

English Language Office for the Russian Federation

English Language Office in Moscow

The English Language Office (ELO) in Moscow, established in the Embassy's Public Affairs Section in 1993, cooperates with the Ministry of Education and local professionals on a variety of English language teaching (ELT) programs and projects and provides resources throughout the Russian Federation. The English Language Office in Moscow is one of 16 such offices around the world. Its work is coordinated by the *U.S. Department of State, Office of English Language Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, in Washington, D.C* (<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching/>).



Professional Development

The English Language Office supports Russia's English teachers' associations (FEELTA NATE, SPELTA, and others) in organizing conferences and professional development programs on regional and national levels. Through Washington's *English Language Specialist Program*, the ELO conducts projects on teacher training, curriculum development, and materials design. The ELO also supports the *Umbrella Virtual Association*, an e-mail based joint project between Russian ELT Associations and the ELO. Currently, three Umbrellas (Western Russia, Far East, and Siberia) provide continuous contacts, discussion, and information exchange between Russian ELT associations, individual teachers, and institutions. This electronic network for ELT professionals can be joined by e-mailing lubninaen@state.gov. The ELO also identifies suitable candidates for the Embassy's *International Visitor programs* in TEFL and American Studies. Upon request, the ELO serves as a consultant to educators on English language issues and projects in Russia.

English Language Materials

The English Language Office coordinates the distribution of U.S. government-produced ELT and American Studies books, cassettes, maps, and videos. If you would like to order materials, please contact us by phone or e-mail. Additional text, audio, and video materials may be available for educational use through American Centers and Corners located across Russia (www.amcorners.ru).

[amcorners.ru](http://www.amcorners.ru)). The ELO also distributes the *English Teaching Forum*, also available online at <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching/>.

Online Resources

There are many resources available online for teachers of English and American Studies, including the ELO website <http://moscow.usembassy.gov/meet/english>, the *Online English Language Center Homepage* <http://oelp.uoregon.edu/>, Hello-Online <http://www.hello-online.ru>. The homepage of the Department of State Office of English Language Programs. <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/engteaching/onlineca.htm> has additional links, especially for content-based instruction related to civic education and English for scientific and technical purposes. A wealth of authentic materials resources for English teaching and American Studies can also be found at <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/journals.htm>.



English Language Fellow Program

The *English Language Fellow* (ELF) program provides qualified English language teaching professionals to institutions and universities for an academic year. Currently, Russia hosts Senior Fellows who work with teachers and professors of all levels, according to the needs in their community. They consult on curriculum development and materials design and present seminars on





methodology, with a special focus on American Studies. Fellows also travel extensively to give seminars, participate in conferences, and consult on projects.

Contact Information

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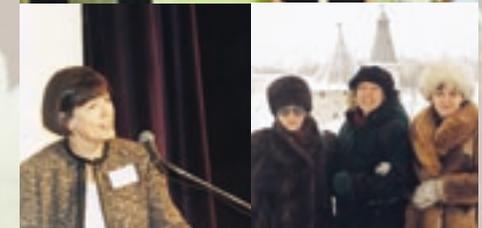
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