

**Online Teacher Community - Summer School**

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1. How will the Online Summer School be organised?

The Summer School will be delivered through the British Council Online Teacher Community platform.

That means that we will create online accounts for you if you have been selected for the Summer School programme and all webinars and speaking clubs will be delivered through the Online Teacher Community platform. You will receive all relevant log-in details a couple of days before the start of the programme.

The programme will consist of:

* three large-scale webinars (total of 4.5 hours) focused on UK culture in English Language Teaching (literature, film, geographical locations, etc)
* five daily 60-min speaking club sessions with ELT teacher trainers on related topics (Monday – Friday of the selected week) in groups of 15-18
* moderated forum discussions on related topics as part of which teachers will be able to engage with their peers from other countries, exchange ideas and discuss ELT-focused issues

You will leave the summer school with new ideas about how they can support their students with the ideas and language forms that they themselves have been exploring

1. How do I know when my group starts?

You will indicate which week you are applying for as part of the online application form and based on that you will receive relevant log-in details and relevant academic calendar.

1. Do I have to log in to the platform every day to attend the programme?

Yes. To access the planned activities Monday – Friday, you will need to log in the platform on a daily basis.

1. How many hours in total does the programme include?

The total number of hours of professional development is 12.

1. Will I receive a certificate after completing the Summer School?

Yes, you will receive a certificate of attendance if you actively participate.

You have to complete a minimum of two 90-min webinars, four speaking club sessions and write at least three forum posts in which you either discuss points raised by forum moderators and other teachers or suggest your own views and ideas related to the topic of the discussion.

1. What if I miss a session because of a technical or personal reason?

All three webinars will be recorded, and you will be able to access them afterwards. Speaking club sessions will not be recorded so we advise that you ensure regular participation from Monday to Friday of the selected week.

1. Is this a one-week or a four-week programme?

This is a one-week programme. We offer 4 different options (weeks) in the period 18 July to 12 August to choose from and you can choose only one week. If you choose a specific week, you cannot be moved to another week.

1. Who can apply for the Summer School?

State school teachers /both primary and secondary/ from all schools in the country, regardless of location.

1. How can I apply for the Summer School?

To apply for the Summer School, please go to these links to complete the application form. You will be contacted via email by 30 June if selected.

Week 1 -18 July – 22 July = <https://forms.office.com/r/5md7fwJPBD>

Week 2 – 25 July – 29 July = <https://forms.office.com/r/cB0hBg1a1b>

Week 3 – 01 Aug – 05 Aug = <https://forms.office.com/r/F8zuWKHsrt>

Week 4 – 08 Aug – 12 Aug = <https://forms.office.com/r/1aR8UPEPWc>

1. What is the programme fee?

Participation is free of charge for candidates who are successful in the application process.

1. Can I change the selected week after the selection process is over?

We are not able to accommodate any changes once the selection process is over so we can only offer you a place in the week which you selected during the application process.

1. Which countries are part of the programme?

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

1. How will I know how to use the Online Teacher Community platform?

You will have access to guidance documents with user guides, recorded tutorials and you will be invited to a briefing session about the programme on Thursday before the start of the programme.

1. Who are the trainers delivering the programme?

Trainers and moderators are ELT specialists with rich experience from different countries.

1. Who can support with any technical questions which I might have?

There is a Help button on the Online Teacher Community platform which you can use in case of any problems.

1. Can I apply if I don’t have an active email address?

No, you cannot. You **\*must\*** have an active email address in order to be able to participate. Please, make sure to regularly check your email as we will exclusively communicate with you via your email and all announcements about the selection process, start times, technical guidance, etc will be shared with you via email.

\*Please, note\* that it is extremely important to provide a \*correct\* email address - in case of any incorrect email addresses provided, we will select another candidate for participation.

1. Will the programme be delivered in English?

Yes, all interactions in the programme will be done in English. Our aim is to give you an opportunity to actively engage in these sessions and further develop your English language skills and develop a wider understanding of how to effectively introduce topics related to the UK culture in your ELT classrooms.

1. Do I have to actively participate in forums?

Yes, we encourage you to actively participate and exchange your ideas and opinions with other teachers in your groups.

1. Will groups include teachers from my country only or will it be an international group?

Your group will include teachers from several countries so it will be an international group.

1. Will teachers be given any home tasks to complete every day?

Each day in the week in which you are joining the summer school you will have to join live sessions / webinars. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday you will have one 90-min webinar and one 60-min live speaking club session and on Tuesday and Thursday you will only have one 60-min live speaking club session.

In addition to that, you will be asked to join forum discussions in which you can write your comments / replies to questions in the discussion which will be related to the content covered in these live sessions and which will help you share your ideas, questions, challenges and advice with other teachers and also learn from them.

Apart from that, there will be no other tasks.