

ESOL : English lessons for people who speak English as a second or other language

There are lots of places in Newcastle where you can learn English or practice your conversation skills. The name for this is ESOL, which means 'English as a Second or Other Language' or 'English for Speakers of Other Languages'.

Classes can be informal groups to help you build your confidence in speaking English. Or formal classes where you can get a certificate or qualification to show that you can speak English. A certificate can be useful to [help you to get ready to work or apply for jobs](#).

Eligibility: What does it mean?

Some of the places listed on this page give free lessons to everybody who needs them. Some places can't give free lessons to everyone. This means some people get lessons for free and some people pay for lessons. You can have the lessons for free or a reduced price, if you are *eligible*. The place of learning will check if you are eligible for free lessons before you start studying.

Find English classes near you

[You can search our organisation directory to find English classes near you.](#)

Search for *English classes* or *ESOL*.

Choose your location from the drop down list, or enter your postcode to get a list of places that can help near you.

ESOL classes in Newcastle

Here's the classes that are available in Newcastle. If there is a cost for the lesson, we have included it in the list below.

Contact the organisation to find out more about what they offer. The time of sessions and venues may change.

English courses with a certificate or qualification

Organisation	What's available	How to use the service
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Newcastle City Learning

Address: Westgate College, Westgate Road, NE4 9LU

Telephone: 0191 277 3520

Website: newcastlecitylearning.ac.uk

Email:
newcastlecitylearning@newcastle.gov.uk

English as a second language (ESOL) Service:

Learn English reading, writing, speaking and listening. Includes language and skills required for everyday life, work and citizenship.

Qualifications: from Entry 1 to Level 2.

Contact them if you want to join these classes. They have classes for all levels. They accept new students 3 times per year, at the beginning of term.

Who can use the service? Adults who don't speak English and who plan to stay in the UK. This can include the following people:

- who have lived in the UK for over 3 years
- with indefinite leave to remain
- asylum seekers who have been in the UK for 6 months
- refugees
- members of the EEC Economic area

Newcastle College

Address: Rye Hill Campus, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 5BR

Telephone: 0191 200 4000

Website: ncl-coll.ac.uk

Email: enquiries@ncl-coll.ac.uk

English as a second language (ESOL) Service:

Learn English reading, writing, speaking and listening. Includes maths, language and skills required for everyday life, work and citizenship.

Qualifications: from beginner to advanced.

Contact them to ask if you can join. They will check if you are eligible to join the class. For example, asylum seekers can join if they have lived in the UK for 6 months.

Who can use the service: all levels welcome

- 16 to 18 year olds can study ESOL full time
- Adults can apply to study a range of free classes

Cost: Free

<p><u>The Chinese Centre</u></p> <p>Address: 117 Westgate Road, NE1 4AG</p> <p>Tel: <u>0191 230 3158</u> or <u>07856 295 987</u></p> <p>Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/ChineseCentreNE</u></p>	<p>English as a second language (ESOL) classes. If you pass you get a qualification.</p> <p>Entry level 1 to Level 2</p> <p>Fast track learning with online resources.</p>	<p>Who can attend: You can attend if you are eligible for adult education funding and you are not studying in another college.</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
<p><u>Newcastle International School</u></p> <p>Address: Northumberland House, NE1 8ER</p> <p>Tel: <u>0191 435 1014</u></p> <p>Email: <u>admin@newcastlenis.com</u></p>	<p>Free support classes</p> <p>English Conversation Class</p> <p>English for Work class</p>	<p>Who can attend: contact for more information and eligibility</p> <p>Women only classes are available</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

English to prepare for work

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<p><u>JET (Jobs, Employment and Training)</u></p> <p>Address: Carnegie Building, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 8XS</p> <p>Email: julie22@jetnorth.org.uk</p> <p>Website: jetnorth.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 0191 273 5761</p>	<p>Help to learn English, grammar and useful workplace language.</p> <p>You will get help to prepare for work. This includes: careers advice, job search, job interview and CV support.</p> <p>They can help you to settle into life in the UK.</p>	<p>Who can use the service: adults who don't speak English as their first language</p> <p>Cost: free for people on Universal Credit sent via their Job Coach at the JobCentre.</p> <p>How to use this service: contact them for more information</p>
<p><u>Skills Hub Newcastle</u></p> <p>Address: City Library, Charles Avison Building, 33 New Bridge Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8AX</p> <p>Telephone: 0191 277 4125</p> <p>Website: skillshubnewcastle.co.uk</p> <p>Email: skillshub@newcastle.gov.uk</p>	<p>Help to prepare for work.</p> <p>Training to learn new skills</p> <p>ESOL support service can help you to learn English.</p> <p>Careers advice and help to find and apply for jobs.</p>	<p>Who can use the service: open to everyone</p> <p>Cost: free</p> <p>How to use this service: contact them for more information</p> <p>Opening hours 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday</p>

English classes in the community

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Action Language run by **Action Foundation**

Address: CastleGate, Melbourne Street,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 2JQ

Telephone: **0191 231 3113**

Website: **actionfoundation.org.uk**

Email:
language@actionfoundation.org.uk

English
courses in
Newcastle
and online
Zoom
lessons

Suitable for
beginners to
advanced
English
speakers

Childcare:
Not available

Check the **Action Language website** for information about the next registration date.

or Text or WhatsApp
ENGLISH to **07518 460198**

Email
info@actionlanguage.org.uk

You need to bring your
identification (ID) documents
when you enrol.

Who can use the service:
Everyone can attend these
classes if you are not
studying at another college.

Cost: Free

English for All UK

Website: englishforall.uk

Email: info@englishforall.uk

Free online and face to face English lessons for different abilities

Online classes on Zoom

Monday 10.30am

Fortnightly Community Forum

Tuesday 10.30am

English (basic English)

Wednesday 1pm Women Only Conversation

Wednesday 6.30pm

Evening Class (all levels of English)

Friday 1.30pm

Drop-in (all welcome)

Face to Face class

Thursdays 10.30am to 12.30pm

English Class in person at DiverCity Hub, Buckingham Street

Who can attend: refugees, asylum seekers and migrants who want to learn English.

They run a women only session

How to access: Email or message them on Facebook to get the link to online sessions

Cost: free

<p><u>International House</u></p> <p>Address: Room 9 at International House Newcastle, 7-15 Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SG</p> <p>Tel: <u>0191 232 9551</u></p> <p>Website: <u>ihnewcastle.com</u></p> <p>Email: <u>info@ihnewcastle.com</u></p>	<p>Free English classes</p> <p>Upper level (B2) classes from 7th October to 20th December. Monday to Friday 2pm to 4pm.</p> <p>The classes are given for free by people who are learning to teach English.</p>	<p>Who can attend: open to all</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
<p><u>Justice and Peace (Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle)</u></p> <p>Address: Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre, 2 Summerhill Grove, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6EE</p> <p>Phone: <u>07427 838813</u></p>	<p>English conversation classes:</p> <p>Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11.30am to 12.30pm</p>	<p>Who can attend: open to all</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

<p><u>Newcastle College</u></p> <p>Address: Teaching Development Centre, George Street, NE4 7JL</p> <p>Tel: <u>0191 200 4000</u></p> <p>Website: <u>ncl-coll.ac.uk</u></p> <p>Email: <u>enquiries@ncl-coll.ac.uk</u></p>	<p>Free English classes</p> <p>Entry level 2 classes from 8th October 2019.</p> <p>Tuesdays 12.15pm to 3.15pm (attend when you can).</p> <p>The teachers are on a teacher training course.</p>	<p>Who can attend: open to all</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
<p><u>North of England Refugee Service</u></p> <p>Address: 1 Charlotte Square (rear), NE1 4XF</p> <p>Email: <u>info@refugee.org.uk</u></p> <p>Website: <u>refugee.org.uk</u></p> <p>Tel: <u>0191 245 7301</u></p>	<p>English Classes:</p> <p>Beginners and all levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays 10.30am to 12.30pm • Thursdays 2pm to 4pm <p>Advanced level: Wednesdays 1pm to 4pm</p>	<p>Who can attend: Adults. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>There are no eligibility restrictions. Students can attend any time they like.</p>

<p><u>The Conversation Group – Newcastle</u></p> <p>Address: Tuesdays in Newcastle City Centre, 4pm to 5.30pm</p> <p>SMS/Text Message: 07448 541787</p> <p>Email: conversationgroupnewcastle@gmail.com</p> <p>Facebook: <u>The Conversation Group – Newcastle</u></p>	<p>English conversation sessions for informal conversation, English language practice and for sharing information together.</p>	<p>Who can attend: adults</p> <p>How to attend: contact for more information</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
<p><u>Reviving the Heart of the West End</u></p> <p>Address: John Buddle Work Village, Buddle Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 8AW</p> <p>Telephone: 0191 226 7300</p> <p>Email: info@rhwe.org</p> <p>Email: info@rhwe.org</p>	<p>Reviving the Heart of the West End run free Let's Talk sessions every Tuesday and Friday.</p> <p>Practice your spoken English in a fun, relaxed and non judgemental environment.</p>	<p>Who can attend: adults</p> <p>When: Tuesdays 12pm to 2pm</p> <p>Fridays 11am to 1pm</p> <p>How to attend: contact for more information</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
<p><u>Riverside Community Health Project</u></p> <p>Address: Carnegie Building, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 8XS</p> <p>Main Telephone: 0191 226 0754</p>	<p>English language classes</p>	<p>Who can attend: adults</p> <p>How to attend: contact for more information</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

English reading groups

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<p>Reading group for English learners</p> <p>Main Telephone: 0191 277 4100</p> <p>Email: readinggroups@newcastle.gov.uk</p> <p>Groups take place at these libraries:</p> <p><u>Newcastle City Library</u>, Charles Avison Building, 33 New Bridge Street West</p> <p><u>West End library</u>, Condercum Road, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 9JH</p> <p><u>Gosforth library</u>, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD</p> <p><u>East End library</u>, 83-85 Shields Road, Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 1DL</p>	<p>Reading groups for English learners.</p> <p>Read aloud to help improve confidence, pronunciation, and to enjoy a good story.</p>	<p>Who can attend: adults</p> <p>How to attend: contact for more information</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
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English conversation groups

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<p><u>Brunswick Methodist Church</u></p> <p>Address: Brunswick Methodist Church, NE1 7BJ</p> <p>Email: iscnewcastle@gmail.com</p> <p>Website: www.iscnewcastle.org.uk</p>	<p>English Practice Classes for international students and their family members</p> <p>Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time 10am to 12pm</p>	<p>Who can attend: adult international students and their family members</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

<p><u>Heaton Baptist Church</u></p> <p>Address: Heaton Road , NE6 5HN</p> <p>Website: heatonbaptist.org</p> <p>Tel: 0191 265 7044</p>	<p>English conversation classes</p> <p>Small group and one-to-one options available.</p> <p>face-to-face or online.</p> <p>Thursdays 4.30pm to 6.30pm</p>	<p>Who can attend: open to all</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
<p><u>NEST</u></p> <p>Address: Newcastle University Students' Union, NE1 8QB</p> <p>Email: nest.union@newcastle.ac.uk</p> <p>YouTube Channel: NEST Beyonds Barriers</p> <p>Telephone: 0191 239 3900</p>	<p>Learn English conversation, speaking, listening and writing. Range of taught classes, English conversation and creative sessions.</p> <p>Online classes and face to face classes available</p> <p>Outreach, trips and outings for learners throughout the year.</p>	<p>Who can use the service: all welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult</p> <p>How to use the service: watch their videos on YouTube or email to join face to face sessions and activities</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
<p><u>Northumbria University</u></p> <p>Address: Room 450, 4th Floor, Northumberland Building, Northumbria University, NE1 8SG</p> <p>Contact: 07712169328 or 07502222045</p>	<p>English conversation classes</p> <p>Thursdays 5.30pm to 7.30pm</p>	<p>Who can attend: open to all</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

<p><u>Jesmond Library</u></p> <p>Address: Catherine Cookson room, St Georges terrace, Jesmond, NE2 2DL</p> <p>Telephone: 0191 2812385</p> <p>Website: jesmondlibrary.org</p> <p>Email: enquiries@jesmondlibrary.org</p>	<p>English language classes, conversation groups.</p> <p>children's play area, board games and social space available.</p>	<p>Who can attend: Open to all. Children must be accompanied by an adult</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
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Women only English Classes

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<p><u>The Angelou Centre</u></p> <p>Address: The Angelou Centre, NE4 5NR</p> <p>Email: admin@angelou-centre.org.uk</p> <p>Website: angelou-centre.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 0191 226 0394</p>	<p>Weekly English conversation café every Wednesday morning.</p> <p>ESOL classes</p> <p>Childcare: crèche sometimes available. Ask if it's available each term.</p>	<p>Who can use the service: women only</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

<p><u>English for All UK</u></p> <p>Website: englishforall.uk</p> <p>Email: info@englishforall.uk</p>	<p>Free English lessons online on Zoom</p> <p>Wednesday 1pm Women only conversation</p>	<p>Who can attend: refugees, asylum seekers and migrants who want to learn English.</p> <p>They run a women only session</p> <p>How to access: Email or message them on Facebook to get the link to online sessions</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
<p><u>West End Women and Girls Centre</u></p> <p>Address: The Stephenson Building, 173 Elswick Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6SQ</p> <p>Telephone: 0191 273 4942</p> <p>Website: westendwomenandgirls.co.uk</p> <p>Email: info@westendwomenandgirls.co.uk</p>	<p>Free English Classes provided by Action Foundation, all levels welcome.</p> <p>Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30pm to 2:30pm</p>	<p>Who can attend: women not attending college only.</p> <p>How to attend: contact for more information and to register. You will need to bring with you your identification, passport, visa, proof of any government benefits</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

<p><u>First Step North East</u></p> <p>Address: 435 Westgate Road, NE4 8RN</p> <p>Tel: <u>0191 226 1213</u></p>	<p>English classes for women.</p> <p>Creche facilities available for 2 hour sessions</p>	<p>Who can attend: women only</p> <p>How to attend: Contact them for more information about enrolment.</p> <p>Cost: free. There may be a small cost for materials such as £1 when using creche to pay for drinks and biscuit.</p>
<p><u>Newcastle International School</u></p> <p>Address: Northumberland House, NE1 8ER</p> <p>Tel: <u>0191 435 1014</u></p> <p>Email: <u>admin@newcastlenis.com</u></p>	<p>Free support classes</p> <p>English Conversation Class</p> <p>English for Work class</p>	<p>Who can attend: contact for more information and eligibility</p> <p>Women only classes are available</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

English sessions outside Newcastle

Organisation	What's available	How to use the service
<p><u>Sunderland City of Sanctuary</u></p> <p>Email: <u>chris.howson@sunderland.ac.uk</u></p> <p>Tel: <u>0784 6099 643</u></p>	<p>Fridays</p> <p>Beginners: 3:30pm, Interfaith Centre, Sunderland University, Charles St, SR6 0AN</p> <p>Elementary to Advanced: online session at 4pm</p>	<p>Who can attend: contact for more information</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

<p><u>The Buffalo Community Centre Blyth</u></p> <p>Address: 55 Regent Street, Blyth, NE24 1LL</p> <p>Tel: <u>01670 363 858</u></p> <p>Email: <u>j.o@buffalocommunitycentre.co.uk</u></p>	<p>Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30am</p>	<p>Who can attend: contact for more information</p> <p>Cost: free</p>
<p><u>Being Woman Ashington</u></p> <p>YMCA , North View, Ashington, NE63 9XQ</p> <p>Tel <u>07786472333</u></p> <p>Email:<u>info@being-woman.org.uk</u></p>	<p>ESOL classes, Wednesday at 10:00am</p>	<p>Who can attend: contact for more information</p> <p>Cost: free</p>

The services listed on this page are provided by organisations independent to the council. We update this information regularly, but opening times and availability can change. Before attending a session we recommend you check it is running and that you're eligible to receive the service. Some services are only for adults or rough sleepers. Please note there may be a limit to the number of times you can access a service due to high demands in Newcastle. You can read more about InformationNOW's **Terms and Conditions.**

English for health

Involve NE developed the **English for Health videos** series of videos and workbooks to help people who don't use English as a first language to understand the NHS. The videos cover:

- **an introduction to the NHS**
- **how to use a GP** and **find the right help**
- **pregnancy** and **the post-natal journey for new parents:** find out more about the health checks for you and your baby

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Useful Organisations

Newcastle City Learning

Email: newcastlecitylearning@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: www.newcastlecitylearning.ac.uk

Telephone: 0191 277 3520

Address: Westgate College, NE4 9LU

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Email: enquiries@ncl-coll.ac.uk

Website: www.ncl-coll.ac.uk

Telephone: 0191 200 4000

Address: Rye Hill Campus, NE4 5BR

Chinese Centre

Email: emilylam@cictlearning.org

Telephone: 0191 273 2527

Address: , NE4 6UL

Newcastle International School

Email: admin@newcastlenis.com

Website: <https://www.newcastlenis.com/>

Telephone: 0191 908 4592

Address: Units 37A Blandford Square, NE1 4HZ

Action Language

Email: info@actionlanguage.org.uk

Website: <https://actionfoundation.org.uk/projects/action-language/>

Telephone: 07518 460 198

Byker Sands Family Centre

Email: childrenfamiliesnewcastle-east@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Community-Family-Hub-East-1742672322696105/>

Telephone: 0191 275 9636

Address: Byker Sands Family Centre, NE6 2FF

English For All

Email: info@englishforall.uk

Website: <https://www.englishforall.uk/>

Telephone: 07593636481

Address: DiverCity Hub, NE4 5QR

International House Newcastle

Email: info@ihnewcastle.com

Website: <https://www.ihnewcastle.com/>

Telephone: 0191 232 9551

Address: 7-15 Gallowgate, NE1 4SG

JET (Jobs Employment and Training)

Email: nasrin@jetnorth.org.uk

Website: <http://www.jetnorth.org.uk>

Telephone: 0191 273 5761

Address: Carnegie Building, NE4 8XS

Justice and Peace (Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle)

Website: http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/social_concerns/justice_and_peace.php

Telephone: 07407 091184

Address: St. Vincent's Support Centre , NE1 2TQ

North of England Refugee Service (NERS)

Email: info@refugee.org.uk

Website: www.refugee.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 245 7301

Address: 2 Friars St, NE1 4XA

The Conversation Group – Newcastle

Email: conversationgroupnewcastle@gmail.com

Telephone: 0191 245 7301

Heaton Baptist Church

Email: office@heatonbaptist.org

Website: <http://www.heatonbaptist.org/>

Telephone: 0191 265 7044

Address: Heaton Road, NE6 5HN

North East Solidarity and Teaching (NEST)

Email: nest.union@newcastle.ac.uk

Telephone: 0191 239 3900

Address: Newcastle University Students' Union, NE1 8QB

Northumbria University

Email: course.enquiries@northumbria.ac.uk

Website: www.northumbria.ac.uk

Telephone: 0191 3495600

Address: Ground Floor, NE1 8ST

The Angelou Centre

Email: admin@angelou-centre.org.uk

Website: <http://angelou-centre.org.uk/>

Telephone: 0191 226 0394

Address: The Angelou Centre, NE4 5NR

West End Women and Girls Centre

Email: info@westendwomenandgirls.co.uk

Website: www.westendwomenandgirls.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 273 4942

Address: The Stephenson Building, NE4 6SQ

First Step North East

Email: sandramorland@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 226 1213

Address: 435 Westgate Road, NE4 8RN

Sunderland City of Sanctuary

Email: sanctuariesunderland@hotmail.com

Website: <https://sunderland.cityofsanctuary.org/>

Telephone: 0191 226 1213

The Buffalo Community Centre Blyth

Website: <https://buffalocommunitycentre.co.uk/>

Telephone: 01670 363 858

Address: 55 Regent Street, NE24 1LL

Being Woman

Email: info@being-woman.org.uk

Website: <https://being-woman.org.uk/>

Telephone: 01670 857167

Address: YMCA Northumberland, NE63 9XQ

Riverside Community Health Project

Email: all@riversidechp.org.uk

Website: <http://riversidechp.org.uk/>

Telephone: 0191 226 0754

Address: Carnegie Building, NE4 8XS

English Unlocked

Email: info@englishunlocked.co.uk

Website: www.englishunlocked.co.uk

Telephone: 07786 003 429

Reviving the Heart of the West End (RHWE)

Email: info@rhwe.org

Website: www.rhwe.org

Telephone: 0191 226 7300

Address: John Buddle Work Village, NE4 8AW

Involve North East

Email: beinvolved@involve.org.uk

Website: www.involve.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 226 3450

Address: Carnegie Building, NE4 8XS

Skills Hub Newcastle

Email: skillshub@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: www.skillshubnewcastle.co.uk

Telephone: 0191 277 4125

Address: City Library, NE1 8AX

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