

Information for people in Newcastle upon Tyne

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

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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.

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
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 month • refugees • members of the EEC Economic area Cost: Free
Newcastle College Address: Rye Hill Campus, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 5BR	English as a second language (ESOL) Service:	Contact them to ask if you can join. They will check if you are eligible to join the class. For example,

Telephone: 0191 200 4000 Website: ncl-coll.ac.uk Email: enquiries@ncl-coll.ac.uk	Learn English reading, writing, speaking and listening. Includes maths, language and skills required for everyday life, work and citizenship. Qualifications: from beginner to advanced.	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
The Chinese Centre Address: 117 Westgate Road, NE1 4AG Tel: 0191 230 3158 or 07856 295 987 Facebook: www.facebook.com/ChineseCentreNE	English as a second language (ESOL) classes. If you pass you get a qualification. Entry level 1 to Level 2 Fast track learning with online resources.	Who can attend: You can attend if you are eligible for adult education funding and you are not studying in another college. Cost: free
Newcastle International School Address: Northumberland House, NE1 8ER Tel: 0191 435 1014 Email: admin@newcastlenis.com	Free support classes English Conversation Class English for Work class	Who can attend: contact for more information and eligibility Women only classes are available Cost: free

English classes in the community

Action Language run by Action Foundation	English courses in Newcastle	Register online or
Organisation	What's available	How to use the service

Address: CastleGate, Melbourne Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 2JQ Telephone: 0191 231 3113 Website: actionfoundation.org.uk Email: info@actionfoundation.org.uk	and online Zoom lessons Suitable for beginners to advanced English speakers Childcare: Not available	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
Address: Brunswick Methodist Church, NE1 7BJ Email: admin@brunswickmethodist.org.uk Website: brunswickmethodist.org.uk Tel: 0191 232 1692 Contact: Sarah Ahmadi 0786 564 6667	English entry 1 only Mondays 10am to 2.30pm	Who can attend: refugees and people with permission to work Cost: free
Byker Sands Family Centre Address: 19 Raby Cross, Byker, NE6 2FF Tel: 0191 275 9636 Email: sure.start.east@barnardos.org.uk Website: www.facebook.com/pg/Community-Family-Hub-East-1742672322696105	English language courses: Entry level and level 1 course: Tuesday 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Childcare: creche available.	Who can attend: Everyone welcome Contact them to ask if they have spaces and if you are eligible. 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

10.30am English (basic

English)

Tuesday

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

International House	Free English classes	Who can attend: open to all
Address: Room 9 at International House	Classes	Cost: free
Newcastle, 7-15 Gallowgate, Newcastle upon	Upper level	
Tyne, NE1 4SG	(B2) classes	
.,,	from 7th	
Tel: <u>0191 232 9551</u>	October to	
	20th	
Website: <u>ihnewcastle.com</u>	December.	
	Monday to	
Email: info@ihnewcastle.com	Friday 2pm to	
	4pm.	
	The election	
	The classes are	
	given for free	
	by people who	
	are learning to	
	teach English.	
JET (Jobs, Employment and Training)	English as a	Who can use the service:
<u> </u>	second	adults
Address: 81 Adelaide Terrace, NE4 8BB	Language	
F 11 - 11 - 00 - 01 - 11 - 11	service:	Cost: free
Email: julie22@jetnorth.org.uk	Wednesday	
Website: jetnorth.org.uk	mornings	
website. jetiloi tii.oi g.uk	9.30am to	
Tel: 0191 273 5761	12pm: Pre	
	Entry and Entry	
	Level 1 ESOL	
	at Newcastle	
	Central	
	Mosque,	
	Grainger Park	
	Road	
	Childcare: No	
	crèche	
	available	
	Thursday	
	afternoons	
	1pm to 3pm:	
	Integration	

	Project runs on at Robert Stewart URC Church on Wingrove Road (opposite Sara's clothes shop). Childcare: Crèche available	
Justice and Peace (Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle) Address: Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre, 2 Summerhill Grove, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 6EE Phone: 07427 838813	English conversation classes: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11.30am to 12.30pm	Who can attend: open to all Cost: free
Newcastle College Address: Teaching Development Centre, George Street, NE4 7JL Tel: 0191 200 4000 Website: ncl-coll.ac.uk Email: enquiries@ncl-coll.ac.uk	Free English classes Entry level 2 classes from 8th October 2019. Tuesdays 12.15pm to 3.15pm (attend when you can). The teachers are on a teacher training course.	Who can attend: open to all Cost: free
North of England Refugee Service	English Classes:	Who can attend: Adults. Everyone is welcome.

Address: 1 Charlotte Square (rear), NE1 4XF Email: info@refugee.org.uk Website: refugee.org.uk Tel: 0191 245 7301	Beginners and all levels: • Mondays 10.30am to 12.30pm • Thursdays 2pm to 4pm Advanced level: Wednesdays 1pm to 4pm	There are no eligibility restrictions. Students can attend any time they like.
The Conversation Group - Newcastle Address: Tuesdays in Newcastle City Centre, 4pm to 5.30pm SMS/Text Message: 07448 541787 Email: conversationgroupnewcastle@gmail.com Facebook: The Conversation Group - Newcastle	English conversation sessions for informal conversation, English language practice and for sharing information together.	Who can attend: adults How to attend: contact for more information Cost: free
Address: Carnegie Building, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 8XS Main Telephone: 0191 226 0754	English language classes	Who can attend: adults How to attend: contact for more information Cost: free

English conversation groups

Organisation	What's available	How to use the service
Heaton Baptist Church	English conversation classes	Who can attend: open to all
Address: Heaton Road , NE6 5HN		Cost: free

Website: heatonbaptist.org Tel: 0191 265 7044	Thursdays 4.30pm to 6.30pm	
Address: Newcastle University Students' Union, NE1 8QB Email: nest.union@newcastle.ac.uk YouTube Channel: NEST Beyonds Barriers Telephone: 0191 239 3900	Learn English conversation, speaking, listening and writing. Range of taught classes, English conversation and creative sessions. Online classes and face to face classes available Outreach, trips and outings for learners throughout the year. Childcare: No creche but children can take part in activities.	Who can use the service: all welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult How to use the service: watch their videos on YouTube or email to join face to face sessions and activities Cost: free
Northumbria University Address: Room 450, 4th Floor, Northumberland Building, Northumbria University, NE1 8SG Contact: 07712169328 or 07502222045	English conversation classes Thursdays 5.30pm to 7.30pm	Who can attend: open to all Cost: free

Women only English Classes

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

English for All UK Website: englishforall.uk Email: info@englishforall.uk	Free English lessons online on Zoom Wednesday 1pm Women only conversation	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
West End Women and Girls Centre Address: The Stephenson Building, 173 Elswick Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6SQ Telephone: 0191 273 4942 Website: westendwomenandgirls.co.uk Email: info@westendwomenandgirls.co.uk	8 week English class for women only. Provided by Gateshead College.	Who can attend: women only 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 When: register 28th April 2022. Course starts May 2022, Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am Cost: free
First Step North East Address: 435 Westgate Road, NE4 8RN Tel: 0191 226 1213	English classes for women. Creche facilities available for 2 hour sessions	Who can attend: women only How to attend: Contact them for more information about enrolment. Cost: free. There may be a small cost for materials

		such as £1 when using creche to pay for drinks and biscuit.
Newcastle International School	Free support classes	Who can attend: contact for more information and
Address: Northumberland House, NE1	English Conversation	eligibility
8ER	Class	Women only classes are
Tel: <u>0191 435 1014</u>	English for Work class	available
Email: admin@newcastlenis.com		Cost: free

English sessions outside Newcastle

Organisation	What's available	How to use the service
Sunderland City of Sanctuary Email:chris.howson@sunderland.ac.uk Tel: 0784 6099 643	Fridays Beginners: 3:30pm, Interfaith Centre, Sunderland University, Charles St, SR6 0AN Elementary to Advanced: online session at 4pm	Who can attend: contact for more information Cost: free
The Buffalo Community Centre Blyth Address: 55 Regent Street, Blyth, NE24 1LL Tel: 01670 363 858 Email: jo@buffalocommunitycentre.co.uk	Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30am	Who can attend: contact for more information Cost: free

Being Woman Ashington

YMCA, North View, Ashington, NE63 9XQ

Tel 07786472333

Email:info@being-woman.org.uk

ESOL classes, Wednesday at 10:00am

Who can attend: contact for more information

Cost: free

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 <u>Terms</u> and Conditions.

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Action Language

Email: <u>info@actionlanguage.org.uk</u>

Website: actionfoundation.org.uk/projects/action-language

Tel: 07518 460 198

Being Woman

Email: info@being-woman.org.uk

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

Tel: 01670 857167

Address: YMCA Northumberland, NE63 9XQ

Brunswick Methodist Church

Email: admin@brunswickmethodist.org.uk

Website: <u>brunswickmethodist.org.uk</u>

Tel: 0191 232 1692

Address: Brunswick Methodist Church, NE1 7BJ

Byker Sands Family Centre

Email: <u>childrenfamiliesnewcastle-east@newcastle.gov.uk</u>

Website: facebook.com/Community-Family-Hub-East-1742672322696105

Tel: 0191 275 9636

Address: Byker Sands Family Centre, NE6 2FF

Chinese Centre

Email: emilylam@cictlearning.org

Tel: 0191 273 2527

Address: , NE4 6UL

English For All

Email: info@englishforall.uk

Website: englishforall.uk

Address: DiverCity Hub, NE45QR

English Unlocked

Email: info@englishunlocked.co.uk

Website: englishunlocked.co.uk

Tel: 07786 003 429

First Step North East

Email: sandramorland@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 0191 226 1213

Address: 435 Westgate Road, NE48RN

Heaton Baptist Church

Website: heatonbaptist.org
Tel: 0191 265 7044

Address: Heaton Road, NE6 5HN

International House Newcastle

Email: info@ihnewcastle.com

Website: ihnewcastle.com
Tel: 0191 232 9551

Address: 7-15 Gallowgate, NE1 4SG

JET (Jobs Employment and Training)

Email: <u>nasrin@jetnorth.org.uk.</u>

Website: jetnorth.org.uk
Tel: 0191 273 5761

Address: Carnegie Building, NE4 8XS

Justice and Peace (Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle)

Website: rcdhn.org.uk/social concerns/justice and peace.php

Tel: 01642 883369

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

Newcastle City Learning

Email: newcastlecitylearning@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: newcastlecitylearning.ac.uk

Tel: 0191 277 3520 Helpline: 0800 073 0911

Address: Westgate College, NE4 9LU

Newcastle College

Email: <u>enquiries@ncl-coll.ac.uk</u>

Website: <u>ncl-coll.ac.uk</u> **Tel:** 0191 200 4000

Address: Rye Hill Campus, NE4 5BR

Newcastle International School

Email: <u>admin@newcastlenis.com</u>

Website: newcastlenis.com
Tel: 0191 908 4592

Address: Units 37A Blandford Square, NE1 4HZ

North East Solidarity and Teaching (NEST)

Email: nest.union@newcastle.ac.uk

Tel: 0191 239 3900

Address: Newcastle University Students' Union, NE1 8QB

North of England Refugee Service (NERS)

Email: info@refugee.org.uk

Website: refugee.org.uk
Tel: 0191 245 7301

Address: 2 Friars St, NE1 4XA

Northumbria University - Course Enquiry Centre

Email: course.enquiries@northumbria.ac.uk

Website: northumbria.ac.uk
Tel: 0191 3495600

Address: Ground Floor, NE18ST

Riverside Community Health Project

Email: all@riversidechp.org.uk
Website: riversidechp.org.uk
Tel: 0191 226 0754

Address: Carnegie Building, NE4 8XS

Sunderland City of Sanctuary

Email: sanctuarysunderland@hotmail.com **Website:** sunderland.cityofsanctuary.org

The Angelou Centre

Email: <u>admin@angelou-centre.org.uk</u>

Website: angelou-centre.org.uk

Tel: 0191 226 0394

Address: The Angelou Centre, NE4 5NR

The Buffalo Community Centre Blyth

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

Tel: 01670 363 858

Address: 55 Regent Street, NE24 1LL

The Conversation Group - Newcastle

Email: <u>conversationgroupnewcastle@gmail.com</u>

West End Women and Girls Centre

Email: info@westendwomenandgirls.co.uk

Website: westendwomenandgirls.co.uk

Tel: 0191 273 4942

Address: The Stephenson Building, NE4 6SQ



