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Cuban Teachers attending the Biennial Conference all along the country ©Photos courtesy of teachers.

Dear colleague,


Our **#InglesParaElDesarrollo Biennial Conference** concluded after intense days of training and exchange on topics of interest for practicing and future teachers of English in Cuba and we are very pleased to say that the event has gone beyond our expectations in terms of the number of beneficiaries of said actions:

✦ **Nearly 4000 participants between teachers and students** from all the educational levels have received training.

✦ **70% of the teachers belong to the Ministry of Education**, 25% to the Ministry of Higher Education and 5% to other institutions. In the case of the Ministry of Higher Education, the participation percentages of teachers and students were balanced at approximately 50% in each case.

✦ As for the Ministry of Education, **60% of the teachers are from the primary and secondary educational levels**, 30% of those who registered teach at the pre-university level and the remaining percentage was made up by methodologists and administrators from that organisation.

✦ Our team also provided support for the more than **60 registered participants who reported having some sort of disability** that could hinder their participation during the Conference.

Interactions were generated through the **Telegram and Whatsapp** platforms, becoming an additional exchange option to the ones provided by the RIMED platform of the Ministry of Education and the **Moodle** platforms of the Universities of Villa Clara, Cienfuegos and Computer Sciences, which hosted and successfully conducted the training the trainers workshops .

We continued to work together with the Education Technology Division of the Ministry of Education to ensure the webinars on *Climate Change and Language Education; New Ways of Teaching* and the *CEFR* are **now available on Mined and British Council websites** to benefit more of the country's teachers and students so you can take the trainings at your own pace and complete the final questionnaire to receive your **Certificate of Attendance**.

For now we say goodbye with the satisfaction of having met the challenges posed by delivering a virtual event of this magnitude. Thanks to all of you for participating.

See you soon! 🎄 😊

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Take the trainings now!

Partners & friends

Our colleagues from the "Martha Abreu" University in Villa Clara invited us to co-host an Expert Panel on the **British Council's contribution to education in the Americas region** during the International Symposium on Education for Sustainable Development ESD 2021. Our experts [Liliana Sanchez](#) (Argentina), [Graham Stanley](#) (UK-Mexico) and [Ralph Grayson](#) (Peru) shared some of our regional experiences on remote teaching. In addition, Minerva Rodríguez, Country Director for the British Council in Cuba presented the impact of the **Biennial Conference #InglesParaElDesarrollo**.

[See all the videos here](#)

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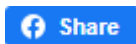
British Council global will be launching a MOOC on the topic of **Gender in Language Education next 16 December 2021 starting at 4pm Cuba time**, as part of the New Ways of Teaching & BBELT Professional Development Webinar Series for English Teachers. We will be taking the opportunity to explore how to approach this key issue in English Language Teaching, from materials design to lesson delivery. Don't miss it!

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Highlights

The new forms of teaching have become more important in recent times due to the current context. Together with ministers, legislators, educational institutions, leaders and specialists from different areas of education from 12 countries and the United Kingdom, the BritishCouncil is hosting online the **Public Policy Dialogue Series**, gathering policymakers to analyze contexts, share perspectives and discuss challenges in education. The British Council in Cuba together with representations from the Ministries of Education and Higher Education have participated in two of these events sharing experiences about the challenges, possible solutions and opportunities for remote education in education in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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