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# The English Language (ESOL) Challenge

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# Previously

## Development Worker & specific ESOL funding

- Commissioned language provision
- Summer schools
- ‘Bridging the gap’
- Partnerships with colleges



# Now

- No ESOL specific funding for Gateway
- Cuts to mainstream ESOL provision
- Focus on ESOL for employment
- Long waiting lists



# Impact

- Lack of access
- Managing expectations
- Pre-arrival information
- Enhanced support needs



# Addressing the challenge

- Mapping community provision
- Language projects & partnerships
- ESOL volunteers
- Refugee groups
- Policy work



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