



Living in the UK

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This programme can be offered as a Couple or Family briefing.

Objectives

- Smooth adjustment of the family avoiding excessive or protracted culture shock
- Increase awareness of the family's own values and how these compare with those of the British
- Increase awareness of the problems that arise in communicating with people and the steps to take to avoid misunderstandings

Topics covered:

The sample course contents provided below is only a guide and will be adapted for precise needs and course duration. Some of these aspects will be covered in more depth than others (depending on whether children are present at the briefing). During the day, if possible, we like to use a variety of media including video tapes, taped radio programmes, newspapers and business articles.

Part 1: An Introduction to the UK

Symbols	The Union Flag & other flags in Britain, National anthem, National flower
History	A brief outline of British history, the effect of history on present day architecture, landscape, and way of life
Geography	Land, Climate, Resources, demographic information, transport system, flora and fauna
The Regions	Wales, Scotland, Ireland, North & South, English regions
People	British 'identity', family life, class structure, male/female relationships, friendships, social welfare, customs
Religion	Church of England, Roman Catholicism, Presbyterianism, Methodism, Judaism, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists
Education	General approach, School system – State & Private, Colleges and University, Vocational training



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Part 2: United Kingdom: An Economic Perspective

Economics Principal industries, Standard of living, banking system, opening bank accounts

Politics & Government System of government, Political parties, Current political figures, Police system, Military

Careers Applying for a job, the interview process and British workplace

Part 3: United Kingdom: Our Place in the World

Multicultural Britain History of immigration, the main ethnic groupings, Past & current attitudes to ethnic Britons

How the British see the world Our European neighbours, other nationalities & cultures

Language Common expressions, Accents – class & regional

Part 4: United Kingdom: Rest and Relaxation

Sports & games Football, Rugby, Cricket, other popular sports

Food & drink Popular foodstuffs, restaurants & pubs, supermarkets & food shopping

Arts & Culture The theatre, ballet, opera, art, popular culture – Pop music, TV etc.
media – newspapers, magazines
Popular days out / tourist attractions

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING

We can provide a variety of general language courses for spouses and children. Training is normally undertaken at the home and the course usually includes areas such as:

- the four language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking
- grammar and structure
- setting up home (buying furniture, getting something delivered/repaired etc)
- language for schools, nursery
- using the telephone
- banking,
- health, (at the doctors, at the chemist etc)
- travelling
- leisure (at the hairdresser, sports club, cinema and theatre etc)
- newspapers & media
- culture of the country



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Language Training for Children/Young Learners

This will naturally depend on the age of the children and their entry level in the language. We usually build a programme around giving extra language support for school-work, if required and general 'survival' skills. Areas that can be covered are as follows:

Help with school work:

School vocabulary: registration, break time, assembly, period, exercise book, PE, etc
Writing up science experiments,
Finding the terms for parts of the body,
Work in Religious Instruction,
Humanities,
Some Maths
Methods of vocabulary learning (look, cover, write and check)
Planning of written work using the Web

Social English:

Pop culture
Fashion/Sport
Colloquial language to help to make friends, understand TV and Radio
Shopping

It is possible for us to teach young learners together, but only if their age and language level are compatible and if the parents believe they would work well together.

Maximum number of delegates: 14

Cost: 2 units

To register please email our Training Co-ordinator on registrations@thelearningcollaboration.com