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The British Council started in Spain in 1940 and has since undertaken a major programme of activities **to promote educational and cultural relations**. The British Council has a total of **17 centres in Madrid, Barcelona, Segovia, Valencia, Bilbao and Palma de Mallorca**.

We also have the British Council School in Madrid, where we give a bicultural and multilingual educational programme to almost 2,000 students, from 3 to 18 years old. We work hard to further their education at top universities, nationally and internationally. The British Council School is recognised globally as a leader in its sector and an innovative centre of the best British and Spanish education.

Many people associate us with qualifications such as Cambridge First and Advanced. Although they are a fundamental part of our work, they are not the only qualifications we offer. The International English Language Testing System - IELTS is one of our most exciting ventures for young people and adults, conducted at our own centres and other external premises in Spain.

In addition to this, the British Council **develops and participates in many different projects themed around society, science, education and the arts**.

In arts, we work primarily as facilitators and intermediaries. The Arts team in Spain develops relationships with cultural institutions and public organisations. Our goal is to showcase the best of UK creativity through artistic, innovative and high quality events. Through the European Union National Institutes of Culture (EUNIC) we are able to cooperate effectively with Europe's cultural institutions.

We also **work with Teachers Associations in Spain**, supporting their training and providing access to educational resources for its members. Our own **annual conferences for teachers of English** are held in late September and attracts over 700 teachers.

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