

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE UK – UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** a founding member. The United Kingdom withdrew from UNESCO on 31 December 1985 and resumed its membership on 1 July 1997.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2015)
 - Representative: Ambassador Mathew Sudders, Permanent Delegate, who is Chair of the FA Commission of the Board since 2011, re-elected in 2013.
 - The UK was previously elected to the Executive Board in 2005, but stepped down after two years in favour of Germany's bid to the Board in 2007.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2017)
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (term expires in 2017)
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere, Vice President (term expires in 2015)
 - Headquarters Committee Bureau Member (term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (Member: Prof. Diana Laurillard)
4. **Your visits to the United Kingdom: 13**
 - 1-2 July 2015: visit to London to participate in the events on the protection of cultural heritage in conflict at Chatham House and a private round-table on the theme "Culture on the Frontline: Protecting Cultural Heritage in Conflict Zones"
 - 22 July 2014: visit to London on the occasion of the Girl Summit 2014
 - 4-5 December 2013: visit to London to make a presentation at the House of Commons before the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the UN, and have bilateral meetings
 - 6 February 2013: visit to London on the occasion of an event at the House of Lords to celebrate AMAR Foundation's anniversary
 - 23 January 2013: visit to London to attend meetings at the Department for International Development (DFID)
 - 22-24 October 2012: visit to London on the occasion of a Conference to mark the United Nations Day
 - 29 June 2012: visit to Durham, to receive an honorary Doctor of Letters from Durham University
 - 29 March 2012: visit to London on the occasion of the High-level Session of the "Planet Under Pressure Conference"
 - 7-10 January 2012: visit to London on the occasion of the Education World Forum
 - 28-29 June 2011: visit to Scotland, to receive a Doctor Honoris Causa Degree from the University of Edinburgh
 - 11-12 April 2011: Conference "Global Governance for the 21st Century: a UNESCO Angle", London
 - 10-11 January 2011: on the occasion of the Education World Forum
 - 4-6 June 2010: London (DFID, Regional Consultation of the National Commission on the 36 C/5), Oxford.
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the United Kingdom: 8**
 - 18-20 August 2008: visit to Scotland

- 12-14 July 2007: visit to London and Wales
- 9 November 2005: press launch of the Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2006 “Literacy for Life”
- 15 June 2005: 60th anniversary of the Philharmonia Orchestra and the Prince of Wales’ 20th anniversary as patron
- 17-19 May 2004: meetings with Lord McIntosh, Minister of Heritage, Professor Sir David King, Chief Scientific Adviser and Head of the Office of Science and Technology, and Mr Suma Chakrabarti, Permanent Secretary and Head of DFID
- 18-19 March 2003: receipt of an Honorary Degree of D. Literature (Education) from the University of London, conferred by the Governing Council of the Institute of Education
- 26 March 2002: private dinner and concert at Buckingham Palace on the occasion of Maestro Rostropovich’s 75th birthday
- 5-7 February 2001: official visit to the United Kingdom

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Mathew Sudders (since 12 February 2010)
- Staff: Mrs Hilary J. Izon, Third Secretary; Mrs Ceri Edmonds, Attaché
- Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Peter Landymore (from January 2007 to January 2010); H.E. Mr Timothy Craddock (from September 2003 to December 2006).

7. UNESCO Office: none

8. United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO:

- Chairperson: Mr Tim Williams (since April 2014)
- Vice-Chairpersons: Mr Gary Brace and Dr Beth Taylor (since December 2013)
- Head of Secretariat/Secretary-General: Mr James Bridge (since July 2011)
- Finance and Office Manager: Ms Andrea Blick.

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:

- Mr Gordon Brown, UN Special Envoy for Global Education (since 13 July 2012)
- Mr David Cameron, Co-Chair of the UNSG’s High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post 2015 Development Agenda (since 31 July 2012)
- Prof. Nasser D. Khalili, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador
- Ms Lauren Child (children’s book author and illustrator), UNESCO Artist for Peace
- Ms Shirley Bassey (singer), UNESCO Artist for Peace
- World Orchestra for Peace (based in the UK and comprised of musicians from more than 40 countries), UNESCO Artist for Peace
- Ms Sarah Brightman (global recording artist), UNESCO Artist for Peace
- Professor Pratibha Gai (University of York), laureate of the 15^h annual L’Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2013)
- Prof. Frances Ashcroft (Royal Society Research Professor, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics, Oxford University), laureate of the 14th annual L’Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2012)
- Dr John Curtis, Member of the International Coordination Committee for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of Iraq
- Ms Fiona Caldicott, member of the Council of the United Nations University (term 2010-2016)
- Ms Karen Armstrong, member of the High Level Group of the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- Prof. Diana Laurillard, member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education (IITE)
- Sir Partha Dasgupta, member of the UNESCO High Panel on Science and Technology for Development.

10. UNESCO Chairs: 14 Chairs and 3 UNITWIN Networks

- UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Engineering (1998), City University of London, London
- UNESCO Chair in Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy (1999), University of Ulster, Colerain
- UNESCO Chair in Higher Education Management (2000), University of Bath, Bath
- UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Studies and Teacher Education (2000), University of London
- UNESCO Chair in Political Economy of Education (2005), University of Nottingham
- UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Technology for Development (2007), University of London
- UNESCO Chair in HIV/AIDS, Education and Health Security in Africa (2007), University of Wales, Aberystwyth
- UNESCO Chair in Gender Research (2008), University of Lancaster
- UNESCO Chair in African Peace and Conflict Studies (2008), University of Bradford
- UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Mountain Development (2009), UHI Millennium Institute
- UNESCO Chair in the Development of a Sustainable Geo-environment (2009), Cardiff University
- UNESCO Chair in International Development (2009), University of Edinburgh
- UNESCO Chair in New Media Forms of the Book (2012), University of Bedfordshire
- UNESCO Chair on Archaeological Ethics and Practice in Cultural Heritage (2014), Durham University
- UNITWIN Cooperation Programme in Marine Biology and Sustainable Development For East Africa (2009), Bangor University and the University of Dar-Es-Salaam
- UNITWIN Cooperation Programme on Global Pharmacy Education Development (2010), School of Pharmacy, University of London and the International Pharmaceutical Federation
- UNITWIN Cooperation Programme in Humanitarian Engineering (1072), established in 2014 at Coventry University

11. Associated Schools: 91 institutions (3 nursery and pre-schools, 31 primary, 6 primary and secondary, 45 secondary schools, and 4 teacher-training institutions, and 2 vocational/technical institution). The UK joined the ASP Network in 1953, left and re-joined it in 2005.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:

- International IHP-HELP Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science (University of Dundee, Scotland)

13. UNESCO Clubs: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: 5

- Beinn Eighe (1976)
- Braunton Burrows-North Devon (1976, extension 2002)
- Biosffer Dyfi (1977)
- Galloway and southern Ayrshire Biosphere (2012)
- Brighton and Lewes Downs (2014)

15. World Heritage Sites: 29 (24 cultural, 4 natural, and 1 mixed)

Cultural sites

- Old and New Towns of Edinburgh (1995)
- Heart of Neolithic Orkney (1999)
- New Lanark (2001)
- Frontiers of the Roman Empire (1987, extension in 2005, 2008), jointly with Germany
- Durham Castle and Cathedral (1986)

- Ironbridge Gorge (1986)
- Studley Royal Park, including the Ruins of Fountains Abbey (1986)
- Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites (1986)
- Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd (1986)
- Blenheim Palace (1987)
- City of Bath (1987)
- Westminster Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Saint Margaret's Church (1987)
- Tower of London (1988)
- Canterbury Cathedral, St. Augustine's Abbey and St. Martin's Church (1988)
- Maritime Greenwich (1997)
- Historic Town of St George and Related Fortifications, Bermuda (2000)
- Blaenavon Industrial Landscape (2000)
- Derwent Valley Mills (2001)
- Saltaire (2001)
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (2003)
- Liverpool - Maritime Mercantile City (2004) – placed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in June 2012
- Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape (2006)
- Pontcysyllte Aquaduct and Canal (2009)
- The Forth Bridge (2015)

Natural Sites

- Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast (1986)
- Henderson Island (1988)
- Gough and Inaccessible Islands (1995)
- Dorset and Devon Coast (2001)

Mixed Site

- St. Kilda (1986, extension in 2004, 2005)

16. Tentative List: 13 properties

- Chatham Dockyard and its Defences (2012)
- Creswell Crags (2012)
- Darwin's Landscape Laboratory (2012)
- England's Lake District (2012)
- Gorham's Cave Complex (2012)
- Island of St Helena (2012)
- Jodrell Bank Observatory (2012)
- Mousa, Old Scatness and Jarlshof: the Zenith of Iron Age Shetland (2012)
- Slate Industry of North Wales (2012)
- Flow Country (2012)
- The Twin Monastery of Wearmouth Jarrow (2012)
- Turks and Caicos Islands (2012)
- Great Spas of Europe (2014)

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements

18. Memory of the World Register: 13 inscriptions

- The Battle of the Somme (2005)
- The Appeal of 18 June 1940 (2005), jointly with France
- Hereford Mappa Mundi (2007)

- Registry of slaves of the British Caribbean (2009), jointly with Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St Kitts, and Trinidad and Tobago
- Magna Carta issued in 1215 (2009)
- Dutch West India Company (Westindische Compagnie) Archives, jointly with the Netherlands, Brazil, Ghana, Guyana, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, United States (2011)
- Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal, jointly with Barbados, Jamaica, Panama, Saint Lucia, United States (2011)
- Historic Ethnographic Recordings (1898–1951) at the British Library (2011)
- Arthur Bernard Deacon (1903-27) collection MS 90-98 (2013)
- Manuscript Collection of Shota Rustaveli’s Poem “Knight in the Panther’s Skin” (2013)
- Membership Application Certificates (Candidates Circulars) (2013)
- Autograph First World War Diary of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, 1914-1919 (2015)
- The Churchill Papers (2015)

19. Creative Cities Network: 6 cities

- Norwich, UNESCO City of Literature (2012)
- Edinburgh, UNESCO City of Literature (2004)
- Glasgow, UNESCO City of Music (2008)
- Bradford, UNESCO City of Film (2009)
- Dundee, UNESCO City of Design (2014)
- York, UNESCO City of Media Arts (2014)

20. Legal instruments: 24 ratified and 16 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (7 December 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (25 April 2006)

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated for 2014-2015: none.

22. Participation Programme: no requests submitted since 2004

23. Fellowships: no requests

24. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US dollars):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	3,641,249	410,358	323,416	256,307	1,751,104	1,223,597

25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2014-2015: 5.179%
- Contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 33,818,870

26. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented (min. 12, max. 21)

Current number of Professional staff from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on Geographical Posts: 16

- 14 professional staff at headquarters in geographical posts
- 2 professional staff in the field in geographical posts.