KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON THE UK – UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** a founding member. The United Kingdom withdrew from UNESCO on 31 December 1985 and resumed its membership on 1 July 1997.

2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (term expires in 2019).

3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
   - Intergovernmental Council of the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2021)
   - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2021)
   - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires in 2021)
   - Special Committee of the Executive Board (term expires in 2019)
   - Headquarters Committee (term expires in 2019)
   - Legal Committee (term expires in 2019)
   - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (term expires in 2019)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission;
   - Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning; Chairperson: Mr Nicholas Burnett

4. **The Director-General’s visits to the United Kingdom:** none

5. **The former Director-General’s visits to the United Kingdom:** 19
   - 25 October 2017: visit to the King’s College London, to attend a ceremony and receive an Honorary Degree
   - 27 March 2017: visit to Oxford to participate in the promotional event of UNESCO’s collection “The Different Aspects of Islamic Culture” at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies
   - 3-4 February 2016 (London): lecture on “Culture under Attack – responding to violent extremism” at the Department of War Studies at King’s College London and to attend the “Supporting Syria and the Region” conference, convened by Norway and co-hosted by the United Kingdom, Germany, Kuwait and the United Nations
   - 22 July 2014: Girl Summit 2014
   - 1-2 July 2014: visit to London, on the occasion of the discussion “Why the world needs compassion today” at the Royal Opera House
   - 4-5 December 2013 (London): presentation at the House of Commons before the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the UN and bilateral meetings
   - 6 February 2013 (London): event at the House of Lords to celebrate AMAR Foundation’s anniversary
   - 23 January 2013 (London): meetings at the Department for International Development (DFID)
   - 29 June 2012 (Durham): receipt of an honorary Doctor of Letters from Durham University
   - 29 March 2012 (London): High-level Session of the “Planet Under Pressure Conference”
- 7-10 January 2012 (London): Education World Forum
- 28-29 June 2011 (Scotland): receipt of a Doctor Honoris Causa Degree from the University of Edinburgh
- 10-11 January 2011: Education World Forum
- 4-6 June 2010 (London/Oxford): DFID, Regional Consultation of the National Commission on the 36 C/5

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
   - Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Matthew Lodge (since 12 September 2017)
   - Staff: Mrs Charlotte Hine-Haycock, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Maxim Polya-Vitry, Second Secretary
   - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Mathew Sudders (from February 2010 to November 2016)

7. UNESCO Office: none

8. United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO:
   - Chairperson: Dr Beth Taylor Williams (since October 2016)
   - Vice-Chairperson: Mr Gary Brace (since December 2013)
   - Secretary-General: Mr James Bridge (since July 2011)

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:
   - Mr Gordon Brown, UN Special Envoy for Global Education (since 2012)
   - Ms Christiane Amanpour, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2015)
   - Prof. Nasser D. Khalili, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador (2012)
   - Ms Sarah Brightman, global recording artist, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2012)
   - Ms Shirley Bassey, singer, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2004)
   - World Orchestra for Peace, based in the UK and comprised of musicians from more than 40 countries, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2010)
   - Professor Pratibha Gai, University of York, laureate of the 15th annual L’Oréal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science (2013)

10. UNESCO Chairs: 20 Chairs and 2 UNITWIN Networks
    - UNESCO Chair on cultural property protection and peace (2016), University of Newcastle upon Tyne
    - UNESCO Chair on Water Science (2016), University of Birmingham
    - UNESCO Chair on Refugee Integration through Languages and the Arts (2016), University of Glasgow
    - UNESCO Chair on Globalizing a Shared Education Model for Improving Relations in Divided Societies (2016), Queen’s University Belfast
    - UNESCO Chair on Analytics and Data Science (2016), The University of Essex
    - UNESCO Chair on Adult literacy and learning for social transformation (2016), University of East Anglia, Norwich
    - UNESCO Chair on Archaeological Ethics and Practice in Cultural Heritage (2014), Durham University
    - UNESCO Chair in New Media Forms of the Book (2012), University of Bedfordshire
    - UNESCO Chair in International Development (2009), University of Edinburgh
    - UNESCO Chair in the Development of a Sustainable Geo-environment (2009), Cardiff University
• UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Mountain Development (2009), Perth College, University of the Highlands and Islands
• UNESCO Chair in African Peace and Conflict Studies (2008), University of Bradford
• UNESCO Chair in Gender Research (2008), University of Lancaster
• UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Technology for Development (2007), University of London
• UNESCO Chair in HIV/AIDS, Education and Health Security in Africa (2007), Aberystwyth University
• UNESCO Chair in Political Economy of Education (2005), University of Nottingham
• UNESCO Chair in Higher Education Management (2000), University of Bath
• UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Studies and Teacher Education (2000), University of London
• UNESCO Chair in Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy (1999), University of Ulster, Colerain
• UNESCO Chair in Information and Communication Engineering (1998), City University of London
• UNITWIN Cooperation Programme in Humanitarian Engineering (2014), Coventry University
• UNITWIN Cooperation Programme on Global Pharmacy Education Development (2010), The School of Pharmacy, University of London and The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)

11. Associated Schools: 101 institutions (3 pre-primary, 31 primary, 7 primary/secondary, 45 secondary, 4 teacher training institutions, 2 vocational and technical institutions and 9 others). The UK joined the ASP Network in 1953, left and re-joined it in 2005.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1
• International IHP-HELP Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, University of Dundee, Scotland

13. UNESCO Clubs: none

14. Biosphere Reserves: 6
• Wester Ross (1976, former Beinn Eighe, renamed and extended in 2016)
• Isle of Man (2016)
• Brighton and Lewes Downs (2014)
• Galloway and southern Ayrshire Biosphere, formerly Cairnsmore of Fleet and Silver Flowe Merrick Kells (2012)
• Biossfer Dyfi (1977)
• Braunton Burrows-North Devon (1976, extended in 2002)

15. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 7
• North Pennines A.O.N.B. Global Geopark
• North-West Highlands Global Geopark
• Forest Fawr Global Geopark
• English Riviera Global Geopark
• Geo Môn Global Geopark
• Shetland Global Geopark
• Marble Arch Caves Transnational Global Geopark (transnational with Ireland)

16. World Heritage Sites: 31 (26 cultural, 4 natural, and 1 mixed)

Cultural sites
• The English Lake District (2017)
• Gorham’s Cave Complex (2016)
• The Forth Bridge (2015)
• Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal (2009)
• Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape (2006)
• Liverpool - Maritime Mercantile City (2004), placed on the List of World Heritage in Danger in June 2012
• Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (2003)
• Derwent Valley Mills (2001)
• Saltaire (2001)
• New Lanark (2001)
• Historic Town of St George and Related Fortifications, Bermuda (2000)
• Blaenavon Industrial Landscape (2000)
• Heart of Neolithic Orkney (1999)
• Maritime Greenwich (1997)
• Tower of London (1988)
• Canterbury Cathedral, St. Augustine’s Abbey and St. Martin’s Church (1988)
• Frontiers of the Roman Empire (1987, extension in 2005, 2008), jointly with Germany
• Blenheim Palace (1987)
• City of Bath (1987)
• Westminster Palace, Westminster Abbey, and Saint Margaret’s Church (1987)
• Durham Castle and Cathedral (1986)
• Ironbridge Gorge (1986)
• Studley Royal Park, including the Ruins of Fountains Abbey (1986)
• Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites (1986)
• Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd (1986)

Natural Sites
• Dorset and East Devon Coast (2001)
• Gough and Inaccessible Islands (1995)
• Henderson Island (1988)
• Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast (1986)

Mixed Site

17. Tentative List: 11 properties
• Great Spas of Europe (2014)
• Chatham Dockyard and its Defences (2012)
• Creswell Crags (2012)
• Darwin’s Landscape Laboratory (2012)
• Island of St Helena (2012)
• Jodrell Bank Observatory (2012)
• Mousa, Old Scatness and Jarlshof: the Zenith of Iron Age Shetland (2012)
• Slate Industry of North Wales (2012)
• Flow Country (2012)
• The Twin Monastery of Wearmouth Jarrow (2012)
• Turks and Caicos Islands (2012)

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: no elements

19. Memory of the World Register: 23 inscriptions
• An African Song or Chant from Barbados (2017), jointly with Barbados
• Panji Tales Manuscripts, (2017), jointly with Indonesia, Cambodia, The Netherlands and Malaysia
• The Orwell Papers (2017)
• The “Shakespeare” Documents, a documentary trail of the life of William Shakespeare (2017), jointly with the United States of America
• Gospels of Tsar Ivan Alexander (2017)
• Philosophical Nachlass of Ludwig Wittgenstein (2017), jointly with Austria, Canada and the Netherlands
• The Gertrude Bell Archives (2017)
• The West India Committee Collection (2016)
• The Scientific and Mathematical Papers of Sir Isaac Newton (2015 and 2017), jointly with Israel
• Autograph First World War Diary of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, 1914-1919 (2015)
• The Churchill Papers (2015)
• The Golden Letter of the Burmese King Alaungphaya to King George II of Great Britain (2015)
• Arthur Bernard Deacon (1903-27) collection MS 90-98 (2013)
• Manuscript Collection of Shota Rustaveli’s Poem "Knight in the Panther’s Skin” (2013)
• Membership Application Certificates (Candidates Circulars) (2013)
• Dutch West India Company (Westindische Compagnie) Archives (2011), jointly with the Brazil, Ghana, Guyana, the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles, Suriname, the United States
• Silver Men: West Indian Labourers at the Panama Canal (2011), jointly with Barbados, Jamaica, Panama, Saint Lucia, the United States
• Historic Ethnographic Recordings (1898–1951) at the British Library (2011)
• Registry of Slaves of the British Caribbean (2009), jointly with the Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Jamaica, St Kitts, Tobago, Trinidad
• Magna Carta issued in 1215 (2009)
• Hereford Mappa Mundi (2007)
• The Battle of the Somme (2005)
• The Appeal of 18 June 1940 (2005), jointly with France

20. Creative Cities Network: 10 cities
• Bristol, a UNESCO City of Film (2017)
• Manchester, a UNESCO City of Music (2017)
• Nottingham, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature (2015)
• Liverpool, a UNESCO Creative City of Music (2015)
• Dundee, a UNESCO Creative City of Design (2014)
• York, a UNESCO Creative City of Media Arts (2014)
• Norwich, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature (2012)
• Bradford, a UNESCO Creative City of Film (2009)
• Glasgow, a UNESCO Creative City of Music (2008)
• Edinburgh, a UNESCO Creative City of Literature (2004)

21. Legal instruments: 27 ratified and 13 non-ratified
• Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
• Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified
• Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (7 December 2007)
• International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (25 April 2006)
22. Anniversaries UNESCO is associated with for 2018-2019: none

23. Participation Programme: no requests submitted since 2004

24. Fellowships: no requests

25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO:

With Associate status:
- Amnesty International - AI -1995
- Association Of Commonwealth Universities -ACU -1967
- Global Variome - 2011
- Pen International - PEN -1948

With Consultative status:
- Academia Europaea -AE (1992)
- Associated Country Women Of The World - ACWW
- Cisv International -CISV (1965)
- Forest Peoples Programme -FPP (2012)
- Hostelling International (International Youth Hostel Federation) -HI (1948)
- Inclusion International -II (1965)
- International Amateur Theatre Association -IATA
- International Association Of Hydrogeologists -IAH (2011)
- International Federation Of Actors -IFA (1975)
- International Federation Of Television Archives -IFTA (1986)
- International Federation Of The Periodical Press -FIPP (1962)
- International Humanist And Ethical Union -IHEU
- International Planned Parenthood Federation -IPPF (1976)
- International Police Association -IPA (2009)
- International Seismological Centre -ISC (1979)
- Save The Children International -SCI (2011)
- Soroptimist International
- United Bible Societies -UBS (2011)
- West India Committee -WIC (2016)
- World Association Of Girl Guides And Girl Scouts -WAGGGS (1961)
- World Energy Council -WEC (1952)

Foundations and similar institutions:

26. Payment of assessed membership fees: paid for 2017

- Assessment rate for 2018: 4.463%
- Contributions assessed for 2018: US$ 14,571,695

27. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US dollars):

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28. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented, with 17 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 11, max. 18)
• 16 international professional staff at Headquarters:
• 1 international professional staff in the field: