How to use the ESOL NI website link when searching for English language providers and classes available in Northern Ireland



Go directly to the web link

https://esolwebapp.azurewebsites.net/

Or you can search for 'ESOL NI' via google search and you should easily find the ESOL NI website listed.

Alternatively, you can also access the ESOL NI website page under 'More Useful Links' via the *nidirect* website (ESOL page): <u>https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/english-speakers-other-languages-esol</u>

If you wish to **translate the website into another language**, please access the 'Home' page and select the language you would like the text translated. You will find this feature below the ESOL NI logo and just above the searching fields, on the right hand side of the screen.

Google translate

Select Language

'HOME' page

On the **'Home' page** you will see information about ESOL provision by all the 6 Further Education Colleges in Northern Ireland. The links beside the name of each College will take you directly to the ESOL information part of the relevant College main website.

Here you will access information about the benefits and importance of learning English as an additional language when living in the UK, as well as the contact details for the ESOL NI Coordination Point at the bottom of the page under the heading 'Contact Us'.

Searching for English language training providers and courses:

On this same page, beside the information about the Further Education Colleges, you will find the searching box and different options.

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

In order to achieve the wider range of results possible per location, you should then click directly onto the blue button called 'Search Providers'.

You should then be directed to a page with a list of providers available in your selected city or town.

You will be able to find out further details on each of the providers listed by:

• Clicking on each profile name of the ESOL provider /organisation.

This will direct you to the profile page of each English language provider and should give you:

- Postal address
- Contact name
- Email address
- Phone number
- Website
- Image of the building or the organisation's logo

Below this information, you will see a link to Google maps on the screen showing you the location where you are and the directions to the address of the ESOL providers' building where the classes take place.

In order to visualise the map and accurate directions, you should enable location services on your device by following the instructions below:

- On Windows, enable via Settings > Privacy > Location > Location Services
- On Chrome, enable via Settings > Advanced > Privacy and Security > Content Settings > Location

Classes Timetable and Information

Below the providers' map and directions, you will find the description of ESOL classes listed by each provider including details on the levels of tuition and accreditation, childcare and transport assistance, fees (if applicable), days of the week when classes are on and duration of classes.

We recommend you to always the additional information provided as it can clarify most queries from users.

What if the provider has no information about classes under their profile details?

If the provider has not listed classes under their profile, we strongly recommend you to contact them directly for enquires.

At times, if you click on the link to their website (under the profile details) you may find the answers you are looking for. Alternatively, ESOL providers can be contacted by phone or email and your support worker or advocate should be able to help you getting in touch if you encounter difficulties.

'ABOUT US' page

If you go to the top grey bar of the screen you can click on the **'ABOUT US'** title. This will direct you to a secondary page of the website that gives information on the background of the ESOL NI Coordination Point in Northern Ireland, the ESOL Volunteer Programme led by the Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre (BURC) and to the links directing you to the ESOL NI social media channels on Facebook and Twitter. The 'Home Page' shows you live updates of the ESOL NI Twitter feed as well and you can find news and useful information by scrolling down our newsfeed.

In addition, you can find a link on this page to another part of the website entitled 'VOLUNTEER'. This directs you to an online form you can complete and submit if you (or anyone you may know) wishes to find out more about volunteering opportunities as an ESOL teacher through this programme.

Finally, if you wish to add the ESOL NI web link to the home screen of your smartphone (i.e. Apple iPhone illustration below) please follow the steps below:



For queries or any further information, please use the details provided on the bottom of the website page under **'Contact Us'.**