



Members' Conference & AGM

Thursday 21 May 2026

Hilton London Canary Wharf & Online



Welcome to the Members' Conference & AGM

We are delighted to welcome you to our Members' Conference 2026

Whether you are joining us online or in person, our 2026 Members' Conference and AGM is a moment for the English UK community to come together.

This is an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, share perspectives and help shape the future direction of our association at a time of significant change for our sector.

English language teaching, in the UK and globally, is operating in an increasingly uncertain environment. Demand is evolving, challenges are real, and the context in which we work continues to shift. At times like these, our strength as a community of ELT providers, and as a national association, is more important than ever.

English UK exists to support, represent and champion the UK ELT sector. Our vision remains a sector that transforms lives through learning and intercultural understanding. Through our new five-year strategy to 2030, we set out how we will work together to adapt, innovate and deliver sustainable growth for the years ahead.

Have a wonderful conference. I hope you enjoy the opportunity to learn from one another, strengthen connections and look ahead together.



Jodie Gray
Chief Executive
English UK

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Timetable

Thursday 21 May 2026

09:00 – 10:00 Registration and refreshments

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome from English UK and LANGUAGECERT

10:15 – 11:00 UK ELT in 2025: Market insights and the road ahead
with Ivana Bartosik, BONARD and panel discussion

11:00 – 11:10 Meet our exhibitors

11:10 – 11:40 Our evolution: English UK's strategy to 2030 from English UK's
Chief Executive, Jodie Gray

11:40 – 12:00 Refreshments and exhibition

12:00 – 12:45 Annual General Meeting
(English UK centre members only)

12:45 – 13:15 Debate of conference motions

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch and exhibition

14:15 – 15:30 Spotlight sessions with English UK, sector partners and members

15:30 – 16:00 Refreshments and exhibition

16:00 – 17:00 Closing keynote: Conscious leadership in a changing world:
creating a culture of belonging with Alison Kriel

17:00 – 18:00 Networking reception

Join the conversation
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How to participate

How to participate online

All sessions will take place using Zoom webinar or Zoom meeting.

You will receive the Zoom links to the sessions by email the day before the conference. In order for the team to monitor attendance, and to prevent any security breaches, we will require you to register your attendance for selected sessions in advance. Please use the name you used to register for the event.

Do not pass the Zoom links to a colleague. Anyone not registered for the event will be removed automatically. If a colleague wishes to attend the event they will need to register for the event.

Use Zoom's Chat function to communicate with English UK, but please do not submit questions using this feature.

Do not record the sessions. Please respect the privacy of audience members if using screenshots on social media or other publicity – use images that only show presenters' faces and names.

How to participate in the AGM and conference motions

Whilst the conference is open to all, only the primary contact of an English UK member centre, or their appointed proxy, may participate in the AGM and/ or the conference motions debate.

The AGM will start at 12:00. It is a hybrid event. You may have your video on.

If attending online, join this meeting five minutes' before the start time (11:55) and add your 'name, centre name and member number' to your Zoom name. Your Zoom name should look like this:

Joe Bloggs, Your School of English, 789

If you wish to speak during the AGM or the debate, use the 'Raise hand' function in Zoom and wait to be called upon.

Voting

Voting during the AGM and conference motions debate will be by show of hands. Raise your hand (virtual if on Zoom) to vote when requested by the chair. If there is not a clear majority, then Election Buddy will be used.

The software is easy to use and we encourage all those who are eligible to take part. One primary contact or proxy voter from each centre should have the login details.

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Sessions and speakers

10:15 – 11:00

UK ELT in 2025: Market insights and the road ahead

This session will present the latest statistical insights on the UK ELT sector, based on 2025 data produced in collaboration with BONARD Education and English UK.

The presentation will explore the sector's performance in 2025, including student volumes, source markets, and emerging demand patterns. It will highlight structural shifts in the market, such as changes in student mix, course duration, and seasonality, offering a clear view of how the sector is now operating in practice.

The session will also look ahead to 2026 and beyond, using the data to highlight how providers are responding to these developments and what strategic priorities are emerging in an increasingly complex and competitive global environment, shaped by ongoing economic and geopolitical uncertainty.

Following Ivana's presentation, a panel of industry professionals will discuss their take on the data and their thoughts on the trends shaping the language travel sector.

11:00 - 11:10

Meet our exhibitors

The service providers exhibiting at this event are an important part of our industry. Each exhibitor will spend one minute introducing themselves and their services to you. Please visit their exhibition spaces during the lunch and refreshment breaks.

Our exhibitors: Cambridge University Press and Assessment, David Rose Photography, Howden, Schoolworks, Trinity College London and Tysers.

Sessions and speakers

11:10 - 11:40

Our evolution: English UK's strategy to 2030

English UK's Chief Executive, Jodie Gray, will set out how the association and its members will build on their strengths to deliver sustainable growth for UK ELT over the next five years. In an increasingly uncertain global landscape, UK ELT remains a powerful force for good, transforming lives, strengthening the UK's global relationships and supporting our economy and communities.

This session explores the challenges and opportunities facing the sector, and how English UK will harness the collective energy of its membership to champion and advance UK ELT. Jodie will outline the four strategic goals at the heart of the new strategy - supporting growth, broadening our community, strengthening financial resilience and building a strong, trusted sector for students, staff and partners - and what they mean in practice for members.

Jodie Gray was appointed chief executive of English UK in November 2020. Having worked at English UK for many years, she is extremely proud of the association and its executive team and is committed to supporting the members and the UK ELT sector.

12:00 - 13:15

Annual General Meeting and conference motions

This is for English UK members only and will be led by Shoko Doherty, chair of the English UK Board of Trustees.

At this AGM members will:

- adopt the annual reports and financial statements
- hear the Ombudsman's report
- vote on any proposed changes to the association's rulebook or constitution (including the Articles of Association)
- consider any conference motions raised by fellow members
- consider nominations for honorary members
- discuss other matters that affect the entire organisation

During the meeting members will be encouraged to vote on matters on the agenda and ask questions.

Immediately following the AGM, there will be a closed session to debate any conference motions submitted in advance.

Sessions and speakers

14:15 - 15:30

Spotlight sessions from members, English UK and sector partners

This session is an opportunity for the conference to hear from members and sector partners who continue to adapt, innovate or take advantage of opportunities for growth. In a series of short discussions, you will hear short stories and case studies on six topics and have the opportunity to ask questions. We hope these experiences will encourage and motivate the conference to find new ways to innovate themselves and continue to champion UK ELT.

- Building staff communities for innovation
- Training teachers with the AccessTEFL
- Cultural exchange – focus on benefits of travel
- Designing professional cultures: beyond traditional CPD
- How English UK campaigns and what we want to achieve
- Breaking barriers through language
- Developments in ERASMUS+

Conscious leadership in a changing world: creating a culture of belonging

16:00 – 17:00

In a rapidly changing world, educators must navigate global challenges, technological shifts and complex communities. This session explores how to foster resilience, authenticity and belonging in students and teachers.

Attendees will gain insights on collaboration, diversity, and leveraging lived wisdom to create inclusive, future-ready learning environments where everyone can thrive.

About Alison

Alison is a transformational education leader and former inner-city Executive Headteacher of nearly 20 years and CEO for five, known for leading schools facing significant social challenges into the top 0.1% nationally. Awarded an honorary PhD and recognised as Woman of Influence 2025, Alison now works nationally and internationally supporting leaders to transform schools, strengthen culture, and achieve sustainable excellence, particularly in challenging contexts.

Her leadership philosophy is rooted in one core belief: when staff and pupils feel good about themselves, success follows. She champions a global curriculum that builds self-esteem, belonging and the human skills young people need to thrive, including resilience, adaptability, collaboration, leadership and acceptance of difference.



Alison Kriel



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2026

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Friday 11 December 2026

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Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 January
2027

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