

## **Female Only Classes Policy**

inlingua Leeds organises some female only classes. Students must identify as female in order to qualify for this course.

The course is provided to help women who have cultural and religious barriers to study English while they are in the UK. Some women may not feel comfortable studying with male students.

Female only General English classes are so far only offered at Intermediate (B1+) level and below. The reason for this is that students who are studying at higher levels often are applying to university in the UK, which will be a mixed environment. It is important that students preparing for mixed education have an opportunity to experience this in a small, supportive environment like inlingua Leeds.

Like all classes at inlingua Leeds, there must be a minimum of 3 students in one class. If a student applies for a female only class but the level they need is not available, the student will either be offered a mixed class or be put on a waiting list and called once a class opens.

inlingua Leeds works with external providers to provide transport and has contracts with a nursery to help support students with childcare.

It is organised alongside a mixed class of the same level and female applicants are always given a choice whether they want to join the mixed or female only class at their level.

As it is essential to the role, teachers employed on this course must be female.

This course does not go against the Equality Act 2010.

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