

Topics:

- **Cultural studies (English Speaking countries)**
- **General / current topics of interest**
- **Oral communication and presentation skills**
- **FCE Certificate preparation (exam at WIFI is voluntary)**

In this course we will have a look at various countries where English is spoken as a first or as an official language. (e.g. United States, Great Britain, India, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, etc.)

We will try to take cultural studies as a starting point to look at some aspects of life, culture and language features in the respective countries. The choice of specific topics will be made by the participants themselves.

This course is supposed to be a combination of English and cultural studies and thus covers topics like varieties of English, geography, history, society, cultural awareness, politics, sport, cuisine, etc.

Pictures, DVD /TV material and book extracts are used for working on the different topics.

Additionally, we will try to improve our oral communication skills focusing on discussions, role plays, presentations and games.

Students interested in taking the *First Certificate in English* will be prepared adequately. This certificate gives young people the chance to prove they can use every day written and spoken English at an upper-intermediate level for work or study purposes.

Requirements: active class participation, short presentation on a topic, in class revision