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Become a Homestay Provider For NILE

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What is NILE and what do we do?



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NILE is the Norwich Institute for Language Education. NILE was established in 1995 by directors with extensive experience of English language teaching worldwide.

NILE has grown to become one of the biggest single providers of professional development courses for English Language Teachers, trainers and other education professionals in Europe. We were the first institute to be accredited by the British Council for the provision of teachers' courses, all of which involve a significant element of language improvement.

NILE is also closely linked with INTO at UEA, running professional development courses for their staff, providing general English courses for some of their students as well as homestay accommodation.

Since 1995 we have run hundreds of courses for thousands of participants from over 60 different countries. These courses are both open-enrolment for individual applicants and tailor-made for closed groups, specifically designed for education ministries, higher education institutions and other overseas organisations. We will continue the NILE success story by offering new programmes to meet future needs.



Hosting

NILE is always seeking friendly and reliable hosts to offer a warm welcome to our English language teachers, trainers and language professionals, and to provide them with a 'home-from-home'.

The joy of hosting for NILE is that we cater for a large variety of people of all nationalities and cultures. We welcome adult professionals with a good level of English, who tend to stay between 2 and 4 weeks, as well as young teacher trainees and language students aged 16 upwards. NILE also organises longer term homestay for INTO students at UEA doing preparation courses for further university studies in the UK. These students can stay anything from one month to a full academic year.

As a NILE host, you will offer a comfortable study-bedroom, breakfast and dinner each day with a light or packed lunch at weekends. You should also live within walking distance of, or on a good bus route to, the city centre or UEA.

In return, you will enjoy the full support of our experienced accommodation team and good rates of pay, as well as great company and a rewarding cultural exchange.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can anyone be a host?

Absolutely! We believe all kinds of people can provide suitable homes for our visitors. As long as your home offers a safe, welcoming and warm environment then you can be a host, regardless as to whether you live alone, are a single parent or a couple with or without children.

What does a host need to provide?

- A warm and welcoming home
- A single bedroom with a comfortable bed, chair, a desk or table and somewhere to hang clothes
- Breakfast and evening meal each day with a light or packed lunch on weekends
- Clean towels and bed linen with laundry once a week
- A door key for each student
- Sensitivity to your guests needs and culture with communication and encouragement to help them improve their English

Will I receive financial compensation for hosting?

Yes! You will be paid directly into your bank account at a rate of £210.00 per week (£30.00 per night).

Does my home have to meet certain criteria?

A member of the NILE Accommodation team will visit your home on application and then a minimum of every two years to inspect common areas and the students bedroom. They will need to deem the accommodation comfortable and appropriate.

To meet current legislation we do need you to provide a gas certificate annually. This is a Landlord / Home owner gas safety certificate which is a legal requirement when you have paying guests. We will also require you to carry out a fire risk assessment. This is a very easy thing to do and we will provide you with an information pack with a simple and short guide

Do I need to have a DBS / Criminal Record Check?

This will be a requirement if you host students under the age of 18, but it is a simple process which we can help you with, if you do not already have one. NILE will carry out an initial check and recommend you then sign up to the updating services for £13.00 a year. We will also request two references. For more information visit:

www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check

What if I encounter a problem with my guest?

You are given full support from our welfare and accommodation team so you are never alone. We are always here to help, offer advice and support. If you have a problem you cannot solve you can contact us anytime. We offer a 24-hour emergency service.



Do I have to transport my guest everywhere?

No. Most of our visitors will arrange their own transportation and are asked to contact their hosts before they arrive to introduce themselves and inform you of their arrival time. For those arriving in a group we will often help them with their transport for arrivals and departures. During their time here all visitors are expected to make their own way to and from their classes and social programme events.

Do I have to take my guest out?

If you are going somewhere you are able to invite your guest to then please do so. It is a lovely chance for them to integrate with your life and experience British culture. However, this is not an **expectation** as all our visitors are provided with a social programme of evening events and weekends visits. These may include afternoon tea, a boat trip on the Norfolk broads and even a visit to London or Cambridge.

Can I choose my guests?

Our application form is designed to enable you to clearly state your preferences which will also be discussed during a visit from one of our accommodation team. Before each person is placed with you we will phone you to ask your availability and to tell you as much as we can about that person. We take great care in matching students with a host as it is crucial they get the most from their time in Norwich and that you enjoy having them to stay.

What are NILE's Covid policies?

In order to continue to keep participants, staff and the community safe, we have the following measures in place:

- Staff and students working on NILE's premises are encouraged to take Rapid (Lateral Flow) Covid-19 tests regularly, and immediately in the event of symptoms, through home test kits.
- Anyone testing positive for Covid-19 or displaying Covid-19 symptoms immediately before or during their course will be required to follow national guidelines on self-isolation and testing to contain the virus. NILE will endeavour to support any participant or member of staff both practically and academically should the situation arise.
- NILE strongly encourages everyone in our community to get fully vaccinated (subject to any underlying medical conditions).
- Hosts and students will be asked their vaccination status and preference for who they stay with to ensure everyone is informed and comfortable.

If a guest tests positive during their time at NILE they will be required to self-isolate in your home for as long as they are considered contagious, if that period extends their planned stay you will be reimbursed for each additional night.

For current national guidelines please see:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support)



What happens next?

All you need to do is complete and return our application form. Once we have received it a member of the accommodation team will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient time to visit you at home. During the visit we will talk more about hosting, have a look at the accommodation you can provide and answer any questions you may have. After that we will begin matching guests to you based on their needs and your preferences. If you have questions you want answers to before you return the form please do not hesitate to contact us:

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