

*Welcoming people
to Norwich*



INTEGRATION IS AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO

English+ is a Christian charity supporting asylum seekers, refugees and others isolated by lack of English, to become integrated into Norfolk life. In 2022 there was a growth in newcomers to Norwich needing English lessons and community. We have had to increase and adapt classes, especially at beginner level, to accommodate this.

Our core service is the provision of free English classes in a safe and relaxed environment.

Learning English is the first, vital step in belonging, as are forming friendships and finding support networks. The small groups and informal lessons are a great way to get to know students and also enable staff to help with specific needs clients face as they navigate life in Norwich.

In addition to the English classes we offer a range of other activities from sailing on the Broads, visiting Norwich Museums, Arts and Crafts to Driving Theory lessons. Our new Chat and Play group, supporting mums with pre-schoolers has quickly filled up, forming a lovely community for new mums who can become very isolated. The group gives English lessons for mums and supervised play for their children.

The dedication and enthusiasm from our staff and over 50 fantastic volunteers, never waivers year on year, and I am so privileged to be part of that team. Thank you also to our Trustees for their support and finally a huge thanks to those who were kind enough to donate over this past year.

Rosie Sexton
Charity Director

LEARNING ENGLISH



Free English Classes

5 regular classes a week

All abilities catered for

Classes taught in small groups, delivered by 40+ volunteers

Additional courses helping towards employability and higher education.

In 2022

We offered 322 hours of free English tuition

Reached over 340 students from a total of 55 nationalities with classes and pastoral support.

44 students found voluntary and paid employment

10 Mums and 13 children regularly attended Chat & Play group

Our staff gave over 220 hours of one to one student support

OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY

With the generosity of a local funder we were able to bring the mobile Dentaid unit to Norwich, giving free emergency treatment to asylum seekers and refugees.



Sailing on the Broads - tuition from Nancy Oldfield Trust and transport and support from the Norwich School

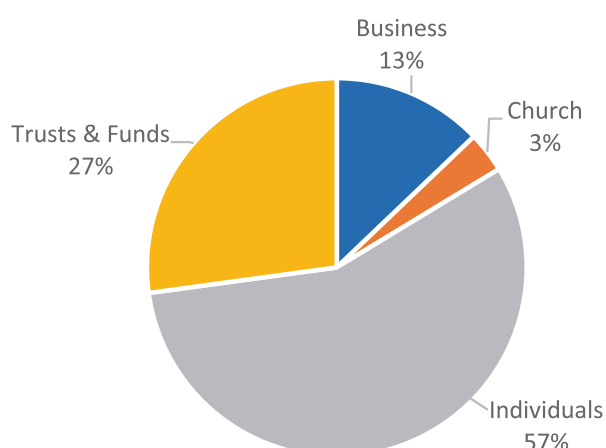


Creating peg dolls from around the world to be exhibited at Strangers Museum

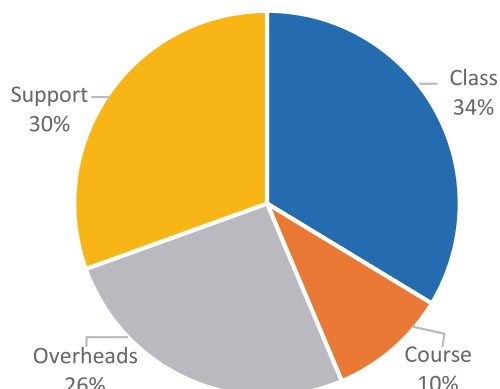


Thanks to Free Cakes for Kids (Norwich) who work with us to provide cakes for children of our students.

Income 2022 - £200k



Expenditure 2022 - £138k



A HUGE THANKS TO

- Our fantastic Volunteers and Trustees
- Our financial supporters, individuals, Trusts and businesses - Big Lottery Community fund, Norwich Freeman's Charity, Norwich Consolidated Charities, Septagon Charity and the Bishop's fund for refugees.
- Our community supporters – Besom, Free Cakes 4 Kids Norwich, Holy Trinity Church, Nancy Oldfield Trust, Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers, Norfolk Museums Service, Norwich Cathedral, Norwich School, Norwich High School, Notre Dame High School, St John's Cathedral, St Thomas Church, Welcome Wheels/ Bicycle Links.
- Our Norwich Integration Partnership partners, Bridge Plus+ and New Routes, and all other networking providers.

FINALLY

Securing ongoing funding for our work continues to be a significant challenge. As well as providing free classes and activities we also operate a hardship fund to support students and their families in times of crisis, such as for buying groceries, household bills, travel, phone data and emergency accommodation. In 2022 the Hardship fund paid out £6.8k.

If you would like to donate please go to englishplus.org.uk/giving