

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 2019).
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2021)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2021)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires in 2021)
 - Special Committee of the Executive Board (term expires in 2019)
 - Headquarters Committee (term expires in 2019)
 - Legal Committee (term expires in 2019)
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission;
 - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning; Chairperson: Mr Nicholas Burnett
4. **The Director-General's visits to the United Kingdom:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to the United Kingdom:** 19
 - 25 October 2017: visit to the King's College London, to attend a ceremony and receive an Honorary Degree
 - 27 March 2017: visit to Oxford to participate in the promotional event of UNESCO's collection "The Different Aspects of Islamic Culture" at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies
 - 30 November-1 December 2016 (Edinburgh/London): MacCormick European Lecture 2016 at the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) and receipt of the Duke of Edinburgh Conservation Award 2016 from WWF in London
 - 3-4 February 2016 (London): lecture on "Culture under Attack – responding to violent extremism" at the Department of War Studies at King's College London and to attend the "Supporting Syria and the Region" conference, convened by Norway and co-hosted by the United Kingdom, Germany, Kuwait and the United Nations
 - 27 October 2015: forum for New Diplomacy on "The Protection of Cultural Heritage in Times of Conflict: Challenges and Threats", hosted by the Ismaili Centre in London
 - 1-2 July 2015 (London): 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: Girl Summit 2014
 - 1-2 July 2014: visit to London, on the occasion of the discussion "Why the world needs compassion today" at the Royal Opera House
 - 4-5 December 2013 (London): presentation at the House of Commons before the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the UN and bilateral meetings
 - 6 February 2013 (London): event at the House of Lords to celebrate AMAR Foundation's anniversary
 - 23 January 2013 (London): meetings at the Department for International Development (DFID)
 - 22-24 October 2012 (London): Conference to marking the United Nations Day
 - 29 June 2012 (Durham): receipt of an honorary Doctor of Letters from Durham University
 - 29 March 2012 (London): High-level Session of the "Planet Under Pressure Conference"

- 7-10 January 2012 (London): Education World Forum
- 28-29 June 2011 (Scotland): receipt of a Doctor Honoris Causa Degree from the University of Edinburgh
- 11-12 April 2011 (London): Conference “Global Governance for the 21st Century: a UNESCO Angle”
- 10-11 January 2011: Education World Forum
- 4-6 June 2010 (London/Oxford): DFID, Regional Consultation of the National Commission on the 36 C/5

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Matthew Lodge (since 12 September 2017)
- Staff: Mrs Charlotte Hine-Haycock, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Maxim Polya-Vitry, Second Secretary
- Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Mathew Sudders (from February 2010 to November 2016)

7. UNESCO Office: none

8. United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO:

- Chairperson: Dr Beth Taylor Williams (since October 2016)
- Vice-Chairperson: Mr Gary Brace (since December 2013)
- Secretary-General: Mr James Bridge (since July 2011)

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:

- Mr Gordon Brown, UN Special Envoy for Global Education (since 2012)
- Ms Christiane Amanpour, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2015)
- Prof. Nasser D. Khalili, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2012)
- Ms Sarah Brightman, global recording artist, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2012)
- Ms Lauren Child, children’s book author and illustrator, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2008)
- Ms Shirley Bassey, singer, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2004)
- World Orchestra for Peace, based in the UK and comprised of musicians from more than 40 countries, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2010)
- Professor Pratibha Gai, University of York, laureate of the 15th annual L’Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2013)

10. UNESCO Chairs: 20 Chairs and 2 UNITWIN Networks

- UNESCO Chair on cultural property protection and peace (2016), University of Newcastle upon Tyne
- UNESCO Chair on Water Science (2016), University of Birmingham
- UNESCO Chair on Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts (2016), University of Glasgow
- UNESCO Chair on Globalizing a Shared Education Model for Improving Relations in Divided Societies (2016), Queen’s University Belfast
- UNESCO Chair on Analytics and Data Science (2016), The University of Essex
- UNESCO Chair on Adult literacy and learning for social transformation (2016), University of East Anglia, Norwich
- UNESCO Chair on Archaeological Ethics and Practice in Cultural Heritage (2014), Durham University
- UNESCO Chair in New Media Forms of the Book (2012), University of Bedfordshire
- UNESCO Chair in International Development (2009), University of Edinburgh
- UNESCO Chair in the Development of a Sustainable Geo-environment (2009), Cardiff University

- UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Mountain Development (2009), Perth College, University of the Highlands and Islands
- UNESCO Chair in African Peace and Conflict Studies (2008), University of Bradford
- UNESCO Chair in Gender Research (2008), University of Lancaster
- 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), Aberystwyth University
- UNESCO Chair in Political Economy of Education (2005), University of Nottingham
- UNESCO Chair in Higher Education Management (2000), University of Bath
- UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Studies and Teacher Education (2000), University of London
- UNESCO Chair in Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy (1999), University of Ulster, Colerain
- UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Engineering (1998), City University of London
- UNITWIN Cooperation Programme in Humanitarian Engineering (2014), Coventry University
- UNITWIN Cooperation Programme on Global Pharmacy Education Development (2010), The School of Pharmacy, University of London and The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)

11. Associated Schools: 101 institutions (3 pre-primary, 31 primary, 7 primary/secondary, 45 secondary, 4 teacher training institutions, 2 vocational and technical institutions and 9 others). The UK joined the ASP Network in 1953, left and re-joined it in 2005.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

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

13. UNESCO Clubs: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: 6

- Wester Ross (1976, former Beinn Eighe, renamed and extended in 2016)
- Isle of Man (2016)
- Brighton and Lewes Downs (2014)
- Galloway and southern Ayrshire Biosphere, formerly Cairnmore of Fleet and Silver Flowe Merrick Kells (2012)
- Biosffer Dyfi (1977)
- Braunton Burrows-North Devon (1976, extended in 2002)

15. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 7

- North Pennines A.O.N.B. Global Geopark
- North-West Highlands Global Geopark
- Forest Fawr Global Geopark
- English Riviera Global Geopark
- Geo Môn Global Geopark
- Shetland Global Geopark
- Marble Arch Caves Transnational Global Geopark (transnational with Ireland)

16. World Heritage Sites: 31 (26 cultural, 4 natural, and 1 mixed)

Cultural sites

- The English Lake District (2017)

- Gorham's Cave Complex (2016)
- The Forth Bridge (2015)
- Pontcysyllte Aquaduct and Canal (2009)
- Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape (2006)
- Liverpool - Maritime Mercantile City (2004), placed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in June 2012
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (2003)
- Derwent Valley Mills (2001)
- Saltaire (2001)
- New Lanark (2001)
- Historic Town of St George and Related Fortifications, Bermuda (2000)
- Blaenavon Industrial Landscape (2000)
- Heart of Neolithic Orkney (1999)
- Maritime Greenwich (1997)
- Old and New Towns of Edinburgh (1995)
- Tower of London (1988)
- Canterbury Cathedral, St. Augustine's Abbey and St. Martin's Church (1988)
- Frontiers of the Roman Empire (1987, extension in 2005, 2008), jointly with Germany
- Blenheim Palace (1987)
- City of Bath (1987)
- Westminster Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Saint Margaret's Church (1987)
- 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)

Natural Sites

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

Mixed Site

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

17. Tentative List: 11 properties

- Great Spas of Europe (2014)
- Chatham Dockyard and its Defences (2012)
- Creswell Crags (2012)
- Darwin's Landscape Laboratory (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)

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements

19. Memory of the World Register: 23 inscriptions

- An African Song or Chant from Barbados (2017), jointly with Barbados
- Panji Tales Manuscripts, (2017), jointly with Indonesia, Cambodia, The Netherlands and Malaysia
- The Orwell Papers (2017)
- The “Shakespeare” Documents, a documentary trail of the life of William Shakespeare (2017), jointly with the United States of America
- Gospels of Tsar Ivan Alexander (2017)
- Philosophical Nachlass of Ludwig Wittgenstein (2017), jointly with Austria, Canada and the Netherlands
- The Gertrude Bell Archives (2017)
- The West India Committee Collection (2016)
- The Scientific and Mathematical Papers of Sir Isaac Newton (2015 and 2017), jointly with Israel
- Autograph First World War Diary of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, 1914-1919 (2015)
- The Churchill Papers (2015)
- The Golden Letter of the Burmese King Alaungphaya to King George II of Great Britain (2015)
- 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)
- Dutch West India Company (Westindische Compagnie) Archives (2011), jointly with the Brazil, Ghana, Guyana, the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, the United States
- Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal (2011), jointly with Barbados, Jamaica, Panama, Saint Lucia, the United States
- Historic Ethnographic Recordings (1898–1951) at the British Library (2011)
- Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean (2009), jointly with the Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St Kitts, Tobago, Trinidad
- Magna Carta issued in 1215 (2009)
- Hereford Mappa Mundi (2007)
- The Battle of the Somme (2005)
- The Appeal of 18 June 1940 (2005), jointly with France

20. Creative Cities Network: 10 cities

- Bristol, a UNESCO City of Film (2017)
- Manchester, a UNESCO City of Music (2017)
- Nottingham, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature (2015)
- Liverpool, a UNESCO Creative City of Music (2015)
- Dundee, a UNESCO Creative City of Design (2014)
- York, a UNESCO Creative City of Media Arts (2014)
- Norwich, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature (2012)
- Bradford, a UNESCO Creative City of Film (2009)
- Glasgow, a UNESCO Creative City of Music (2008)
- Edinburgh, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature (2004)

21. Legal instruments: 27 ratified and 13 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 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention: ratification (12 September 2017)
- 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)

22. **Anniversaries UNESCO is associated with for 2018-2019:** none

23. **Participation Programme:** no requests submitted since 2004

24. **Fellowships:** no requests

25. **NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:**

With Associate status:

- Amnesty International - AI -1995
- Association Of Commonwealth Universities -ACU -1967
- Global Variome - 2011
- Pen International - PEN -1948

With Consultative status:

- Academia Europaea -AE (1992)
- Associated Country Women Of The World - ACWW
- Cism International -CISV (1965)
- Forest Peoples Programme -FPP (2012)
- Hostelling International (International Youth Hostel Federation) -HI (1948)
- Inclusion International -II (1965)
- International Amateur Theatre Association -IATA
- International Association Of Hydrogeologists -IAH (2011)
- International Federation Of Actors -IFA (1975)
- International Federation Of Television Archives -IFTA (1986)
- International Federation Of The Periodical Press -FIPP (1962)
- International Humanist And Ethical Union -IHEU
- International Planned Parenthood Federation -IPPF (1976)
- International Police Association -IPA (2009)
- International Seismological Centre -ISC (1979)
- Leonard Cheshire Disability -LCD (2015)
- Save The Children International -SCI (2011)
- Soroptimist International
- United Bible Societies -UBS (2011)
- West India Committee -WIC (2016)
- World Association Of Girl Guides And Girl Scouts -WAGGGS (1961)
- World Energy Council -WEC (1952)
- World Ort (Ex: World Ort Union) –ORT (2003)

Foundations and similar institutions:

- Amar International Charitable Foundation -AMAR (1991)

26. **Payment of assessed membership fees:** paid for 2017

- Assessment rate for 2018: 4.463%
- Contributions assessed for 2018: US\$ 14,571,695

27. **Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US dollars):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	1,608,222	2,741,206	3,641,249	410,358	323,416	256,307	1,751,104

28. **Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented, with 17 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 11, max. 18)

- 16 international professional staff at Headquarters:
- 1 international professional staff in the field: