

All 6 Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland deliver accredited ESOL courses.



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses provided by **Further Education colleges in Northern Ireland** are **free for refugees, asylum seekers and other specific categories of displaced migrants.**

Please see link below for the College in your area:

Belfast Met - [ESOL Assessment and Enrolment \(belfastmet.ac.uk\)](https://belfastmet.ac.uk)

The Belfast Met opened its latest intake of applications on the 14th August 2024 at 2pm. By 2.15pm all available assessment slots were gone as the demand for applications was much higher than the colleges current capacity.

The Belfast Met has already secured close to 1450 re-enrolments for ESOL students to continue their studies during this upcoming academic year (24-25) even before opening extra 250 places for new students on the 14th August.

If you didn't manage to secure an assessment and enrolment registration with the Belfast Met, you can consider alternative options at near by colleges such as Lisburn, Bangor (SERC) or Newtownabbey (NRC).

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ESOL Assessment and Enrolment

Assessment & Enrolment Process

Further Information

You must be at least 16 years old on 01/07/2024 to study ESOL / ELT at Belfast Metropolitan College from September 2024 – June 2025.

New students will be able to apply for an ESOL course on **Wednesday 14th August 2024**.

Applications are now closed. Please check this page for future updates.

All **new** students **must** complete a **diagnostic assessment** before the start of the course to check your level of English. Once completed and processed, our ESOL / ELT staff will advise you on the best course for you. The information and link to complete the diagnostic assessment will be sent to your personal email address after your ESOL course application has been submitted.

Only the first **250** applications will be considered for assessment.

If you cannot complete the online Flash Academy assessment at home, please contact us to arrange an appointment for the assessment to be completed at the college.

See below how to apply for an assessment with other FE Colleges and links to the application process:

South Eastern Regional College (SERC) - [ESOL - SERC](#)

At the bottom of the page indicated above, you will find links to different campus locations.

Available Sessions

We currently have sessions running in the following campuses:

Bangor (9)

Lisburn (13)

Downpatrick (7)

Newtownards (3)

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Please select a **campus** from the list above to view the available sessions.

Once you selected the most appropriate course suitable to you listed on the website, please select the option 'Apply Now'.

[+ Apply Now](#)

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Please note that ESOL classes are free of charge for refugees, asylum seekers and Afghan or Ukrainian resettled migrants in Northern Ireland, so don't be discouraged by the fees listed on the website.

You'll need to create an account and password with the college (SERC) once you click on 'Continue' with the application.

SERC offers ESOL courses in Lisburn, Bangor, Downpatrick and Newtownards.

Some of these locations can be easily reached from Belfast via train or bus services.

Alternatively, you can contact admissions@serc.ac.uk and enquire about your interest in applying for ESOL classes.

SERC is having a Part-Time enrolment evening on the 29th August, including an opportunity to find out more about ESOL classes in person. See details and link below for more information:

Part-Time Enrolment Evening



Event Details

29 August, 2024
17:00 to 20:00

Location

Bangor,
Downpatrick,
Lisburn &
Newtownards

Contact

03456007555
info@serc.ac.uk

website link: [https://www.serc.ac.uk/event/PT-](https://www.serc.ac.uk/event/PT-Enrolment-Aug-24)

[Enrolment-Aug-24](#)

Northern Regional College (NRC) - [Search Results | NRC Northern Regional College](#)

The Northern Regional College also offers ESOL courses at their campuses in Newtownabbey, Magherafelt, Coleraine, Antrim and Ballymena.

By clicking on the link above, you will find all the upcoming courses available and due to start from 16th September 2024 onwards.

You will find a list of courses available at each of the college campus, for example:

English as a Second Language (ESOL) Skills for Life

Start Date: 16th September 2024
Code: YFPM1570A1

Part-Time

Magherafelt

Click on the course title of your preferred location and select the red button 'Apply Now'.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS/ESOL

English as a Second Language (ESOL) Skills for Life

Start Date: 16th September 2024
Code: YFPM1570A1

Part-Time

Magherafelt

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Southern Regional College (SRC) - [Courses | Southern Regional College \(src.ac.uk\)](#)

Please, also see below details on how to register for **ESOL classes at SRC** (Lurgan/Portadown/Armagh/ Craigavon/Newry and Banbridge areas):

By clicking on the link above, you will find a number of ESOL courses available at the different locations:

The screenshot shows the SRC website header with navigation links: Staff, Students, Applicants, Courses, Student Life, About Us, Business Support, and Contact Us. Below the header, three course cards are displayed for 'ESOL SKILLS FOR LIFE' courses. Each card includes details for 'Further Education', 'Newry Campus', 'Portadown Campus', 'Level 0', 'Part-Time', and 'ESOL'. A 'VIEW COURSE' button with a right arrow is at the bottom of each card.

- ESOL SKILLS FOR LIFE (READING)(ENTRY 1) Entry Level Award**
- ESOL SKILLS FOR LIFE (WRITING)(ENTRY 1) Entry Level Award**
- ESOL SKILLS FOR LIFE (READING)(ENTRY 2) Entry Level Award**

In order to join ESOL classes with SRC, all learners must attend a pre-enrolment advice session (PEAS) before enrolling on an ESOL course. You can add your details to the waiting list below:

- Waiting List: <https://forms.office.com/r/cUJp5KiHpm>

South West College (SWC) - ESOL | [South West College \(swc.ac.uk\)](https://www.swc.ac.uk)

For more information or to register your interest please contact a member of our team:

Contacts

- Kathryn.Hart@swc.ac.uk - Cookstown Campus and Dungannon Campus
- Isabel.Arrayas@swc.ac.uk - Enniskillen Campus and Omagh Campus

For September 2024 classes our Registration Dates are as follows:

Cookstown Campus: (Combined assessment and enrolment days) Monday 2nd September 10:00am-12:00pm & 5:30pm-8:00pm. Full payment and photo ID (with Visa information if applicable) is required at the time of application.

Dungannon Campus (Combined assessment and enrolment days) Thursday 29th August 09:30am-12.30pm. Monday 9th September 5:30pm-8:00pm. Wednesday 11th September 5:00pm-8:00pm. Full payment and photo ID (with Visa information if applicable) is required at the time of application.

Enniskillen Campus (Assessment days only) Wednesday 28th August 09:30am-1:30pm. Thursday 29th August 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Enniskillen Campus (Enrolment days only) Monday 9th September 5.00pm-8:00pm. Wednesday 11th September 5:00pm-8:00pm. Full payment and photo ID (with Visa information if applicable) is required at the time of enrolment.

Omagh Campus (Assessment Day only) Tuesday 27th August 1:00pm-4:00pm. Monday 2nd September 09:30am-1:30pm.

Omagh Campus (Enrolment day only) Tuesday 10th September 5:30pm-8:00pm. Monday 16th September 5:30pm-8:00pm. Full payment and photo ID (with Visa information if applicable) is required at the time of enrolment

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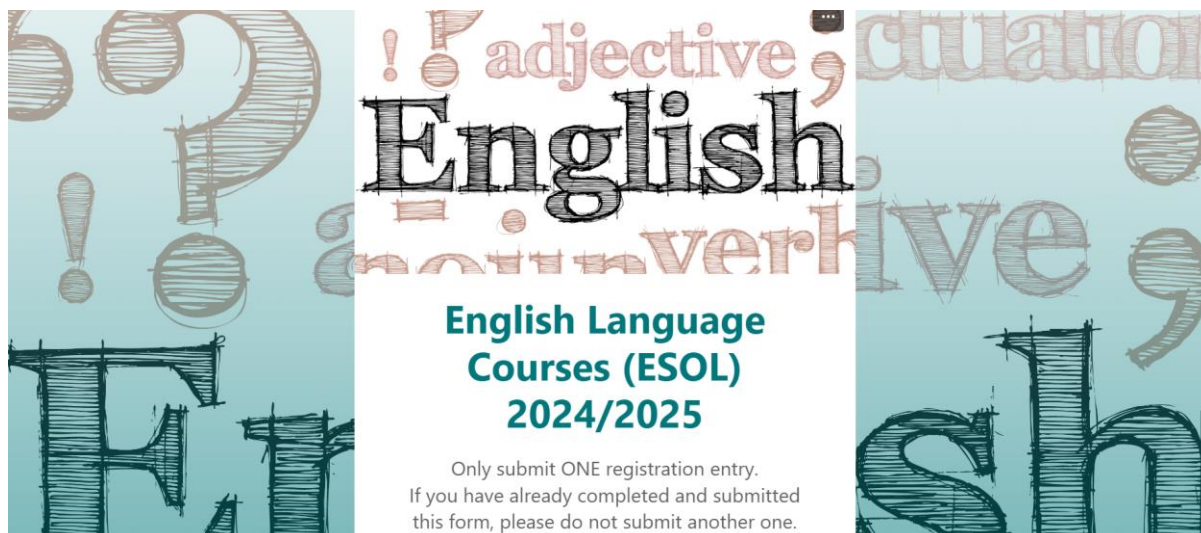
ESOL courses are available for those who want to improve their English speaking/listening/reading/writing for life and work in the UK. Our ESOL classes are welcoming, lively and are a good opportunity to meet learners from other countries. Classes are taught in a friendly environment using colourful and relevant resources.

We offer 5 levels starting from Entry 1 up to Level 2 with City and Guilds. After successful completion of tests in class, students achieve a certificate at the appropriate level.

North West Regional College (NWRC) - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) | North West Regional College (nwrc.ac.uk)

To register for ESOL classes in Derry/Londonderry Campus, please complete the form as per link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=byooLPyglkWczCN48bTPHscT9CQTJoVGuy4h0Ax1Q1ZUNFBLMENIRFBSFBMOFZTQ0ISWjBMUzZaSy4u>



Online free courses opportunity:

While you are waiting on your assessment, why not check out one of the four **online courses** SRC College developed as part of the BRIDGES Project:

- [BRIDGES Project - The Learning Environment](#)

Community Classes:

Community providers and private schools also offer ESOL classes across Northern Ireland and, via this website, you will be able to search for additional English language provision available in your area. Most free classes delivered within the community setting, are only available to adults (over the age of 18).

Further Education ESOL provision delivered by colleges can cater for anyone over the age of 16 (subject to availability of spaces).

Searching for English language training providers and courses on the ESOL NI website:

[ESOL NI \(\[esolwebapp.azurewebsites.net\]\(https://esolwebapp.azurewebsites.net\)\)](https://esolwebapp.azurewebsites.net)





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We recommend you start your search by selecting a **‘City/Town’** and scroll down the options available. Select the location closer to where you live.

To achieve the wider range of results possible per location, you should then click directly onto the blue button called **‘Search Providers’**.

DO NOT TRY ‘Searching Courses’ as some providers listed here don’t update their course details regularly and results may not appear.

If you wish to **translate the website to another language** you will find this feature below the ESOL NI logo and just above the searching fields, to the right of the screen.

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