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WHAT IS NILE **AND WHAT DO WE DO?**

ABOUT US

Norwich Institute for Language Education (NILE) was founded in 1995 and offers development and training for English language teachers, trainers and other education professionals. We are a world-leading centre of excellence and have provided face-to-face and online courses for more than 90,000 participants from over 100 countries.

Every year, we welcome hundreds of teachers, teacher trainees and students to Norwich for immersive language and methodology programmes. Our courses include language improvement, teacher development, a social programme and often visits to local schools to learn about the UK school system.

We pride ourselves on maintaining high standards in all aspects of our operation, from teaching and learning to welfare, facilities and accommodation. Our efforts to make our courses both positive and productive are reflected in our accreditations by the British Council, Eaquals and our membership in the industry association English UK.

NILE also works closely with UEA. During our busier times of the year, UEA provide residential accommodation for NILE participants, along with additional teaching facilities.



HOSTING WITH NILE

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 2-4 weeks, as well as young teacher trainees and language students aged 16 upwards. NILE occasionally 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 an evening meal 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.







HOST TESTIMONIALS: **HEAR FROM OUR HOSTS**

When you become a NILE host, you can expect full support from our Accommodation Team. Take a look at what our current hosts say about working with us:

“There are many benefits to hosting NILE’s guests. Lovely conversations, humorous anecdotes, the sharing of cultural recipes and local histories. I have received 100% support, kindness and understanding [from the NILE Accommodation Team]. They are always there to lend a hand, give advice and work together with their host.” - Joan

“Unlike having a lodger, I can have a student at a time that suits me. This also means that I can rent out my son’s room while he is away at university. I enjoy eating together and learning about different countries and young people’s experiences in them. My daughter likes it too.”

“I have been to stay in Lyon with one of the French teachers we hosted. We also chat regularly by phone and she is planning on coming to stay with us next year.” - Anna

“The standard of support from the NILE accommodation team is always excellent. Quick, knowledgeable replies.” - Mark

“We find hosting stimulating and interesting. I enjoy cooking and make more of an effort when we are catering for guests. We are both now retired, and hosting people of different ages enriches our lives.” - Pam

FAQs



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, warm environment then you can be a host, regardless of 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-occupancy bedroom with a comfortable bed, chair, a desk or table and somewhere to hang clothes.
- Breakfast and an evening meal each day with a light or packed lunch at weekends.
- Clean towels and bed linen with laundry once a week.
- A door key for each student.
- Sensitivity to your guest's needs and culture, with communication and encouragement to help them improve their English.

What if I encounter a problem with my guest?

You are given full support from our Welfare and Accommodation teams, so you are never alone. We are always here to help, offer advice and support you. If you have an urgent problem you cannot solve, you can contact us any time on our 24-hour emergency phone number.



FAQs (cont.)

Will I receive financial compensation for hosting?

Yes! You will be paid directly into your bank account at a rate of £238 per student per week (£34 per night).

Does my home have to meet certain criteria?

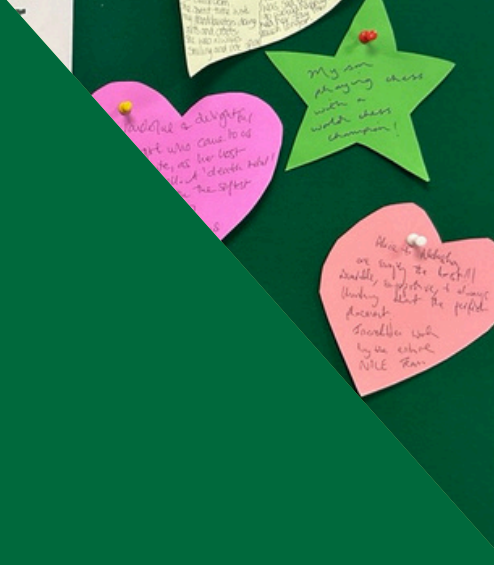
A member of the NILE Accommodation Team will arrange an informal visit to your home on application and then a minimum of every two years to inspect common areas and the student bedroom. They will need to deem the accommodation comfortable and appropriate.

To meet current legislation, we need you to provide a gas safety certificate (CP12) 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 an easy exercise and we will provide you with a simple guide on how to make your premises safe from fire.

Do I need to have a DBS/criminal record check?

This will be a requirement if you host students under the age of 18. 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 then ask that you sign up to the updating service for £16.00 a year. We will also request two references. For more information, visit *DBS Checks: Detailed Guidance* at GOV.UK.

FAQs (cont.)



Do I have to transport my guest everywhere?

No. 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 usually 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 and you are able to invite your guest, 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 of our course participants are provided with a social programme of evening events and weekend visits. These may include afternoon tea, a boat trip on the Norfolk Broads and visits 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 contact you to ask your availability and tell you as much as we can about that person. We take great care in matching students with a host as it is crucial that they get the most from their time in Norwich and that you enjoy having them to stay.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

CONTACT US

All you need to do is complete and return our application form, which can be found on our website or by calling or emailing us:

Accommodation@nile-elt.com
01603 664473
tinyurl.com/HostwithNILE

Once we have received your form, a member of our 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, take 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 requirements and your preferences. If you have any questions before you return the form, please do not hesitate to contact us.





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