

Teaching and Learning in Difficult Times

Krakow, Poland

02-04 February 2023 and **06-08 February 2023**

Introduction

The impact of the war on education, following years of disruption as a result of Covid, is enormous for both teachers and learners. The role of English language for displaced people is important, as this is how we support English teachers through professional development and digital offers. The teachers of other European countries such as Poland, Romania etc. are facing a challenge of creating safer spaces for those displaced Ukrainian learners who have joined their classrooms. On the other hand, being scattered across the country, teachers in Ukraine demonstrate a high commitment to maintain links with their learners both in Ukraine and outside. The British Council in Ukraine has come with an initiative to support refugee teachers and those who work with refugee learners by offering a teacher development face-to-face course based on the British Council [Language for Resilience](#) expertise.

What it is about

Teaching and Learning in Difficult Times is our aspiration to stand for educators by responding to immediate needs in practical approaches to teaching in challenging times. The three-day teacher training course aims to help teachers identify the inherent teaching and learning difficulties that appear in conflict areas and explore ways in which teachers support learners. The course objective is to strengthen teachers' resilience by enriching their teaching practice with effective strategies and techniques. The course focuses on creating a trauma-sensitive learning environment, managing challenging behaviours and making classrooms safer space for learners. The course discussions are built on examples of English language teaching.

Who

The target audience is refugee teachers of English and those in Ukraine or their counterparts who work with displaced learners.

How it works

In cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, teachers of English are brought outside Ukraine in a safe environment to take a three-day training course. The teachers of English from Poland are welcome to join and share their experience of working with Ukrainian refugee learners. The course is conducted by the cohort of experienced British Council trainers and three key expert speakers from [UK](#), Romania, and Ukraine.

When and Where

The course will be conducted twice in February 2023. It is scheduled for **02-04 February 2023** and **06-08 February 2023**. The training venue is Premier Kraków Hotel at ul. Opolska 14a, 31-323 Kraków, Poland.

How to apply

The British Council Ukraine is happy to offer places on the course to teachers in Poland who work with Ukrainian refugee learners. We will cover meals, a training package and travel expenses. Shared accommodation could be provided on individual request.

If you are interested to join us, please apply [here](#) by **20 January 2023**. For any questions, please contact us at ep_team@britishcouncil.org