abroad.

We sit on the Joint Education Taskforce set up by the Home Office and work very closely with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the teaching of English to international students. We helped establish the English Language Promotions Group with the British Council, UK Trade & Investment and VisitBritain, and we were a founder-member of the Tourism Alliance. We collaborate with other leading education and tourism bodies.

## BUSINESS SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

English UK advises and supports our members with business advice and practical help, and works to build beneficial partnerships with industry leaders and service providers.

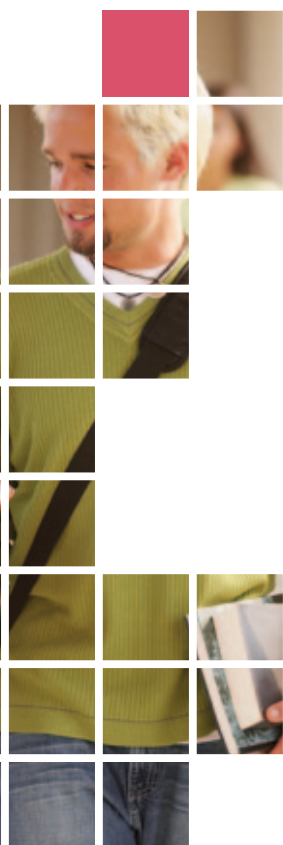
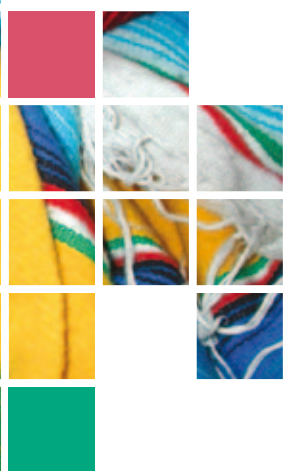
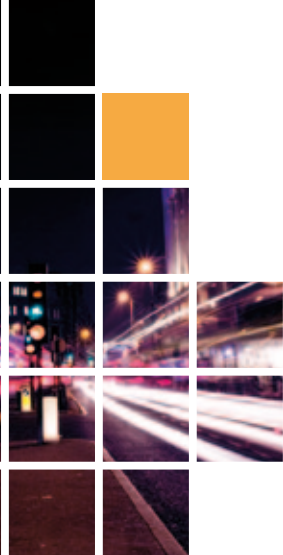
Applying for CRB and Disclosure Scotland is cheaper and more convenient for members through our Umbrella Body service, and we provide access to a dedicated business support helpline.

We have over 35 corporate members from the wider ELT sector, which work with member centres and international students.





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