

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, this is known as 'English for Speakers of Other Languages' or ESOL,

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.

Find English classes near you

Work and Thrive Central's ESOL Service will help you find the right English language support for you. They'll check your level of English, eligibility and give you different options. Based at Newcastle City Library and Community Hub. Email ESOLService@newcastle.gov.uk. or book an appointment using their form

Search for English language (ESOL) organisations

Location:			
Postcode	:		
Search			

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
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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? A dults 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

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 language and skills required for everyday life, work and citizenship.

You must be able to attend 3 half days per week if you are doing a day time class or 2 evenings if you are doing a night class'.

You can also do Digital IT and other short courses

Qualifications: City & Guilds ESOL Awards from Entry 1 to Level 2

Attend an Open Event to find out more about courses and when the next start dates are. Open events are usually from March to July and take place once per month. You can find open events on their website here

Who can use the service: 16 to 18 year olds can study ESOL full time

Cost: Free for most people. Talk to Newcastle college at an open event to find out more

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: 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 to prepare for work

Organisation What's available How to use the service

JET (Jobs, Employment and Training)

Address: Carnegie Building, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 8XS

Email: julie22@jetnorth.org.uk

Website: jetnorth.org.uk

Tel: 0191 273 5761

Help to learn English, grammar and useful workplace language.

You will get help to prepare for work. This includes: careers advice, job search, job interview and CV support.

They can help you to settle into life in the UK.

Who can use the service: adults who don't speak English as their first language

Cost: free for people on Universal Credit sent via their Job Coach at the JobCentre.

How to use this service: contact them for more information

Work and Thrive Central

Address: City Library, Charles Avison Building, 33 New Bridge Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8AX

Telephone: 0191 277 4125

Website:

workandthrivenewcastle.org.uk

Email:

workandthrivenewcastle.org.uk

Help to prepare for work.

Training to learn new skills

ESOL support service can help you to learn English.

Careers advice and help to find and apply for jobs.

Who can use the

service: open to everyone

Cost: free

How to use this service: contact them for more information

Opening hours 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday

English classes in the community

Organisation What's How to use the service available

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 <u>Action Language website</u> for information about the next registration date.

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

Email

language@actionfoundation.org.u

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

Address: Room 9 at International House Newcastle, 7-15 Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SG Tel: 0191 232 9551 Website: ihnewcastle.com Email: info@ihnewcastle.com	Free English classes Upper level (B2) classes from 7th October to 20th December. Monday to Friday 2pm to 4pm. The classes are given for free by people who are learning to teach English.	Who can attend: open to all Cost: free
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	Who can attend: open to all Cost: free

12.30pm

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

Address: 1 Charlotte Square (rear), NE1

4XF

Email: info@refugee.org.uk

Website: refugee.org.uk

Tel: 0191 245 7301

English Classes:

Beginners and all levels:

- Mondays 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Thursdays 2pm to 4pm

Advanced level:
Wednesdays
1pm to 4pm

Who can attend: Adults. Everyone i welcome.

There are no eligibility restrictions. Students can attend any time they like.

Address: Centre, 4p Email: conversa	Tuesdays in Newcastle City om to 5.30pm tiongroupnewcastle@gmail.com k: The Conversation Group –	English conversation sessions for informal conversation, English language practice and for sharing information together.	Who can attend: adults How to attend: email for more information and to find out how to take part Cost: free
Address: Road, Newcastle Telephon Email: inf	the Heart of the West End John Buddle Work Village, Buddle e upon Tyne, NE4 8AW e: 0191 226 7300 o@rhwe.org o@rhwe.org	Reviving the Heart of the West End run free Let's Talk sessions every Tuesday and Friday. Practice your spoken English in a fun, relaxed and non judgemental environment.	Who can attend: adults When: Wednesday 12.30 to 2.30pm How to attend: contact for more information Cost: free
Address: Road, Ber 8XS	Carnegie Building, Atkinson nwell, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4	refugees and asylum seekers welcome at regular drop ins and are eligible for	Who can attend: adults How to attend: contact for more information Cost: free

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St Vincent's Centre Newcastle

Address: Blackfriars Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2TQ

Telephone: 0191 261 6027

Email: stvincentsnewcastle@svp.org.uk

Beginners ESOL

Adult English classes, to help you build your confidence speaking and listening to Everyday English. You can get lots of practice using real-life situations.

Who can attend: adults

When: Mondays 1pm to 3pm

How to attend: Contact the centre to

book a space

Cost: free

Roots For Change at St Vincent's Centre Newcastle

Address: Blackfriars Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2TQ

Telephone: 07960 287 537

Email: info@rootsforchangeuk.com

Basic and Advanced ESOL Classes

Join these classes to improve your English and make new friends. A hot meal and free clothes are also offered.

Who can attend: adults

When: Fridays 12:30pm to 3:30pm

How to attend: Contact to book a

space

Cost: free

English reading groups

Organisation What's available How to use the service

Reading group for English learners

Main Telephone: <u>0191 278 7878</u> (ask for

libraries)

Email: readinggroups@newcastle.gov.uk

Newcastle City Library, Charles Avison Building, 33 New Bridge Street West

Reading groups for English learners.

Read aloud to help improve confidence, pronunciation, and to enjoy a good story.

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
Brunswick Methodist Church Address: Brunswick Methodist Church, NE1 7BJ Email: iscnewcastle@gmail.com Website: www.iscnewcastle.org.uk	English Practice Classes for international students and their family members Tuesdays and Wednesdays during term time 10am to 12pm	Who can attend: adult international students and their family members Cost: free
Heaton Baptist Church Address: Heaton Road, NE6 5HN Website: heatonbaptist.org Tel: 0191 265 7044	English conversation classes Small group and one-to-one options available for face-to-face or online. Thursdays 4.30pm to 6.30pm	Who can attend: open to all. Small group and one-to-one options are limited Cost: free

NEST

Address: Newcastle University Students' Union,

NE18QB

Email:

nest.union@newcastle.ac.uk

YouTube Channel: <u>NEST</u> 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.

Who can use the service: all welcome.

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

Jesmond Library

Address: Catherine Cookson room, St Georges terrace, Jesmond, NE2 2DL

Telephone: 0191 2812385

Website: jesmondlibrary.org

Email:

enquiries@jesmondlibrary.org

English language classes, conversation groups.

children's play area, board games and social space available. Who can attend: Open to all. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: free

Women only English Classes

Organisation What's available How to use the service

The Angelou Centre

Address: The Angelou Centre,

NE4 5NR

Email: admin@angelou-

centre.org.uk

Website: angelou-centre.org.uk

Tel: 0191 226 0394

Weekly English conversation café every Wednesday morning.

ESOL classes

Childcare: crèche

sometimes available. Ask if it's available each term.

Who can use the service: women only

Cost: free

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	Free English Classes provided by Action Foundation, all levels welcome. Twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30pm to 2:30pm	Who can attend: women not attending college 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
		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 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 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: j o@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

You can <u>search our Events & Activities</u> for ESOL classes and English conversation groups near you

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**.

Children and young people

All children and young people including those from a refugee or asylum seeker family can get free education and a place at a school until they are 18 years old. Your local school will provide English as an Additional Language (EAL) support which includes an assessment of their english level.

There is also support from <u>Children and Families Newcastle partners</u> for informal English practice and groups.

<u>Newcastle College</u> offer a 16-18 ESOL Beginner courses for young people aged 16 to 18 years old who are learning English.

English for health

<u>Involve NE</u> developed the <u>English for Health videos</u> 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: NCLGatewayEnquiries@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: www.newcastlecitylearning.ac.uk

Telephone: 0191 277 3520

Address: Westgate College, NE4 9LU

Newcastle College

Email: enquiries@ncl-coll.ac.uk

Website: www.ncl-coll.ac.uk

Telephone: 0191 200 4000

Address: Rye Hill Campus, NE4 5BR

CICT Open Learning centre

Email: emilylam@cictlearning.org

Website: https://cictlearning.org/

Telephone: 0736 226 0164

Address: CICT Open Learning Centre, 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

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: sanctuarysunderland@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 at Carnegie Community Hub

Email: admin@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 7979

Address: John Buddle Work Village, NE4 8AW

Involve North East

Email: beinvolved@involvene.org.uk

Website: www.involvene.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 226 3450

Address: Carnegie Building, NE4 8XS

Work and Thrive Central

Email: workandthrive@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: https://www.workandthrivenewcastle.org.uk/

Telephone: 0191 277 4125

Address: City Library, NE1 8AX

St. Vincent's Centre Newcastle

Email: stvincentsnewcastle@svp.org.uk

Website: https://www.svp.org.uk/st-vincents-newcastle/

Telephone: 0191 261 6027

Address: St Vincents Centre Newcastle, NE1 2TQ

Action Foundation

Email: info@actionfoundation.org.uk

Website: www.actionfoundation.org.uk

Telephone: 0191 231 3113

Address: CastleGate, NE1 2JQ

Related Articles

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