

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND: KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** founding member, 4 November 1946 (withdrew on 31 December 1985 and returned on 1 July 1997)
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term 2014-2019)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions** (by year of end of term):
 - 2021: Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) (Vice-Chairperson: Mr Alan Jenkins)
 - 2021: Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)
 - 2021: Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC)
 - 2021: Legal Committee (member from the beginning of the 40th session of the General Conference until the beginning of the 41st session)
 - Permanent Membership: Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC Executive Council Member State)
4. **The Director-General's visits: 2**
 - 2019: London, participation in the Global Conference on Media Freedom, hosted by the UK and Canada on 10-11 July
 - 2018: London, participation in the CEB session on 3-4 May and bilateral meeting with Lord Bates, Minister of State for International Development
5. **The former Director-General's visits:** 19 (1 in 2010, 3 in 2011, 4 visits in 2012, 3 visits in 2013, 2 in 2017, 2016, and 2015)
6. **Permanent Delegation:**
 - Permanent Delegate: Ambassador Matthew Lodge (since 12 September 2017)
 - Deputy Permanent Delegate: Mr Maxim Polya-Vitry
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: Ambassador Mathew Sudders (2010-2016)
7. **National Commission:**
 - Chairperson: Mr Colin McInnes (since April 2019)
 - Vice-Chairperson: Mr Kiran Fernandes (since January 2018)
 - Secretary-General: Mr James Bridge (since October 2011)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: 6**
 - Ms Christiane Amanpour, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (since 2015, renewed until July 2022)
 - Ms Sarah Brightman, UNESCO Artist for Peace (since 2012, renewed until July 2022)
 - Mr Nasser D. Khalili, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (since 2012, renewed until July 2022)
 - World Orchestra for Peace (Director Mr Charles Kaye), UNESCO Artists for Peace (since 2010, renewed until July 2022)
 - Ms Lauren Child, UNESCO Artist for Peace (since 2008, renewed until July 2022)
 - Ms Shirley Bassey, UNESCO Artist for Peace (since 2000)
9. **UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks:** 21 Chairs and 2 Networks
UNESCO Chairs:
 - 2019: Chair on Inclusive and Quality Education for All, University of Bristol

- 2019: Chair on Responsible Foresight for Sustainable Development, University of Lincoln
- 2019: Chair on Artificial Intelligence, University College London
- 2018: Chair on Geoscience and Society, University of Plymouth
- 2018: Chair on Media Freedom, Journalism Safety and the Issue of Impunity, University of Sheffield
- 2016: Chair on cultural property protection and peace, University of Newcastle upon Tyne
- 2016: Chair on Water Science, University of Birmingham
- 2016: Chair on Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts, University of Glasgow
- 2016: Chair on Globalizing a Shared Education Model for Improving Relations in Divided Societies, Queen's University Belfast
- 2016: Chair on Analytics and Data Science, The University of Essex
- 2016: Chair on Adult literacy and learning for social transformation, University of East Anglia, Norwich
- 2014: Chair on Archaeological Ethics and Practice in Cultural Heritage, Durham University
- 2012: Chair in New Media Forms of the Book, University of Bedfordshire
- 2009: Chair in International Development, University of Edinburgh
- 2009: Chair in the Development of a Sustainable Geo-environment, Cardiff University
- 2007: Chair in Information and Communication Technology for Development, University of London
- 2005: Chair in International Education and Development, University of Nottingham
- 2000: Chair in Higher Education Management, University of Bath
- 2000: Chair in Intercultural Studies and Teacher Education, University of London
- 1999: Chair in Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy, University of Ulster
- 1998: Chair in Information and Communication Engineering, City University of London

UNITWIN Networks:

- 2012: UNITWIN Network for Underwater Archaeology (997), established in 2012, coordinated by University of Southampton
- 2010: UNITWIN Cooperation Programme on Global Pharmacy Education Development, University of London and The International Pharmaceutical Federation

10. Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet): 103 institutions

- 3 pre-primary, 32 primary, 7 primary/secondary, 45 secondary, 4 teacher training institutions, 2 vocational and technical institutions and 10 others
- Joined the ASP Network in 1953, left and re-joined in 2005

11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

- Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science (IHP-HELP), at the University of Dundee in Scotland (agreement renewed in 2020)

12. Biosphere Reserves: 7

- 2019: Isle of Wight
- 2016: Isle of Man
- 2014: Brighton and Lewes Downs
- 2012: Galloway and southern Ayrshire
- 1977: Biosffer Dyfi (extended in 2009)
- 1976: Braunton Burrows-North Devon (extended in 2002)
- 1976: Wester Ross (extended in 2016)

13. Global Geoparks: 8

- 2020: The Black Country
- 2015: North Pennines
- 2015: North-West Highlands
- 2015: Fforest Fawr

- 2015: English Riviera
- 2015: GeoMôn
- 2015: Shetland
- 2015: Marble Arch Caves (transboundary with Ireland)

14. World Heritage Sites: 32 (27 cultural, 4 natural, and 1 mixed)

Cultural:

- 2019: Jodrell Bank Observatory
- 2017: The English Lake District
- 2016: Gorham's Cave Complex
- 2015: The Forth Bridge
- 2009: Pontcysyllte Aquaduct and Canal
- 2006: Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape
- 2004: Liverpool - Maritime Mercantile City (on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2012)
- 2003: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
- 2001: Derwent Valley Mills
- 2001: Saltaire
- 2001: New Lanark
- 2000: Historic Town of St George and Related Fortifications, Bermuda
- 2000: Blaenavon Industrial Landscape
- 1999: Heart of Neolithic Orkney
- 1997: Maritime Greenwich
- 1995: Old and New Towns of Edinburgh
- 1998: Tower of London
- 1988: Canterbury Cathedral, St. Augustine's Abbey, and St. Martin's Church
- 1987: Frontiers of the Roman Empire (extensions in 2005 and 2008), jointly with Germany
- 1987: Blenheim Palace
- 1987: City of Bath
- 1987: Palace of Westminster and Westminster Abbey, including Saint Margaret's Church
- 1986: 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

Natural:

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

Mixed:

- 1986: St. Kilda (extension in 2004 and 2005)

15. Tentative List: 10 properties

- 2014: Great Spas of Europe
- 2012: Chatham Dockyard and its Defences
- 2012: Creswell Crags
- 2012: Darwin's Landscape Laboratory
- 2012: Island of St Helena
- 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

16. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements

17. Memory of the World Register: 23 inscriptions

- 2017: The Scientific and Mathematical Papers of Sir Isaac Newton (jointly with Israel) ("The Scientific and Mathematical Papers of Sir Isaac Newton" were recommended as an addition to "The Papers of Sir Isaac Newton" inscribed in the Memory of the World Register in 2015)
- 2017: An African Song or Chant from Barbados (jointly with Barbados)
- 2017: Panji Tales Manuscripts (jointly with Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Netherlands)
- 2017: The Orwell Papers
- 2017: The "Shakespeare Documents", a documentary trail of the life of William Shakespeare (jointly with United States of America)
- 2017: Gospels of Tsar Ivan Alexander (jointly with Bulgaria)
- 2017: Philosophical Nachlass of Ludwig Wittgenstein (jointly with Austria, Canada and Netherlands)
- 2017: The Gertrude Bell Archives
- 2016: The West India Committee Collection (jointly with Jamaica and Antigua and Barbuda; and two UNESCO Associate Members: Anguilla and Montserrat)
- 2015: 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 (jointly with Germany and Myanmar)
- 2013: Arthur Bernard Deacon (1903-27) collection MS 90-98 (jointly with Vanuatu)
- 2013: Manuscript Collection of Shota Rustaveli's Poem "Knight in the Panther's Skin" (jointly with Georgia)
- 2013: Membership Application Certificates (Candidates Circulars)
- 2011: Dutch West India Company (Westindische Compagnie) Archives (jointly with Netherlands, Brazil, Ghana, Guyana, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname and United States of America)
- 2011: Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal (jointly with Barbados, Jamaica, Panama, Saint Lucia and the United States of America)
- 2011: Historic Ethnographic Recordings (1898–1951) at the British Library
- 2009: Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean 1917-1834 (jointly with Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago)
- 2009: Magna Carta issued in 1215
- 2007: Hereford Mappa Mundi
- 2005: The Battle of the Somme
- 2005: The Appeal of 18 June 1940 (jointly with France)

18. Creative Cities Network: 11 cities

- 2019: Exeter, City of Literature
- 2017: Bristol, City of Film
- 2017: Manchester, City of Literature
- 2015: Nottingham, City of Literature
- 2015: Liverpool, City of Music
- 2014: Dundee, City of Design
- 2014: York, City of Media Arts
- 2012: Norwich, City of Literature
- 2009: Bradford, City of Film
- 2008: Glasgow, City of Music
- 2004: Edinburgh, City of Literature

19. UNESCO's legal instruments: 27 ratified and 13 non-ratified

<i>Date of deposit</i>	<i>Ratified Conventions</i>	<i>Type of deposit</i>
12/09/2017	Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	Ratification
12/09/2017	Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954.	Accession
12/09/2017	Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999.	Accession
07/12/2007	Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005.	Ratification
25/04/2006	International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005.	Ratification
23/05/2003	Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997.	Ratification
01/08/2002	*Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970.	Acceptance
27/06/1990	Protocol to amend articles 6 and 7 of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Regina, Canada, 28 May 1987.	Ratification
22/10/1985	Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region. Paris, 21 December 1979.	Ratification
29/05/1984	Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972.	Ratification
19/04/1984	Protocol to amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Paris, 3 December 1982.	Ratification
09/06/1982	Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976.	Ratification
05/01/1976	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971.	Ratification
05/12/1972	Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971.	Ratification
19/05/1972	Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971.	Ratification
19/05/1972	Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to work of stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971.	Ratification
19/05/1972	Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971.	Ratification
08/01/1964	Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962.	Acceptance
30/10/1963	International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961.	Ratification
14/03/1962	Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960.	Acceptance
01/06/1961	Convention concerning the International Exchange of Publications. Paris, 3 December 1958.	Acceptance
01/06/1961	Convention concerning the Exchange of Official Publications and Government Documents between States. Paris, 3 December 1958.	Acceptance
27/06/1957	Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	Ratification
27/06/1957	Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	Ratification
27/06/1957	Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	Ratification

27/06/1957	Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952.	Ratification
11/03/1954	Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950.	Ratification

Non-Ratified Conventions:

- Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural character with Protocol of Signature and model form of certificate provided for in Article IV of the above-mentioned Agreement. Beirut, 10 December 1948.
- Convention on Technical and Vocational Education. Paris, 10 November 1989.
- Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas, and Degrees in Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific. Bangkok, 16 December 1983.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico City, 19 July 1974.
- International Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States bordering on the Mediterranean. Nice, 17 December 1976.
- Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in the African States. Arusha, 5 December 1981.
- Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab States. Paris, 22 December 1978.
- Multilateral Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation of Copyright Royalties, with model bilateral agreement and additional Protocol. Madrid, 13 December 1979.
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001.
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003.
- Revised Asia-Pacific Regional Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education. Tokyo, 26 November 2011
- Revised Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Other Academic Qualifications in Higher Education in African States. Addis Ababa, 12 December 2014

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated with for 2020-2021: none

21. Non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO: 28

Associate status: 4

- 2011: Global Variome
- 1995: Amnesty International
- 1967: Association of Commonwealth Universities
- 1948: Pen International

Consultative status: 23

- 2016: West India Committee
- 2015: Leonard Cheshire Disability
- 2012: Forest Peoples Programme
- 2011: Save the Children International
- 2011: United Bible Societies
- 2011: International Association of Hydrogeologists
- 2009: International Police Association
- 2003: World Ort
- 1992: Academia Europaea
- 1986: International Federation of Television Archives
- 1979: International Seismological Centre
- 1976: International Planned Parenthood Federation

- 1975: International Federation of Actors
- 1965: Civv International
- 1965: Inclusion International
- 1962: International Federation of the Periodical Press
- 1961: World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
- 1952: World Energy Council
- 1948: Hostelling International (International Youth Hostel Federation)
- International Amateur Theatre Association
- International Humanist and Ethical Union
- Soroptimist International
- Associated Country Women of the World

Foundations and similar institutions: 1

- 1991: Amar International Charitable Foundation

22. Participation Programme: no requests submitted since 2010

23. UNESCO Fellowships Programme: no fellowships awarded since 2010

24. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2021: not paid

- Assessment rate: 5.894%
- Contributions assessed: US\$ 15,431,877

25. Voluntary contributions (in US\$):

Year	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total	3,947,699	3,036,074	841,526	1,608,222	2,741,206	3,641,249	410,358

26. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented (min. 14, max. 23) with 17 professional staff in geographical posts (as of Jan. 2021)