



ISLINGTON CENTRE FOR ENGLISH

A BOUTIQUE SCHOOL WITH BUDGET
PRICES IN CENTRAL LONDON



founded in 2005.
Over 35,000 students
welcomed

Make Friends, Love London, Learn English!

21 years old this year, choose ICE London for high-quality lessons, competitive prices and a truly international atmosphere. You'll practise English in small classes, focus on real communication, and quickly build confidence. The school's great location in zone 1, central London and regular social events help you make friends, explore London, and enjoy an unforgettable English study experience.

The secret of our success is an independent, boutique feel, an unfailing commitment to educational standards set a superb central London location. Add to this combination some of the lowest-priced language courses in London such as £3999 for 44 weeks PLUS! English courses are provided by a small team of dedicated English language enthusiasts. At ICE, you are an individual, not a number!!

21 Years Teaching English to the World...

Back in 2005, Tim and his wife Elle were expecting a baby. With his wife on maternity, playing the guitar, writing songs and teaching English part-time just wasn't up to paying the bills. They needed a radical plan! As luck would have it, Tim's parents were looking to retire from their job running a boutique college, the London Centre for Fashion Studies in Islington. One sunny day in August, the Islington Centre for English was born in two rooms of his parents' school with one student. Her name was, and still is, Hiroko.

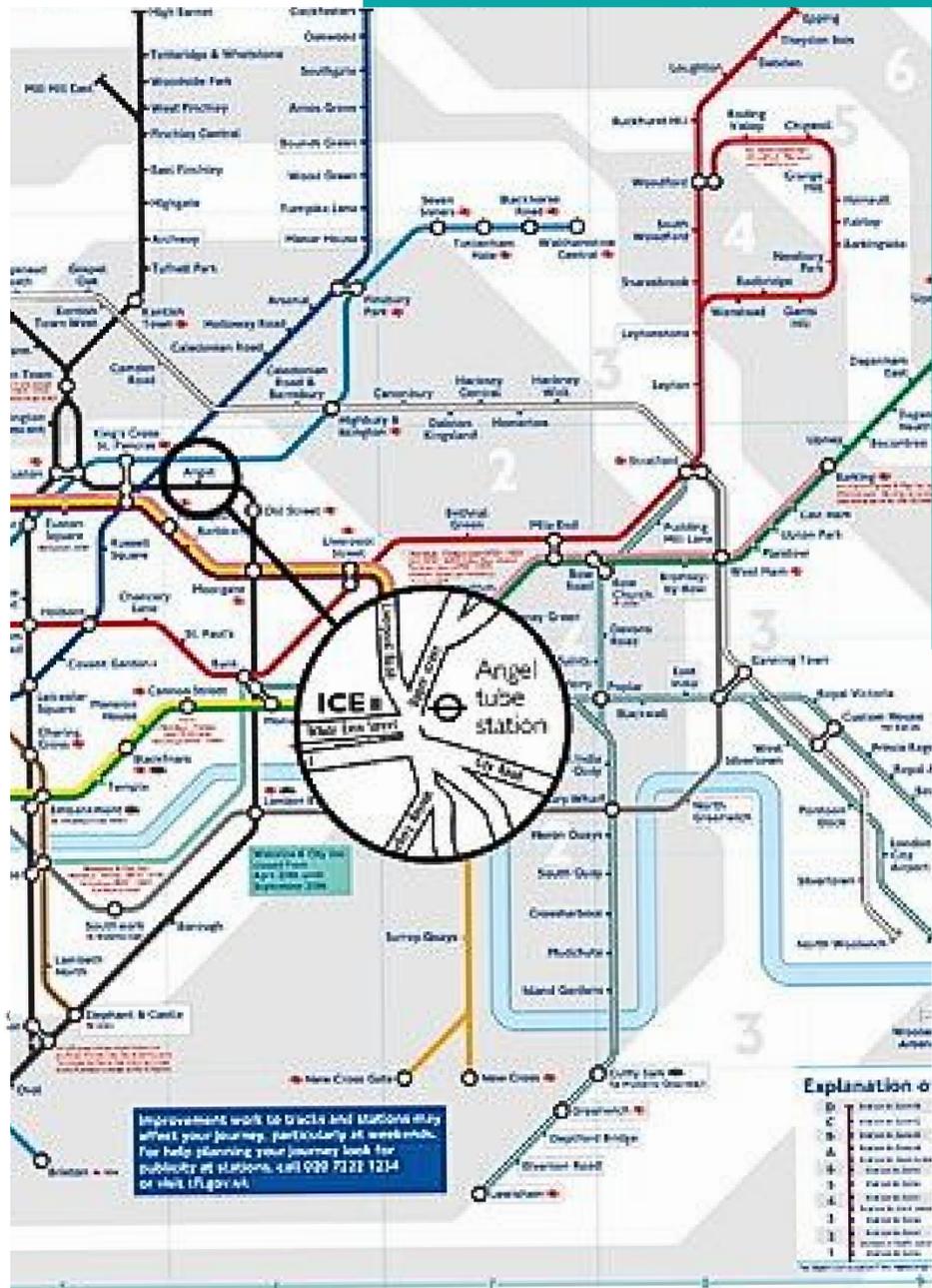
It wasn't long before one student turned into two, two to four and by the end of the first year, ICE almost looked like an English school. Our USP was flexibility and European, part-time English language students came from shops, cafes & bars in N1 as the courses fit around their busy work rotas. After British Council accreditation in 2005, our reputation grew, the world opened up and students arrived from every country to study English full-time & intensively in our new premises in central London. They also took Cambridge Exam courses and IELTS for university entry.

Over the years, we have empowered over 30,000 students to speak better English yet we still retain the boutique, family feel of Tim's parents' college 20 years ago.



Where are we?

12-minutes walk from London Kings Cross station, 20 minutes from the West End and right opposite Angel underground, ICE London could not be better situated. Islington itself is one of London’s most dynamic boroughs, home to more than one UK Prime Minister! We have the beautiful Regents canal, the dynamic Upper Street with bars, clubs & theatres and perhaps London’s best food market just behind our school.



Islington Centre for English

4.6 ★★★★★ 281 Google reviews ⓘ

Language school in London, England



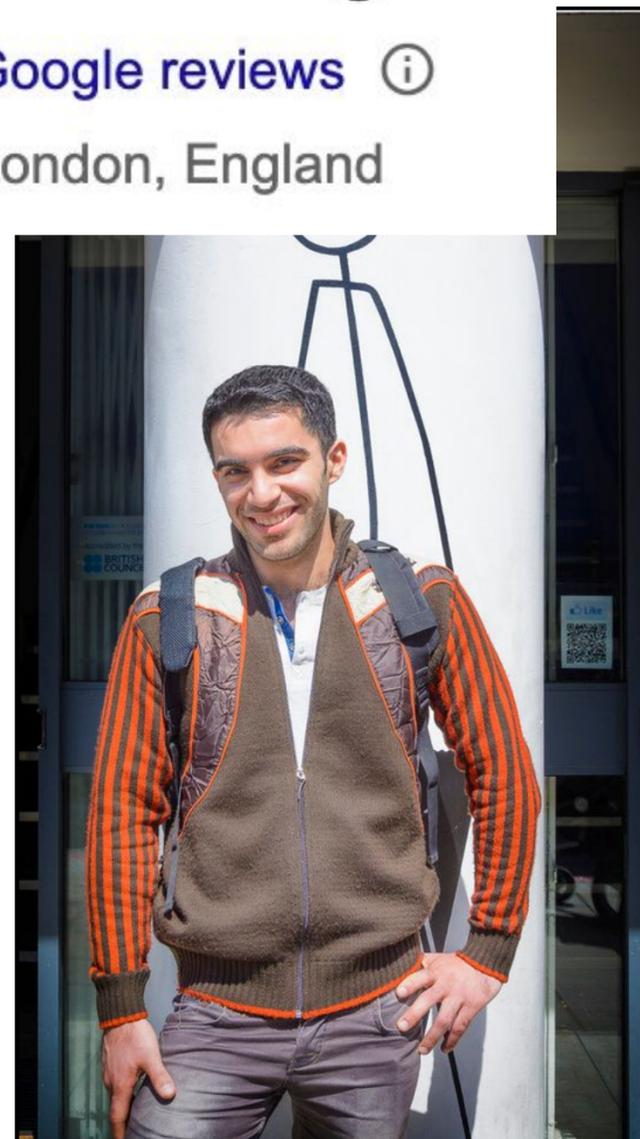
“The school has lovely teachers. It’s like a second family. Thank you for everything!”

Onur, Turkey



“Coming to ICE to learn English was th best decision I’ve ever made... Great environment and prfoessional staff!”

Carmen , Switzerland



“I loved seeing my Angels in Angel! I learnt so much on my General English course, then IELTS and got my dream place on an MA course in London!”

Rifaat, UAE



“ICE has a good technique which helps improve my skills especially speaking with friends! it will definitely help me a lot in the future.”

Kenika, Thailand

ISLINGTON – ONE OF LONDON'S MOST CULTURED BOROUGHES



N1 shopping



Camden Passage



Chapel market



Business Design



Regents Canal



Our Courses



English & Volunteering

Study English and volunteer in London at Islington Centre for English, combining high-quality language lessons with meaningful charity work in the local community. Mornings focus on improving all skills with experienced teachers, while afternoons offer volunteering in reputable Islington charities, giving you real-life speaking practice and UK cultural experience. It's an inspiring way to progress quickly and give something back at the same time.



Junior Summer School

Starting June 29th 2026, ICE will be offering mixed nationality group classes (for individual students as well as groups) for students aged 11-15 years old. Lessons are active, fun, varied & stimulating and will allow your junior English language student to make the most of his or her summer stay in London. Active, educational cultural visits to London attractions every weekday afternoon!



Parent & Child Courses

Bring the whole family & live the London English Language Experience this summer! Students aged 11-15 years, from all over the world, study English together with our qualified, experienced, native-speaking tutors. Lessons are fun, active and highly interactive to keep them engaged and learning. Our primary aim is to build their confidence in speaking and understanding and to create an unforgettable, London Language Experience.



Business English Evenings

Take it after work. Courses run from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm Tuesday & Thursdays. It is suitable for students wishing to take the BEC Higher exam, though not exclusively. All students will improve their high level business English on this course. The Maximum class size is 12 students only, for efficient, focused time with a tutor. The course costs less than the vast majority of Business English Evening courses in London. It is taught by native-speaking tutors who are University graduates, CELTA (or equivalent) qualified with Business English teaching experience.



Build Your Confidence & Fluency in English

General English

You will study the grammar and vocabulary that are the building blocks of successful English language learning. You will also receive extensive practice in the essential skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and, most importantly, Speaking. We want to increase your confidence so you can take advantage of your new English language skills in your career, studies and with friends.

Objectives of our General English Courses:

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Course	Guided Learning Hours pw
Part-time	5 to 10
Full-time	12.5
PLUS!	15
Super Intensive	25

Enrolling a group of English language students to our school in London?
If so, fill in our [Group Quotation Request Form](#)



Timetable

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Mornings 9.15 to 12	General English/ IELTS	General English/ IELTS	General English/ IELTS	General English/ IELTS	General English/ IELTS
Afternoons 12.30 to 3.15	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English
Evenings 6.30 to 8.30		Advanced Business English / Accent Reduction		Advanced Business English / Accent Reduction	

- Beginner** CEFR A1
- Elementary** CEFR A1.2 to A2.1
- Pre-Intermediate** CEFR A2.2
- Intermediate** CEFR B1
- Upper intermediate** CEFR B2
- Advanced** CEFR C1 to C2





IELTS Exam Preparation

Get the IELTS Score you need!

Prepare for entry to UK Universities or for a visa to live and work in the UK with IELTS, the world's most popular exam. Our tutors are experienced in preparing students by focusing on the specific skills needed to get the IELTS score they are aiming for.

How long do I need to study?

We run a fantastic 12.5 guided-learning hours of IELTS exam preparation every week (including break times) so students who enrol on an IELTS Super Intensive or IELTS Full-Immersion Course can make really fast progress. As a 'rule of thumb' we say that a student requires around 6 weeks of 15 hours of tuition per week to increase their current IELTS score by 0.5. If you study for 30 hours per week you should increase your IELTS score by 0.5 within three weeks.

Course plan

This course consists of specific IELTS exam preparation in the mornings and an additional 12.5 hours of level-specific General English language practice in the afternoons to help you with your reading, writing, listening & speaking skills.

Free consultation

Come in for a free test and a consultation with an experienced tutor. We will assess your current IELTS score and provide you with a personalised study plan, enabling you to achieve the score you need!

Parent & Child Courses

International Classes for Adults & Juniors

Why not study at the same time as your teenagers? You can all learn English in the mornings and we can take your children around London for an unforgettable cultural experience in the afternoons while you enjoy a romantic break with your partner!

Study in the mornings & see the best of London in the afternoons

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Accommodation: For Parent and Child (family) English courses, we work with local independent Bed & breakfasts (Kings Cross), private apartments (Islington) and modern hostels (Kings Cross). Let us know your preference and we can help you book!

Leave your children to us for the afternoons! Students have the option of guided afternoon activities visiting the best attractions London has to offer: London Eye, Sea-Life, Madam Tussauds...

Dates: From Monday 22nd June until Friday 28th August 2026



English & Volunteering

Provides English language tuition with additional speaking practice in an English charity work environment and provides students with wonderful volunteering experience. You will also contribute to the excellent work carried out by London charities for children in need, the old and the most disadvantaged in our society

Study a General English course, Cambridge Exam Preparation course or IELTS courses at our school in London in the morning and volunteer in a reputable charity in Islington such as Oxfam or a London farm in the afternoon. This is a great opportunity for students wishing to continue practising their English language skills after lessons and participate in valuable charity work at the same time.

City Farm

Learn English by volunteering at a City Farm in London, where you practise real communication with visitors, staff, and other volunteers. You give farm tours, answer questions, and join team tasks, building confidence in speaking and listening. Everyday situations help you learn natural phrases. It's a relaxed, friendly way to study English while helping a local project.

Trinity Hospice

Learn English by volunteering in a charity shop on the high street, where you speak with customers, staff, and donors every day. You practise greetings, small talk, and giving advice about items, which builds your confidence and fluency. Handling money, answering questions, and working in a team all develop practical vocabulary. It's a friendly, real-world way to improve your English while supporting a good cause.

Claremont

Chat with older people in a warm, relaxed environment. You practise real conversations, share stories, and listen to their experiences, which builds confidence and fluency. Regular visits help you develop natural pronunciation, everyday phrases, and better listening skills. It's a kind, social way to improve your English while bringing friendship to local older residents.



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Claremont Project

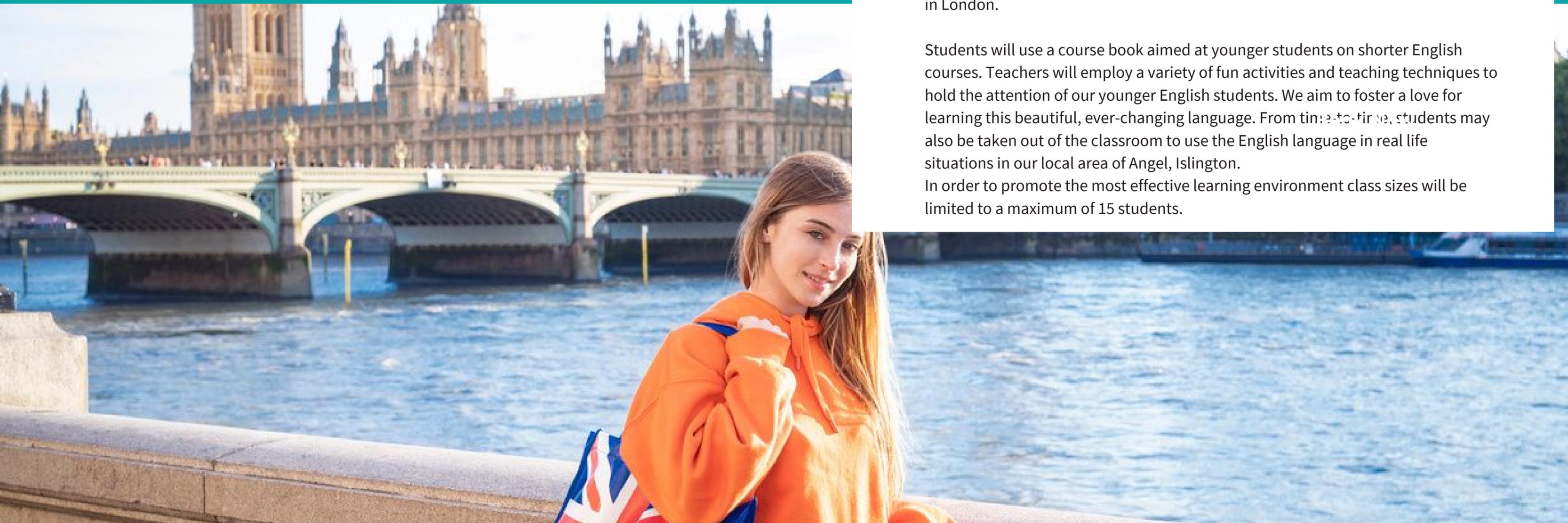
Junior Summer English School, London

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

This year's Junior Summer School, London runs from June 29th. ICE offers mixed nationality group classes (for individual students as well as groups) for students aged 11-15 years old. Lessons are active, fun, varied & stimulating and will allow your junior English language student to make the most of his or her summer stay in London.

Students will use a course book aimed at younger students on shorter English courses. Teachers will employ a variety of fun activities and teaching techniques to hold the attention of our younger English students. We aim to foster a love for learning this beautiful, ever-changing language. From time-to-time, students may also be taken out of the classroom to use the English language in real life situations in our local area of Angel, Islington.

In order to promote the most effective learning environment class sizes will be limited to a maximum of 15 students.





Junior Summer School, London

All year-round, ICE offers exciting London-based activities to visiting groups of students of all ages. Every summer 2026, ICE offers an additional service of afternoon fun-cultural programme of activities for individual students who are studying English at our school in the morning.

Afternoon activities are fun, active, cultural & educational!

Timetable: 1pm to 4pm Monday to Friday. Students will return to the school by 4pm.

Food: ICE can also provide lunch for individual and group-booked students

Please note: All junior students must either: ...have a responsible adult guardian providing accommodation for him/her or...be accompanied in London by a responsible group leader or relative to his/her homestay or employ our partner company, StudyLinks, to provide Guardianship services.

ICE will only provide tuition and/ or accommodation to junior students who have guardianship in one of the models above.

Professional English

Upskill, Incentivise & Retain your staff

So many companies benefit from the UK's wealth of overseas talent. Such employees bring much-needed skills to our workforce. For a team to work effectively together, fluent and accurate communication skills are essential.

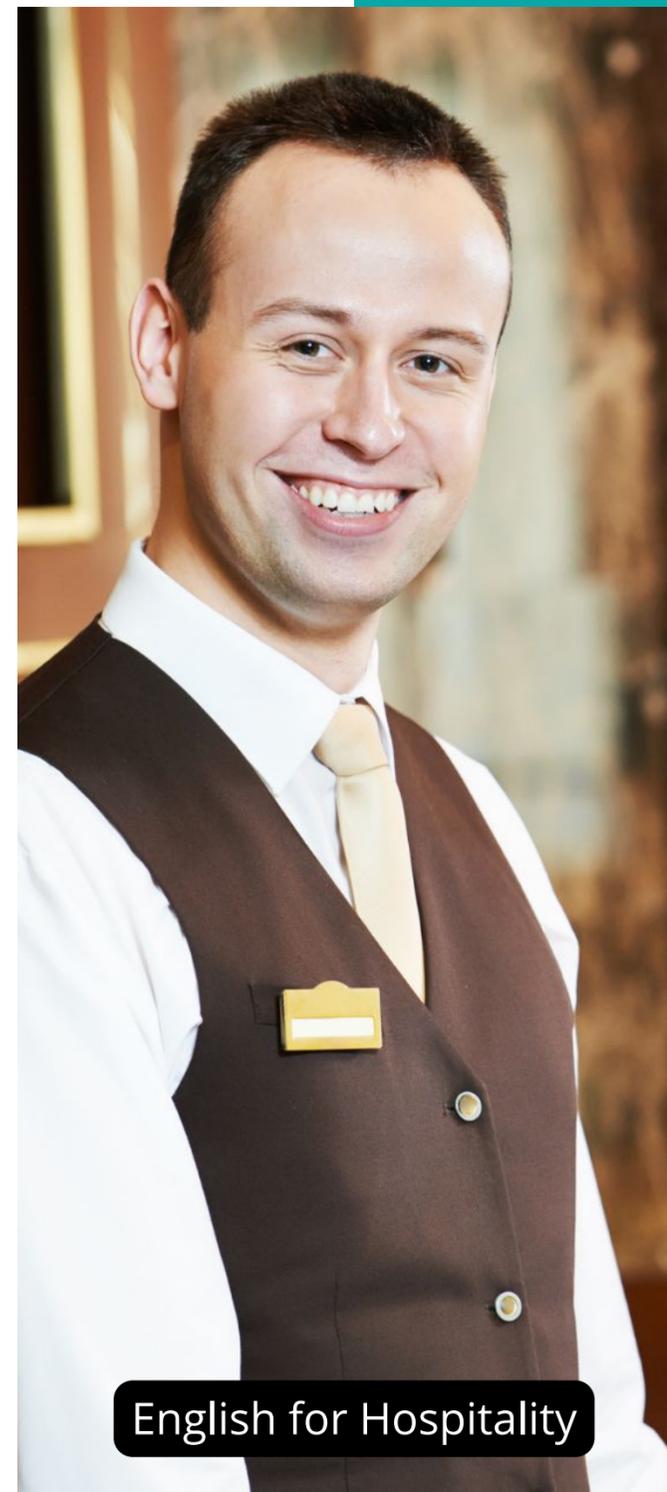
The Islington Centre for English can provide experienced and qualified speaking tutors for your staff either in-house or at our English School in central London. We can provide full-day intensive, evening or lunchtime courses to fit into your schedule. English language tuition is also a great motivator, a reward for excellent performance and a highly effective staff retention tool.

“Steve is a highly professional teacher who adapts materials and approach to different learning needs swiftly and smoothly. He is immensely inspiring and engaging. He boosts students' language skills and confidence which, in turn, improves their work performance.” **Jie, Manager Nandos Edgware**

“I found the classes truly helpful and the teacher was also very good, ready to help and patient. We had the opportunity to improve any kind of ways to communicate in English (either writing, reading or listening). The teacher also focused on common mistakes in the English grammar, which I found to be the most useful part....I must thank AKT for investing in us! **Joanna, AKT II**

- Medical English
- Legal English
- Hospitality English
- English for Aviation
- English for the Construction industry
- English for the Security Services

Ask us to tailor a course for you: enrol@letslearnenglish.org



English for Hospitality



Online Medical English



English for University Lecturers

University lecturers in many countries are now required to deliver all or part of their courses in the English language. This can be a daunting prospect! However, at the Islington Centre for English, we provide specific English lessons on the language of university. Delegates learn useful, transferable phrases they can use to present in their field: Introducing a topic, describing trends on a graph, statistical analysis, argument/ disagreement, essential University terminology and much more

After lessons, enjoy London's world-class historic sights. Discover Islington, one of our capital's most exciting boroughs close to Kings Cross and the old city of London. Meet English students from all over the world in your morning General English classes and on our social and cultural programme of events. There's something happening every day including free conversation classes and visits to London's museums...

Study 12.5 hours General English in the mornings at your specific CEFR level. Learn 5 hours specific English for University in the afternoons with our Director of Studies and our Director.

Enjoy London's fascinating sights and culture in the afternoons. Certify your English for University with our British Council accredited course! Ask ICE for help organising accommodation with a homestay family, university residence, apartment share or hostel.

English Pedagogy Course

Inspire & Refresh your English Teachers with the latest teaching techniques

Learn new teaching methodologies, classroom games, the latest approaches in English teaching and practise the language with our Director of Studies at our school in London. Benefit from decades of English teaching experience of our team of English teachers at ICE, London and go home with renewed excitement for this wonderful profession!

Teaching delegates study in small tutor groups with our DELTA-qualified academic director, Kerry Dorling and put into practice new techniques learnt on our course.

Regular training keeps English language teachers fresh, confident and excited about their work, which has a direct, positive impact on students. Indeed, when teachers step out of the routine and back into the role of “learner”, they reconnect with the core skills of good teaching: clear explanations, varied practice, and genuinely communicative activities. Training helps them refresh their classroom techniques, update their language awareness, and pick up simple, practical ideas they can use the very next day. This keeps lessons lively and engaging, so students feel more motivated and make faster progress.

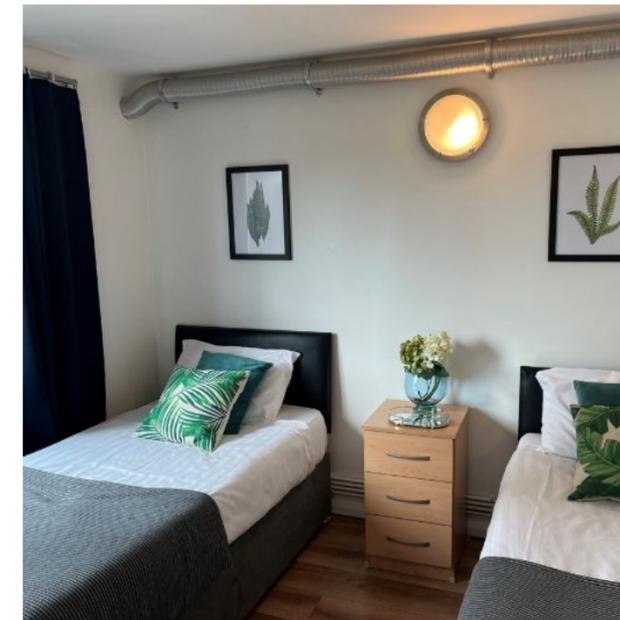
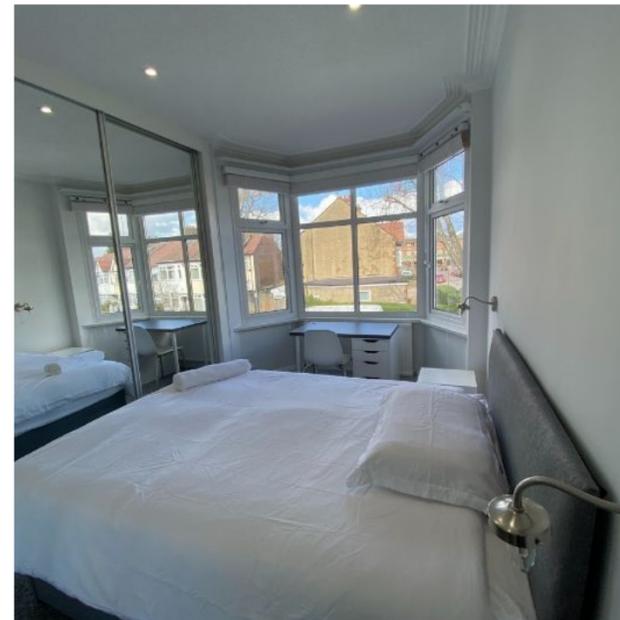




Premium English The Gold Standard in Language Learning

- Students benefit from...
- Independent Learner Plan Tailored CV & Jobs Masterclass
- Enhanced Tutor Feedback sessions One-to-one Director Input
Complementary Refreshments Enhanced Learner Diagnostics
- Upgraded end-of-course report Full course books and
branded
- welcome pack included
- Business English Evening course included when running

Accommodation, London



Student Residence

ICE works with many accommodation providers in London to offer the best student residence accommodation. Choose from a wide range of price from £250 to £500 per week from 12 minute's walk to a 20-minute bus ride. Contact our office to see what we have available.

Homestays with a family

Staying with a homestay family in London helps you improve your English naturally through daily conversation and real-life situations. You'll learn common expressions, build confidence, and practise speaking and listening every day. Living with locals also offers a genuine insight into British culture, traditions, and lifestyle, making your language-learning experience personal, immersive, and memorable.

N.Finchley Flat Share

Clean, good value and well-located. ICE offers shared student apartments with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities where you can make friends and create a base from which to explore the city. Travel to ICE, London simply from Easy Finchley to Angel on the Northern Line.

Islington Apartments

Recommended for families, perhaps Parent and Child English courses. Costs vary from £750 per week to sleep 3 in 2 rooms with private bathroom and own kitchen. Great option for a family who wants to be self-contained and can cook for themselves. Close to ICE, London! Contact us for more details on availability.

Hostels

Low-priced and conveniently-located the picture above is from the Generator in Kings Cross, a 20-minute walk from our English school in London. We also like to recommend Islington Prime Backpackers just 5 minutes from our school in London. With bedrooms from single en suite to larger rooms of 4 or even more beds, hostels are an excellent way of starting your London experience and even staying long term. Group junior bookings also welcome!



Summer Boat Party with EUK London



Islington Club Night



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Islington Centre for English

Student Events

THE BEST OF LONDON NIGHTLIFE

- Tuesday:** Islington Tour
- Wednesday:** FREE Conversation club - sign up at reception
- Thursday:** Cultural Day - Museums, Markets & Monuments with ICE guide
- Friday:** The best of London's pub scene with Kellen
- PLUS...
- Massive boat parties, club nights, pub crawls, BBQs and football competitions with English UK London!



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