



Whilst every effort is made to ensure the details below are correct and up-to-date, there may be changes we are not aware of. Please contact those running the English classes before you attend to ensure there are no changes to these details and that there are places available.

EMBRACE does not recommend any particular classes but simply provides information.

If you know of any English lessons or other initiatives which help people learn English and are not listed here, please send the details to info@embraceni.org

BALLYMONEY & COLERAINE

Causeway Coast Vineyard

Free English lessons for women. A light breakfast and childcare available. All abilities welcome.

Address: Causeway Coast Vineyard, 10 Hillmans Way, Ballycastle Road, Coleraine, BT52 2ED

Contact: Church office on 028 7032 6161 (option 1)

Thursday mornings, 9.30am to 11.15am

9 February – 6 April and 5 May – 23 June

English Classes at The Sandel Centre, Coleraine

Learn English with qualified teachers in a relaxed, informal environment.

6-week course

Levels: Beginners and Intermediate

Address: The Sandel Centre, 6 Knocklynn Road, Coleraine BT52 1WT

Contact: 028 2766 5068 / 07922020044, tomek@theresourcecentre.org

Wednesdays 7pm - 8.45pm

Cost: £10

Registration Evening: Wednesday 26th April, 7pm – 8.45pm

Starts 3rd May 2017

Language Cafe: Conversational English Class for All

This free class provides the opportunity to practice English and learn with ESOL teachers. Registration is not required, just turn up.

Address: 14 Artillery Road, Coleraine, BT52 1QT.

Contact: cmcf2014@yahoo.co.uk

Fridays 7pm – 8.30pm

Free Beginners Class for Chinese Speakers, Coleraine

Learn English with qualified teachers in a relaxed, informal environment. You will help to guide the class by letting the teacher know what you want to learn. You will be taught useful everyday conversational English & Northern Irish phrases.

Free, 6 week class

Address: River House, 3rd Floor, Castle Lane, Waterside Carpark, Coleraine BT51 3DR

Contact: Paddy 07593130700, paddy@theresourcecentre.org

Tuesdays 11am -12.30pm

The class starts Tuesday 21st February and runs to 28th March, contact Paddy for details of classes in April

North East Regional College (Antrim, Ballymena, Coleraine, Larne, Newtownabbey, Magherafelt)

Variety of levels

More information:

[http://www.nrc.ac.uk/search/?section\[\]=&location\[\]=&keywords=esol](http://www.nrc.ac.uk/search/?section[]=&location[]=&keywords=esol)

BANGOR & NEWTOWNARDS

Free English ESOL Courses at ND YMCA

Address: 10-12 High Street, Bangor, BT20 5AY

Contact: 028 9145 4290 (option 6), info@northdownymca.org, www.northdownymca.org

Mondays, 6pm - 8pm (for anyone; during the classes a Migrant Youth Club is provided for young people aged 7-17)

Thursdays, 10am – 12noon (Crèche is available, but spaces are limited, please book in advance).

Please register first

Free English Classes at Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church

Different levels of language ability. All teachers are qualified.

Address: The church halls (to the rear of the church building), Prospect Rd, Bangor, BT20 4LN

Contact: Gaye Bennett 02891456083 or 07923832328

English Corner, Tuesday 9.30am – 11am, tea / coffee is available from 9am

The Church also has a homework club for children from families where English is not the first language – it meets on Wednesday afternoons. <http://www.hrpc.org.uk/reaching-out/english-corner.php>

Everyone welcome and can join at any time. No need to register.

Free English Classes at First Presbyterian Church, Bangor

Different levels

Address: Main Street, Bangor, BT20 4AG (opposite ASDA)

Contact: helensloan7@btinternet.com

Thursdays 7.30pm – 9pm

<http://www.firstbangor.org/organisations/english-speaking-class/>

Everyone welcome and can join at any time. No need to register.

Free English classes at The Link, Newtownards

Informal and relaxed, for different levels (beginners, intermediate and advanced)

Arts, crafts and other activities for school age children during the classes.

Address: 10 West Street, Newtownards BT23 4EN.

Contact: The Link, T: (028) 9182 1124, E: info@thelinkcentre.org

Mondays 7pm – 8pm

Classes run from September to June

PAID Courses at South Eastern Regional College (Bangor, Downpatrick, Newtownards and Lisburn)

Variety of levels

British Council Accredited and Certified Skills for Life English courses. ESOL Skills for Life qualifications help speakers of other languages in the UK develop their English language skills for work, further learning or everyday life. Morning and evening classes available for Conversational English, General English and Academic English for all levels.

Contact: Natalie at english@serc.ac.uk Tel: 07761 307567

Lisburn Address: 25 Castle Street, Lisburn, BT27 4SU

Bangor Address: Castle Park Road, Bangor, BT20 4TD

Newtownards Address: Victoria Avenue, Newtownards, BT23 7EH

Downpatrick Address: Market Street, Downpatrick, BT30 6LZ

More information on: <http://www.serc.ac.uk/Search/Pages/CourseResults.aspx?k=esol>

New Term Enrolment and Assessment Day: Wednesday 18th January

Lisburn 11am – 1pm, 2pm – 4pm, 6pm – 8pm

Bangor 9am – 11am, 1.30pm -3pm, 5pm – 7pm

Downpatrick 5pm – 7pm

Newtownards 5pm – 9pm

ESOL Day Classes 9.15am-1.15pm Starting January/February 2017

Reading & Writing 2 mornings per week 14 weeks £95.00

ESOL Evening Classes 5.00pm-9.00pm Starting February 2017

Speaking, Listening 1 evening per week 17 weeks £55.00

Reading & Writing 1 evening per week 17 weeks £75.00

Recommended Programmes for Quick Progress

Intensive English 2 evenings per week 17 weeks £130.00

ALL CLASSES FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS ARE FREE!

Contact english@serc.ac.uk for assessment and enrolment information

Home Plus

Free English classes

Address: 113 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HP

Contact: Susan (beginner, upper-intermediate) 02890 665180, susancrowther@yahoo.co.uk

Angela (beginner, lower-intermediate) 07986 016279, angie_russell@hotmail.co.uk

Classes: Beginners (**women only**) – **Wednesdays 12.30pm - 2.30pm.**

Elementary/Lower-intermediate - **Tuesdays – 4pm - 6pm.**

Upper Intermediate - **Wednesdays - 5.30pm - 7.30 pm.**

No need to register.

Shaftesbury Square Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dublin Road

FREE English classes, different levels

Address: Shaftesbury Square RP Church, 72 Dublin Road, Belfast, BT2 7HP (near Tesco Express)

Contact: Philip psmccollum@gmail.com

Thursdays 2pm - 4pm Fridays 7pm – 8.30pm

English Bible Class: Tuesdays 7pm -8.30pm

The Centre, Canterbury Street

FREE English class for women (crèche available)

All Levels from beginners to intermediate

Address: The Centre, Canterbury Street (off University Street and behind All Saints Church)

For more information contact Johanne 07929126407 (Text or What's App) or just come along!

Wednesday mornings 9.45am – 11.15am

Strand Presbyterian Church

FREE English classes

Level: Beginner and Advanced

Church address: 161 Connsbrook Avenue, Belfast, BT4 1JT

Contact: Church office 028 9065 4343

Saturday mornings 10.30am – 12.15pm

No need to register

The International Meeting Point, Lisburn Road

FREE English classes

Level: all levels

Address: 133 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 7AG

Contact: Keith 078 5065 1137

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/Themeetingpoint133>

English Class: Wednesdays, 7pm – 9pm

Ladies English Class: Tuesdays, 10am -11.30am

English Class using the Bible as Text: Tuesdays, 7pm – 9pm

No need to register

Woodstock Reformed Presbyterian Church

FREE, informal and relaxed English classes, for different levels of language ability.

Address: Woodstock Reformed Presbyterian Church, 411 Woodstock Road, Belfast BT6 5PW

Contact: David 077 8070 3713, e-mail – revdjmcc@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Donegall Pass Community Centre

FREE English lessons for speakers of other languages

Level: intermediate and above

Address: 25 Apsley Street, Belfast, BT7 1BL (only 10 minutes walk from the City Hall)

Contact: learnenglishinbelfast@gmail.com

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/learnenglishinbelfast>

Wednesdays, 6.45pm – 8.15pm

White Rock Children's Centre

FREE ESOL (mixed abilities) for people in West Belfast

Address: 91 Whiterock Road, Belfast, BT12 7PG

Free childcare (subject to availability; to arrange in advance)

Contact: 028 9043 8438

Tuesdays, 10am – 12noon

It is also hoped that a class will run on Monday mornings from the end of January

International House Belfast

Afternoon English classes at International House (CELTA), taught by teacher trainees (observed by their tutors and other trainees)

Address: 109 -111 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HP

Contact: 028 9033 0700 Web: <http://www.ihbelfast.com>

Strong Beginners / Low Elementary and Intermediate classes every day from **Monday to Friday 2pm – 4.30pm** (There is a charge of £5 per week for printed materials, but are these are free for all refugees and asylum seekers).

Although some of the trainees do not have much teaching experience they are assessed on their teaching - so the classes are very well prepared.

To enrol, students need to come to the school to do a level test (Thursdays at 3pm).

English for Employability (Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre)

FREE 6-week English course

Levels:

- Entry Zero ESOL - for Absolute Beginners who need help with the Roman script), normally 4+ hours per week
- Beginners / Elementary (A1-A2), normally 4 hours per week
- English for Employability - for Intermediate (B1 and above), to help job-hunters with business communication skills in English and finding a job in Belfast, normally 2 hours per week.

Address: 4-6 Donegall Place Belfast BT1 2FN

Please come for your first meeting with us on Thursdays 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Please register with: Aisling 0780347662, aisling.cartmill@burc.org

GEMS NI Learn Language For Work

FREE English Classes for unemployed / part-time workers / asylum seekers in South Belfast.

Level: Pre-intermediate

Address: GEMSNI Ltd, Ascot House, 24-31 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB

Contact: Tel: 028 9033 2313 Email: shane.smith@gemsni.org.uk Web: www.gemsni.org.uk

Two days per week – please ask for further details.

Everyone needs to register at GEMS to start the course.

Micah Centre

FREE 10 Week English Language Course

Level: Beginner (if sufficient interest an intermediate course is available)

Address: The Micah Centre, Willowfield Parish Church, My Lady's Road (off Woodstock Rd) Belfast, BT6 8FE (reached by 6A bus)

Contact James 078 8087 4965 (Call or text your name to 078 8087 4965)

Mondays, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Falls Women's Centre

FREE English Classes for women

Two groups beginner, intermediate

Address: Falls Women's Centre, 256-258 Falls Road, BT12 6AL

Contact: Tel: 028 9032 7672 (Nancy) Web: www.fallswomenscentre.org

Tuesdays 10am - 12noon

Everyone needs to register, contact the centre to make an appointment

NICRAS (Northern Ireland Community of Refugees & Asylum Seekers)

NICRAS provides FREE English classes **ONLY** for people seeking asylum and refugees.

Address: 143 University Street, Belfast BT7 1HP

Contact 028 9024 6699 or email info@nicras.org.uk

Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.30am – 1pm

No need to register in advance - just turn up.

NICRAS classes will run: from 10th January to 13th April and from 25th April to 29th June

Seaview Presbyterian Church

FREE, very informal English Classes

Address: Seaview Presbyterian Church Halls, 94 Shore Road, Belfast

Contact: Helen 028 9077 5549

Thursdays from 4pm and Saturday mornings

No need to register

Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church, Newtownabbey

FREE English Classes, beginners and conversational classes.

Address 560 Doagh Road, Mossley, Newtownabbey (Mossley Mill), BT36 5BU

[the nearest train station is Mossley West (300 yards away) / bus: 2B]

Contact Osy: askovg@ntlworld.com, 07759167213

Mondays, 7.30pm to 9pm

No need to register in advance - just turn up.

Belfast City Mission

Free English classes for refugees and people seeking asylum

Different levels

Address: old Evangelical Church, Lisburn Road (corner of Rathcool St, opposite Police Station)

BT9 7EZ

English classes for **women Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11.30am – 1pm**

Address: The Bridge, Kimberley Street, Belfast BT7 3DY

English classes, **Thursdays and Fridays, 4pm – 6pm**

There is also a homework club for children whose first language is not English at the Bridge, Kimberley Street on Thursdays and Fridays, 4pm -6pm, and at 1 Great Northern Street Belfast BT 9 7FL on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4pm – 6pm. Homework clubs run during term time.

Contact: William on 07491692722 or email billcowan1960@gmail.com

No need to register, just turn up.

PAID COURSES:

Windsor Women's Centre

FREE English classes **for women** (Project Criteria apply for some classes).

Level: Mixed Ability Entry 1 and Entry, Mixed Ability Entry 3+

Address: Windsor Women's Centre, 136 -144 Broadway, Belfast BT12 6HY

Anyone interested should contact the centre first

Contact: 028 9023 5451, windsorwomans@yahoo.co.uk;

Web: <http://www.windsorwomenscentre.com>

Mondays and Thursdays, 10am – 12 noon

The intake for these classes is slightly more relaxed as there is no exam. Students can join at the start of the term **in September or January**.

The total cost of each course is £60 payable in two instalments of £30 in September and January.

*Please note all classes are subject to change, some class times and days may vary.

BMC – Belfast Metropolitan College (ESOL classes)

Variety of levels (different prices). Courses start in September, January, March and July.

Before the course an assessment which costs £5 is required

More information at: www.belfastmet.ac.uk/course-search/?keywords=esol

International House Belfast,

Variety of levels

Address: 109-111 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HP

Contact: 028 9033 0700 Web: <http://www.ihbelfast.com>

OTHER INITIATIVES

The following groups offer opportunities to build friendships and understanding, in a warm and welcoming environment.

Globe Café - East Belfast – FREE

An opportunity to build relationships across different cultures, languages and nationalities in East Belfast, the Globe Café welcomes people from all over the world (including East Belfast) to meet up on Tuesday nights for coffee and conversation.

Address: The Gallery, Eastside Visitor Centre, 402 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 1HU

(The Gallery is on the top floor of the Eastside Visitor Centre, above 'JACK' Café at CS Lewis Square in east Belfast.)

Web: <http://globecafe.co.uk> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/theglobecafe.eastbelfast>
Tuesday nights, 7.30pm – 10pm

The International Meeting Point – drop in centre – FREE

The International Meeting Point (IMP) is a centre for people from all nations to drop in and meet new friends. You can relax and spend some time practising your English; mix with different cultures; help others by sharing your experience of Belfast; There is an internet café, pool table, games. A free lunch is offered at 1pm.

Address: 133 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 7AG

Contact: Keith 07850651137, or email IMP at internationalmeetingpoint133@gmail.com

Web: <https://www.facebook.com/Themeetingpoint133>

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am - 3pm

Belfast Friendship Club - FREE

Whether you are new to Belfast or would simply like to meet some new people and join in a friendly conversation, you are very welcome at Belfast Friendship Club. Have the chance to meet others from many different backgrounds and nationalities, hear about new opportunities and make new friends. It's a good place to practice English – although conversations often happen in other languages too. Come along any time between 7 - 9pm and we look forward to meeting you!

Address: Common Grounds Café, 12-24 University Avenue, BT7 1GY

Contact: Stephanie Mitchell 07548 938 508; stephanie.mitchell@sbrtr.org.uk

Web: <http://www.belfastfriendshipclub.org/>

Every Thursday 7pm - 9pm

North Belfast Friendship Club - FREE

Everyone, whether new to Belfast or a life-time resident, young or old, is welcome to call in for conversation and refreshments.

Address: R-City cafe (in the Houben Centre, by Holy Cross Church at the junction of the Woodvale Road and the Crumlin Road).

Contact: See Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/NBFCclub/?ref=page_internal

Every Tuesday, 6pm – 8pm

DERRY / LONDONDERRY

Foyle International Derry

FREE English Course

Address: Foyle International, 21-17 Magazine Street, Derry

Contact: info@foyle.eu, 02871371535

This is an opportunity for students to take free lessons with trainee TEFL teachers. The classes will run towards the end of November on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (exact dates/times to be confirmed in early October) and if anyone is interested they should email info@foyle.eu to put their name on the list.

To enrol, please come first to the school to do a level test

PAID COURSES:

North West Regional College

Levels: Beginner and Intermediate

Friday mornings

Courses start in September

More information:

<http://www.nwrc.ac.uk/TheCourses/Search/results.aspx?q=ESOL&StudyArea=0>

Foyle International Derry

Address: Foyle International, 21-17 Magazine Street, Derry

Contact: info@foyle.eu, (028) 7137 1535

General English – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, 2 x 12 week terms per year.

Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) – Mondays and Wednesdays, 6.30pm – 9.00pm, 2 x 12 week terms per year.

Academic English - Mondays and Wednesdays, 6.30pm – 9.00pm, 8 week course.

To enrol, please come first to the school to do a level test

DUNGANNON

Dungannon Baptist Church

FREE informal English classes

Address: Dungannon Baptist Church, Railway Road, Dungannon, BT71 1AR

Contact: Church office on 028 8772 6489

Thursdays, 10am and 7pm

LARNE

Larne Christian Fellowship

FREE English classes

Level: beginner, elementary and intermediate

Address: Larne Christian Fellowship, 211 Old Glenarm Road, Larne, BT40 3AY

Contact: Beverly 028 28328349

Tuesdays 7pm – 9pm Conversational Group for women

This group will use practical activities such as cooking, crafts, skits, community visits etc. to help people become familiar with our community and able to meet the challenges of everyday living.

Friday 10am – 12noon

LURGAN

Emmanuel Church

FREE English classes

Level: Beginner and Advanced Beginner

Address: 23a Castle Lane, Lurgan

Contact: Church office at info@emmanuel-church.co.uk or call 028 3831 6998

Every Tuesday from 7pm to 9pm

Classes started on 6th September and run until May 2017

NEWRY & KILKEEL

Free English Classes at St Vincent De Paul

Different levels

Address: St Vincent De Paul, 30 Mill Street, BT34 1 EY (above the Vincent de Paul shop)

Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.00 pm (two classes: one for beginners and one for intermediate level)

Wednesdays from 7.30pm (only intermediate level)

No need to register, everyone welcome and can join at any time!

Free English Classes at Mourne Presbyterian Church Hall, Kilkeel

Levels: Beginners and Advanced

Address: Mourne Presbyterian Church Hall, Greencastle Street, Kilkeel

Contact: Barbara, Tel 028 4176 2882 or 077 6476 8757, or email w.turner@btinternet.com

Fridays 7pm to 8.30pm

Classes run from September until April/May

PAID Courses (60 hours) at Southern Regional College (Armagh, Lurgan, Newry & Portadown)

Levels: Preliminary (Entry 1), Access (Entry 2), Achiever (Entry 3), Communicator (Level 1 and Level 2),

Address: Southern Regional College, West Campus, Patrick Street, BT35 8DN

More information: www.src.ac.uk/latest-news/3028-esol-classes-scheduled-for-upcoming-year

Contact: Sara (millers@src.ac.uk)

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Newry Friendship Club - FREE

Thursdays 6.15pm – 7.45pm

Address: Library, 79 Hill Street, Newry BT34 1DG (main or side room – on the ground floor)

The club aims to provide a fun, safe, welcoming, caring, open and accepting environment for people of all sorts. Come and join us! All welcome!

For more information <https://www.facebook.com/NewryFriendshipClub?fref=ts>

PORTADOWN

Community Intercultural Programme

Level: basic English

FREE 10-week English courses

Address: CIP Centre, 7 Foundry Street, Portadown, BT63 5AB

Contact: info@cipni.com or call 028 3839 3372

Wednesdays 7pm – 9pm

Web: www.craigavonintercultural.org

First Presbyterian Church, Portadown

FREE English classes

Address: Watson Street, Portadown

Contact: Church office at mail@firstportadown.org or call 028 3839 3773

Mondays, from 7pm – 9pm

This list is available to download: www.embraceni.org/category/migrant-support/english-classes/

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