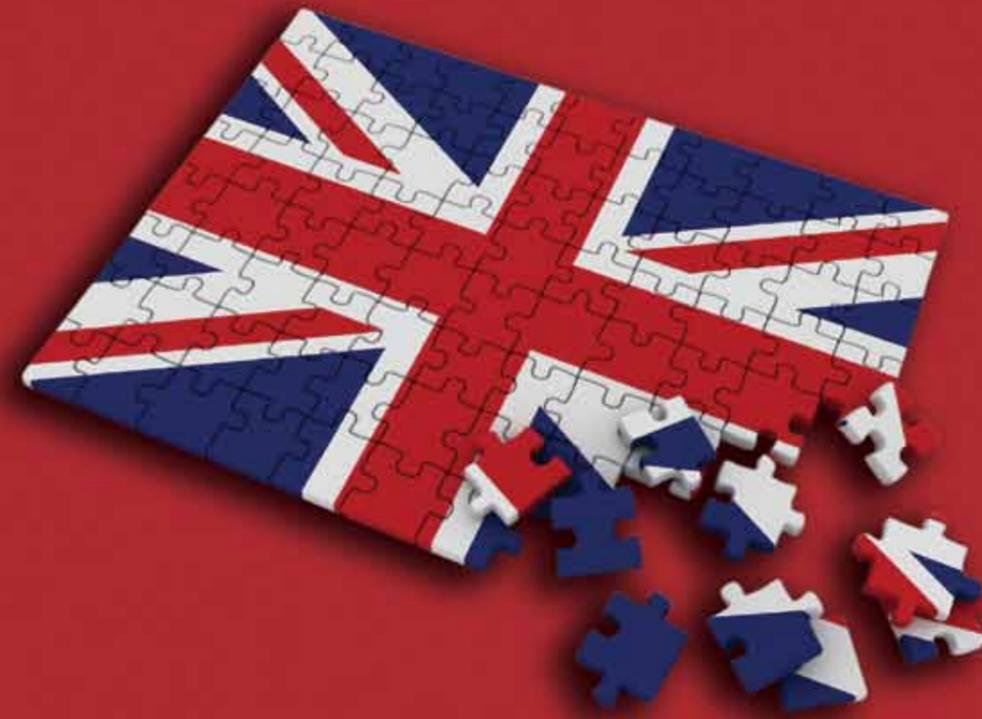


Professional English

A Programme of Academic English for postgraduate students and newly qualified academic staff.



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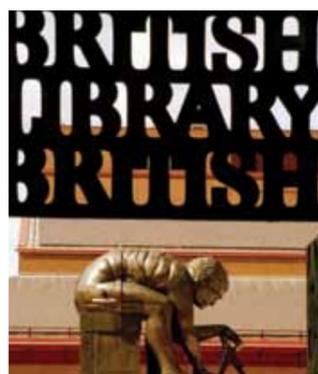


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Professional English is both a language and culture programme



The programme is designed:

- to offer an opportunity for participants to refresh and further improve their language skills. The Professional English Programme uses lectures from specialists in diverse subjects as a framework for discussions, presentations and further individual and group research.
- to focus on the use of the formal language as used, for example, in lectures, seminars, academic writing and meetings. Consideration is also given to how regional and informal styles serve to shape contemporary communications.
- to address specific issues such as oral or aural difficulties, weaknesses in formal, written communication.
- to provide participants with the opportunity to actively practise their English across a range of skills, and to use this opportunity to further develop any area(s) of specific interest.

Maximum class sizes are limited to 18 with some smaller group sessions and some opportunities for one-to-one work. Participants will also have access to our Language Learning Centre facilities and individual sessions with our Language Learning Advisers. Lectures may contain up to 36 participants.

Who is this programme intended for?

This programme is intended for individuals who already have a relatively good command of English, but who wish to up-date or further refine their language.

The programme will be of special interest to individuals working in educational environments who require increasing accuracy or fluency in English, or who require further exposure to varieties of English to satisfy their professional needs.

This programme is open to:

Academic staff who have been appointed to Utrecht Network institutions within the last 24 months, and postdoctoral and doctoral candidates from these institutions.

Applicants should apply directly via the Programme Leader using the approved Registration form. Please note that there are only a limited number of places, so early application is recommended. Participants are expected to be able to work at a minimum of IELTS 6.0 / CEFR B2 from the start of the course.

We do not pre-test, but if you have any doubts about your level at a **minimum** of B2 / IELTS 6.0, please do contact the Programme Leader (c.mcpherson@hull.ac.uk) before enrolling.

Content

The programme consists of:

- a series of lectures by subject specialists,
- seminar discussions and extended work based on the lectures and other materials,
- regular reviews of issues in the news, and the identification and consideration of the utilisation of associated vocabulary,
- individual and group work including participant-focused projects and presentation / lectures.

Class contact will be c. 20 hours per week. Participants will be expected to undertake considerable, additional work outside of class.

Duration

This is a two-week programme. Some social activities are included in the price.

Dates

The programme starts on Monday June 30th 2014 and finishes on Friday 11 July.

Participants should be at the University of Hull for 9.00 am on Monday 30 June, so that we can complete administrative procedures and start lectures punctually.

Fees

Applicants from Utrecht Network institutions pay 450 euros for the two weeks. This includes tuition, accommodation, lunch during the week, and a limited social programme.

Financial support may be available from the applicant's home institution.

For possible financial support please also see: www.utrecht-network.org/en/site/summerschools

Accommodation

Accommodation will be within 15 minutes walking distance of the main University of Hull campus and within 10–20 minutes walk of local shops, bars restaurants, pubs etc. There is a regular bus service to the city centre from the university and accommodation points.

Accommodation will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Certification

Participants will be awarded a certificate of attendance, with a commentary on areas in which they have demonstrated particular skills. Suggestions will be made as to skills which would benefit from further focus.

For quality purposes, we will not normally issue certificates to participants normally whose attendance is less than 80% of the available contact time.

Free time

We expect participants to fully engage in the programme and complete all work set. However, we also want the programme to be a pleasurable experience. Consequently, the programme is structured to allow you some free time at the weekends and some evenings.

The Lake District, Scotland and Wales are easily accessible for weekend trips from the city of Kingston upon Hull. Hull lies on the north bank of the River Humber and offers ready access to both the ancient cities of York and Lincoln, and the beautiful Yorkshire Wolds and Dales.

You may wish to consider a holiday with a partner or friends before or after the programme dates.

Transport

By train, Hull is approximately 2.5 hours from London, 1.35 hours from Manchester and 40 minutes from Leeds. The airports of London Stansted, Humberside, Doncaster, Leeds-Bradford, Manchester and East Midlands are all readily accessible. There are daily ferry services from Rotterdam and Zeebrugge to Hull.

Train and coach services can be very expensive in the UK unless you book in advance. Cheap tickets can be obtained by booking ahead on sites such as:

www.redspottedhanky.com
www.nationalexpress.com
<http://uk.megabus.com>

To apply

Applicants should send their completed application form to the programme leader Campbell McPherson.

We can guarantee a minimum of one place for each UN institution from approved applicants.

Any additional applicants from the same institution will be accepted on a strictly first come, first served basis.

When the school is full, we shall place applicants on a reserve list.

The closing date for applications is May 1st 2014. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application no later than May 9th 2014.

The Programme Leader

Campbell McPherson is responsible for this programme.

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