





English UK:
promoting and
supporting the
world's leading
English
language
destination





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English UK is the national association of English language teaching centres in the United Kingdom.

We represent, support and promote 470+ member centres and the UK English language teaching sector both at home and internationally.

We are passionate about English language teaching. As a registered charity, our mission is to advance the education of international students in the English language.

To ensure students have the best possible experience learning English in the UK, we pursue excellence in all aspects of English language teaching and strive to create a welcoming environment for international students in the UK.





What we do

Ensuring English language students have the best possible experience in the UK

Students are far from home, often for the first time, so we are here to look after them.

We ensure teaching and care are of the highest standard by insisting our members pass regular, rigorous inspections by Accreditation UK, which we run jointly with the British Council. The inspections check teaching, resources, management, student welfare and accommodation.

We provide the latest information about visas, UK living costs and courses for students, their families and study abroad agents on our website. Much of this information, and our course finder, is available in 12 languages.

We also help protect students with a complaints scheme and our Student Emergency Support Fund. This means that if one of our member centres closes unexpectedly, we are ready to help students, enabling them to complete courses and continue in their accommodation.

Promoting our member centres worldwide

With 470+ member centres ranging from small, family-run centres and boarding schools to international study centres and state universities and colleges, English UK has plenty to offer the world.

We publicise our members via our website and online course finder, which is available in 12 languages and has one of the world's biggest selection of general and specialist English courses. Students can find thousands of English language courses all over the UK, whether for a week in a city or a year by the sea.

We promote our members and the UK as a great study destination at a variety of major international education events and workshops worldwide.

We also organise business-to-business workshops in the UK and overseas. These include inward missions, where agents tour member centres, and our English UK fairs, which are small agent workshops covering four separate world regions.

The UK is the home of the English language and thousands of people visit each month to learn our language.



What we do

Helping our members succeed

To ensure our member centres thrive as businesses and provide the best possible service to international students, we keep them up-to-date with the latest changes in visa regulation, immigration law and other relevant developments; run topical conferences and training days throughout the year; and produce market reports with the British Council.

We provide marketing support through our four annual regional fairs, the world's only agent workshops to specialise in UK English language teaching, plus inward missions and representation at international education events.

We are proud to run one of the world's best-known and longest-running agent workshops, StudyWorld London, which attracts more than 850 quality delegates each year.

Members also benefit from discounted licences for photocopying and showing films, and our Accreditation Consultancy Service helps centres preparing for inspection.

Our corporate members include many leading industry service providers who attend our events, and feature in our publications, helping to build closer working relationships with language centres.

Driving up standards in English language teaching in the UK

English UK has been dedicated to raising standards in English language teaching since 2004.

From the start, we have insisted that our members are certified by Accreditation UK, which we run with the British Council. Over the years, we have worked together to develop the scheme's rigour and demands, raising standards among our members and the wider industry in the UK.

Each year, we run more than 50 specialist training days and conferences, covering all aspects of English language teaching from management and student welfare to teaching and marketing. As part of our commitment to continuing professional development, we offer specialist qualifications such as the Diploma in English Teaching Management.

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Encouraging the industry's best to work together

We bring the industry's best together to build lasting business partnerships for the benefit of English language teaching in the UK.

Our many UK and overseas events are open to select screened professionals only. And we insist all agents and educators attending StudyWorld London are either accredited or have good references from our members.

To reinforce the quality of English language teaching in the UK, we encourage our members to work together in official English UK subgroups focusing on region or specialism, and to share best practice in our closed online discussion forum.

Quality agents are vital, so we created the Partner Agency Scheme to recognise professionals who are working well with our member centres. The scheme benefits everyone: we help raise the quality of these agents further with our online briefing and dedicated newsletters, and also list them on our website to help our members find recommended partners.

Speaking up for the UK English language teaching sector at home and abroad

In the UK, we work with the Government and its immigration and trade bodies to ensure our sector's interests and the implications of any policy changes are clearly understood.

Through our public affairs work, including our Public Affairs Advisory Group, we seek to create a more helpful climate for our sector, and to increase government and public understanding of its activity and value to the UK.

We sit on the Joint Education Taskforce, set up by the Home Office; lobby politicians at constituency and government level; are a member of VisitBritain's British Tourism Industry Group; are a UKTI Trade Challenge Partner; and work with international associations including national English language teaching and agent groupings.

Our member centres include independent language schools, universities and further education colleges, international study centres, educational trusts and charities, and boarding schools.



