

News Release
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Steve Phillips, chair of English UK, is moving to a new industry role.

Steve is joining the expanding Real Experience Group (RealXP) with responsibility for developing transnational programmes and pathway provision. He continues as chair of English UK, the post he took up last November, and which became considerably more demanding in the months between the death of Chief Executive Eddie Byers and the appointment of Sarah Cooper.

"I'm thrilled to be joining an outstanding organisation and working with an exceptional group of people, many of whom I've known for some time," said Steve. "Transnational education is a compelling growth area as the ELT sector develops and matures and I am delighted to be developing it with such a distinctive and dynamic brand. This role perfectly complements my passion for UK ELT, and I can't wait to get started."

This news follows the earlier RealXP announcement of the pending merger of British Study Centres and Experience English to form the UK's largest chain of premium language schools. The company is also owner of The English Studio, which operates large language schools in London and Dublin.

RealXP Managing Director Mark Bush said: "We are delighted to have attracted an individual of Steve's calibre who appreciates the scale of the opportunity and our determination to become a leader in this sector. Over the coming months we look forward to sharing more detail on our plans and to building long-term relationships with agents, further education providers and other business partners."

Steve joins RealXP from Eurocentres where he was head of UK Schools: before that he headed all ELT operations at Regent's University London, where he developed in-house pathways and in-country provision/TNE.

Notes to editors

1. English UK is the world's leading language teaching association, with around 455 accredited ELT centres in membership. It covers university and further education college language departments, international study centres in independent schools, educational trusts and charities, and private sector colleges. English UK is a UK registered charity (www.englishuk.com).
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