

Press Release

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bp and British Council: helping Georgian journalists improve their English

In September 2021 bp Georgia announced an extension to its partnership with the British Council: English language training for 60 representatives of the Georgian media. The British Council in Georgia, bp Georgia's long-standing partner, would once again select candidates from media sources ranging from mainstream media sources to small online regional agencies.

The project has been running for over a decade and has contributed to the professional development of more than 500 journalists. 60 candidates selected to participate in this year's programme will start their courses in January and continue to study until almost the end of 2022.

The course aims to help journalists with:

- achieving their life and learning goals with the help, support and expert guidance from the British Council teachers.
- confidence-building in communicating both verbally and in a written form in global and local contexts.

The course includes a range of interactive and engaging lessons and activities that are tailored for the journalists' professional needs and interests.

Stephen Shelley, the Teaching Centre Manager of the British Council in Georgia said: 'We are thrilled to yet again be trusted by bp Georgia to deliver this programme. The journalists who attend improve their English quickly

and enjoy the courses immensely and we love seeing them go onto success. We can't wait to start the new courses and our teachers are very excited too, to teach such motivated students!'

Eteri Kvirikashvili, social investment programme lead for bp in Georgia said: 'This is a great opportunity for bp to continue working with the British Council. Increased interest from the journalists gives us confidence that our programme remains in demand. It is a great pleasure to know that the programme will continue supporting journalists to develop their knowledge and move forward in their professional life'.

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