

ESOL PROGRAMME: PRE-VISIT INFORMATION

Information for tutors

Where is the National Portrait Gallery?

The National Portrait Gallery is located close to Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross and Leicester Square.

National Portrait Gallery
St Martin's Place
London WC2H 0HE

For full information on your visit please look on the website:

www.npg.org.uk/live/opening.asp

How do I book a visit?

Email: esol@npg.org.uk, or write to:

ESOL Group Booking, Learning Department, National Portrait Gallery,
St Martin's Place, London WC2H 0HE

What will we do on our visit?

The National Portrait Gallery tutor will provide the students with a brief background on the history of the Gallery and provide a context for the portraits which the students will look at in detail, using worksheets. The National Portrait Gallery tutor will answer questions and support students using the worksheets in language graded to the students' Entry level. The aims of the worksheets are both to encourage the use and understanding of language in a new context, and to provide a focus for looking at individual items in detail.

Who is this tour for?

The tour is for adult ESOL students on Government-subsidised *Skills for Life* courses studying the Adult ESOL Curriculum. The tour is designed to encourage the use of core skills in Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing. The tour will provide a context for the learning and studying of key periods in British history. Worksheets are available for students studying the Adult ESOL Curriculum at Entry 1 & 2 and Entry 3 & above.

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What do we do when we get to the Gallery?

Your group will be met by a National Portrait Gallery tutor from the Learning Department, who will accompany your group during your visit. Please come to the Reception Desk in the Gallery and inform the staff of your arrival.

How do I prepare my students for the visit?

It is very important that your students are as well prepared for the visit as possible. We have prepared some pre-visit activities to do with your students in class before your visit. We have also prepared some suggestions for post-visit activities to do in class after the visit.

Students will need some understanding of:

- present continuous and simple past tenses
- simple question forms
- prepositions of place
- adjectives of colour
- names

How much does the tour cost?

The tour is free for groups of up to twenty students. We recommend booking at least one month in advance. A cancellation fee of £65 will be levied if less than one month's notice is given.

Is photography allowed in the Gallery?

Please advise the students that photography is not allowed anywhere in the Gallery.