



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](mailto:info@embraceni.org)

## **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](mailto:info@northdownymca.org), [www.northdownymca.org](http://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

**Classes start again on 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Free English Classes at Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church**

Different levels of language ability. All classes are led by qualified teachers.

**Address:** The Welcome Centre, Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Hamilton Road, Bangor, BT20 4LN

**Contact:** Gaye Bennett 028 9145 6083 or 079 2383 2328

**Web:** <http://www.hrpc.org.uk/reaching-out/english-corner.php>

**English Corner, Tuesday 9.30am – 11am**, tea / coffee is available from 9am and a crèche is provided for small children. The Church also has a homework club for children from families where English is not the first language which meets on Wednesday afternoons.

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

**Classes start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Free English Classes at First Presbyterian Church, Bangor**

Different levels

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

**Contact:** [helensloan7@btinternet.com](mailto:helensloan7@btinternet.com)

**Thursdays 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

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

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

**Classes start on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

### **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](mailto:info@thelinkcentre.org)

**Mondays 7pm – 8pm**

**Classes run from September to June, starting again on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

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

Variety of levels. ESOL Skills for Life qualifications help speakers of other languages in the UK develop their English language skills for work and everyday life.

Morning and evening classes available for General English for all levels.

**Contact:** Tessa, email - [tbarrett@serc.ac.uk](mailto:tbarrett@serc.ac.uk)

**College addresses:**

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: <https://www.serc.ac.uk/Course/ESOL>

**ALL CLASSES FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS ARE FREE!**

## BELFAST

### Home Plus

Free English classes.

**Address:** 113 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HP

**Contact:** [homeplus.manager@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:homeplus.manager@yahoo.co.uk)

**Telephone:** 028 9031 1836

**Beginners - women only - Wednesdays. 12.30 - 2.30 pm** Starts Wednesday 20 September.

**Elementary - Tuesdays - 4 - 6 pm.** Starts Tuesday 12 September.

**Intermediate - Wednesdays - 5.30 - 7.00 pm.** Starts Wednesday 4 October.

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 (a limited number of crèche places are available)

All Levels from beginners to advanced

**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**

Classes start again on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Strand Presbyterian Church

FREE English classes

**Level:** Beginner and Intermediate

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

**Contact:** Danny Rankin 078 7296 5939

**Saturday mornings 10.30am – 12noon**

No need to register

Classes start 16<sup>th</sup> September

### 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/Themeeetingpoint133> Email: [internationalmeetingpoint133@gmail.com](mailto:internationalmeetingpoint133@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:revdjmcc@hotmail.co.uk)

**Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

Classes start Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

### White Rock Children's Centre

FREE ESOL (mixed abilities). Free childcare (subject to availability; to arrange in advance)

**Address:** 91 Whiterock Road, Belfast, BT12 7PG

**Contact:** 028 9043 8438

**Mondays and Tuesdays, 10am – 12noon**

Limited places, please register in advance. Autumn classes begin in early September

### **English Corner at The Dock Cafe**

FREE, informal support through conversation and grammar teaching, at beginner and intermediate levels. An advanced discussions class may start in October.

**Address:** The Dock Cafe, Titanic Quarter, Belfast

**Contact:** Jackie, email - [teacher.jackie.ni@gmail.com](mailto:teacher.jackie.ni@gmail.com),

**Mondays, 4.45pm to 6.15pm**

No need to register

### **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>

Classes every day from **Monday to Friday 2pm – 4.30pm**

(There is a charge of £5 per week for printed materials, but 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. Classes are provided at **Strong Beginners, Low Elementary and Intermediate levels**, with a different level being catered for each week.

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

**September classes begin on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September and are available at beginners and intermediate levels**

### **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 : 07803147662, [aisling.cartmill@burc.org](mailto: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: [yvonne.largy@gemsni.org.uk](mailto:yvonne.largy@gemsni.org.uk) Web: [www.gemsni.org.uk](http://www.gemsni.org.uk)

**Language for work: Tuesdays, 9.30am -12.30pm Wednesdays, 9.30am – 12.30pm**

**Conversations classes for beginners: Thursdays, 10am – 12noon**

Language for work classes run for 6 weeks, next course begins end of September

**Everyone needs to register at GEMS to start the course.**

### **Falls Women's Centre**

FREE English Classes **for women**. Limited crèche places, check centre for availability.

**Two groups:** conversation classes for beginners, intermediate

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

**Contact:** Tel: 028 9032 7672 (Nancy) Web: [www.fallswomenscentre.org](http://www.fallswomenscentre.org)

**Conversation classes for beginners: Tuesdays, 1pm - 3pm**

**Intermediate level classes: Wednesdays, 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](mailto:info@nicras.org.uk)

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.30am – 1pm**

No need to register in advance - just turn up.

**Classes begin again on Thursday, September 7th**

### **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 – 6pm**

No need to register

**Starts again on 14<sup>th</sup> September**

### **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](mailto:askovg@ntlworld.com), 07759167213

**Mondays, 7.30pm to 9pm**

No need to register in advance - just turn up.

**Starting again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Belfast City Mission**

Free English classes for refugees and people seeking asylum

Different levels

**Address: Belfast City Mission, 15 Great Northern St, Belfast BT9 7FJ**

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](mailto:billcowan1960@gmail.com)

No need to register, just turn up.

### **PAID COURSES:**

#### **Windsor Women's Centre**

English classes **for women**. Various levels of ability

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

**Contact:** 028 9023 5451, Email: [windsorwomans@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:windsorwomans@yahoo.co.uk); Web: [www.windsorwomenscentre.com](http://www.windsorwomenscentre.com)

**ESOL- Beginners: Mondays, 10am -12 noon** (starting 02/10/2017 for 30 weeks) Cost: £60

**ESOL Mixed ability - Elementary E1/E2: Tuesdays, 10am -12noon** (starting 03/10/2017 for 30 weeks)  
Cost: £60

**Interact Through English - Reading Group: Wednesdays, 1pm -3pm** (starting 04/10/2017 for 6 weeks)  
Cost: £12

**Anyone interested should contact the centre first**

#### **BMC – Belfast Metropolitan College (ESOL classes)**

Variety of levels (different prices and starting dates). BMC offer 2 different programmes:

- ESOL Skills for Life (UK based qualifications). These courses help the learner develop the languages skills required for work and everyday life.

and

- Cambridge-International qualifications. These courses are generally required by the different universities in the UK.

Before enrolling on an ESOL course an assessment is required to determine the learner's level of English. Assessment is free and dates for assessment can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/esol-assessment-september-2017-must-be-present-at-the-start-of-the-session-tickets-37446752244>

**More information at:** [http://www.belfastmet.ac.uk/course-subject-area/?subjectArea=English+for+Speakers+of+Other+Languages+\(ESOL\)](http://www.belfastmet.ac.uk/course-subject-area/?subjectArea=English+for+Speakers+of+Other+Languages+(ESOL))

#### **International House Belfast,**

Variety of levels

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

**Contact:** 028 9033 0700 Web: [www.ihbelfast.com](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: [www.facebook.com/theglobecafe.eastbelfast](http://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](mailto:internationalmeetingpoint133@gmail.com)

**Web:** [www.facebook.com/Themeetingpoint133](http://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](mailto:stephanie.mitchell@sbrtr.org.uk)

**Web:** [www.belfastfriendshipclub.org/](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, [www.facebook.com/NBFClub/?ref=page\\_internal](http://www.facebook.com/NBFClub/?ref=page_internal)

**Every Tuesday, 6pm – 8pm**

## **COLERAINE & RASHARKIN**

### **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 2)

**Thursday mornings, 9.30am to 11.15am**

**Contact Church for details of Autumn schedule**

### **ESOL/ English classes in Coleraine**

Free English course. 2 mixed level classes (from beginner to lower intermediate)

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

**Contact:** Tomek, Tel: 07922020044 or email [tomek@theresourcecentre.org](mailto:tomek@theresourcecentre.org)

**Wednesdays, 7pm – 8.45pm**

This is an 8 week course. A follow up 8 week course is expected to run after Christmas.

Registration Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm -8pm, classes start Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7pm – 8.45pm

### **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, 8 week class

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

**Contact:** Paddy 07593130700, [paddy@theresourcecentre.org](mailto:paddy@theresourcecentre.org)

**Wednesdays 11am -12.30pm**

The class starts Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

### **ESOL/ English classes in Rasharkin**

A 10 week class of mixed level ability. Classes are free, partly funded by NI Housing Executive, voluntary contributions of £10 for 10 week course are welcome.

**Address:** St Patrick's Primary School, 8 Gortahar Rd, Rasharkin BT44 8SB

**Contact:** Tomek, Tel: 07922020044 or email [tomek@theresourcecentre.org](mailto:tomek@theresourcecentre.org)

**Wednesdays, 7pm – 8.30pm**

Registration Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7pm – 8pm, classes start Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7pm – 8.30pm

### **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)

## **DERRY / LONDONDERRY**

### **PAID COURSES:**

#### **North West Regional College**

**Levels:** Beginner and Intermediate

**Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings**

Courses start in September

More information:

[http://apps.nwrc.ac.uk/web/courses/search/details.aspx?sa=CARHEL&sid=English%20for%20Speakers%20of%20other%20languages%20\(ESOL%20Basic\)&cid=PT\\_xxx](http://apps.nwrc.ac.uk/web/courses/search/details.aspx?sa=CARHEL&sid=English%20for%20Speakers%20of%20other%20languages%20(ESOL%20Basic)&cid=PT_xxx)

#### **Foyle International Derry**

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

**Contact:** [info@foyle.eu](mailto:info@foyle.eu), (028) 7137 1535

**General English** – 15 hours per week for a minimum of 2 weeks, with optional add-on courses. See <http://www.foyle.eu/courses/english-courses/general-and-extra-english/>

**Examination Courses** – tuition and preparation for a range of English examinations, including Cambridge, IELTS and TOEIC

## **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**

## **LISBURN**

### **Paid Courses**

#### **International School of English, South Eastern Regional College, Lisburn**

Courses and programmes designed to help students who need English for professional registration or academic study. Academic English Programmes, IELTS Exam Preparation Programmes and Pre-university programmes offered with start dates throughout the year.

Contact Natalie Le Seelleur on 02892 626752 or by email [nleseeleur@serc.ac.uk](mailto:nleseeleur@serc.ac.uk) for more information.

## **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](mailto:info@emmanuel-church.co.uk) or call 028 3831 6998

**Every Tuesday from 7pm to 9pm**

Classes start on 6<sup>th</sup> 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, Newry 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](mailto:w.turner@btinternet.com)

**Fridays 7pm to 8.30pm**

Classes run from September until April/May, beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> September

### **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: <http://www.src.ac.uk/courses/part-time-courses/esol>

**Contact:** Sara ([millers@src.ac.uk](mailto: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**

### **First Presbyterian Church, Portadown**

FREE English classes

**Address:** Watson Street, Portadown

**Contact:** Church office at [mail@firstportadown.org](mailto: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/](http://www.embraceni.org/category/migrant-support/english-classes/)

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