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The AULC is the representative body for University Language Centres and University Wide Language Programmes in the UK and Ireland. Around 70 Universities are currently members, and all staff working in member institutions can draw on the benefits of AULC membership. Members deliver language courses across their institutions through a variety of organizational structures including language centres, English for Academic Purposes, and courses linked to or delivered through academic schools of Modern Languages.

The aims of the Association are principally to:

- represent the interests of our membership;
- promote the value of language learning in support of wider initiatives in languages education;
- encourage, foster and share good practice and innovation in language learning and teaching;
- share strategies for effective resource management and administration;
- facilitate contacts nationally and internationally both within and outside the university community;
- hold regular meetings of members to facilitate discussion and exchange information on the diverse activities of university language centres;
- monitor emerging national and international trends and standards in language pedagogy and develop appropriate quality assurance mechanisms.



These aims are delivered in several ways including:

- an annual conference
- Special Interest Groups (currently Teaching & Learning Support, Management, Professional Development, and Interculturality)
- mailing lists
- networking opportunities
- membership surveys

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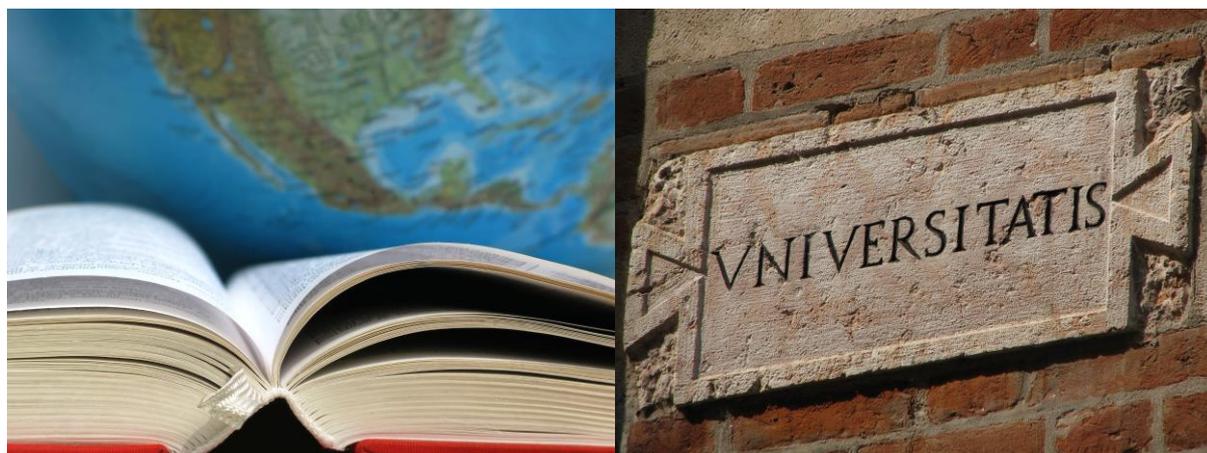
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Our annual conference is always stimulating and enjoyable. This year we met at King's College, London, and in January 2020 we will be gathering at Maynooth University.

AULC supports meetings of the Special Interest Groups and other meetings organised by member institutions within the scope of the AULC.

Whether yours is a well-established Language Centre, whether you are looking to expand your operation or whether you are seeking to maintain your presence in your institution, you will find other AULC members who are in a similar situation and are willing to share experience and ideas.

AULC membership for 2019 costs just **£90** and this entitles all staff at the institution to participate in all activities. Many members also choose to join CercleS (European Confederation of Language Centres in Higher Education), to which AULC is affiliated (CercleS membership comes with a supplementary fee of **€100** for 2019). CercleS holds biennial conferences around Europe, the most recent being in Poznań, Poland in 2018. The next meeting will take place in 2020 in Brno, Czech Republic. Membership also includes access to the CercleS Journal *Language Learning in Higher Education* both as hard copy and e-journal.



For more information about AULC, contact the Secretary by email or visit our website: <http://www.aulc.org/>. See also <http://www.cercles.org> for more information in a European context.

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