



ESPERANTO IN THE UK

Esperanto-Asocio de Britio (EAB) is the main organisation for speakers of Esperanto in Britain.

EAB provides a number of services to members, including an extensive book shop where you have the opportunity to purchase a wide range of Esperanto literature and learning materials. EAB also operates a [free 12-lesson postal course for beginners](#) where you will be allocated your own tutor to correct your mistakes and provide general guidance. The course can be completed either online or by post depending on personal preference. If you feel you may benefit from it, the first lesson is available to download at www.esperantoeducation.com/freepostal.html

Membership of EAB costs £25 a year, or £20 at the concessionary rate which is applicable to students. As a member you will receive a copy of the association's newsletter, *EAB Update*, on a quarterly basis. This is a great way to stay up-to-date with Esperanto-related news in the UK, and usually includes an article written by JEB which discusses our recent activity. Additionally, you will receive two copies of EAB's other publication, *La Brita Esperantisto*. This magazine is published entirely in Esperanto and the variety of articles and letters it contains can provide good reading practice.

The headquarters of EAB are at Esperanto House in Barlaston, near Stoke-on-Trent, where in addition to an office the association boasts the Butler Library, one of the most extensive collections of Esperanto books in the world. Esperanto House is situated within the grounds of Wedgwood Memorial College, and several times a year Esperantists take over the college for a series of courses and get-togethers.

Annual events typically include:



Ni Festivalu

A theatrical-themed weekend for reasonably fluent speakers of Esperanto which provides participants with the opportunity to learn more about Esperanto-language drama and take part in acting out scenes for themselves.



Diskutrondo

An informal group which meets once or twice a year to discuss current affairs, completely in Esperanto of course.



Course-you-can

A weekend language course for beginners and post-beginners, held concurrently with Ni Festivalu (January) and the Diskutrondo (October) according to demand. CYC is a great way to learn more about the language whilst having the chance to mingle with more experienced speakers. It's worth noting that anyone who has completed the free postal course mentioned above is entitled to a discount on the normal price.

In addition to these annual events at Barlaston, EAB normally holds its AGM during the [British Esperanto Congress \(Brita Kongreso de Esperanto\)](#). This is the highlight of the British Esperanto calendar, a weekend full of Esperanto lectures and activities, held in a different part of the country each year. JEB also tends to hold its AGM during the congress weekend, and invites all members to attend and share their ideas for the future of the organisation. The British Esperanto Congress 2010 will take place in Llandudno in North Wales and promises to be a stimulating weekend in beautiful surroundings.

If you would like to learn more about EAB or British Esperanto in general, the best place to start is their website, www.esperanto-gb.org, where you can access up-to-date information about forthcoming events in the UK, and find links to regional groups and federations. Alternatively, if you have any questions, feel free to contact us in the JEB forums.

All the above links are available at:

www.jeb.org.uk/memberlinks