

1. There are three national committees representing the interests of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Their formation or disbandment is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. It is a forum for advice and has no decision-making or executive powers.

The role of the UK Countries Advisory Committees is to guide the work of the British Council in each UK Country by providing advice of the highest possible quality, both to the Board of Trustees and to the Executive.

Each Committee has access to the Board of Trustees through the Chair of the Scotland or Wales or Northern Ireland Advisory Committees, one of whom sits on the Board in rotation (currently Northern Ireland). Each Committee has access to the Council's senior management through Head UK Directorate who attends UK Countries Advisory Committee meetings.

2. Each UK Country Advisory Committee provides advice to its respective British Council UK Country Director, ensuring effective contributions to overall British Council strategic objectives and corporate priorities, and an effective response to the needs of British Council target constituencies within each UK Country.

3. The membership of the UK Countries Advisory Committees should reflect as far as possible the academic, cultural and economic life of the UK Country. The membership should enable the Council in each UK Country to benefit from a broad range of experience and depth of knowledge of the sectors in which it operates. It should offer an informed knowledge of the UK Country, channels of access to professional advice and a reasonable breadth and balance in terms of age, gender and ethnicity.

4. The UK Countries Advisory Committees should maintain links as appropriate to each of the Council's Subject Advisory Groups (currently Education and Governance, English, & Science and Engineering).

5. Each UK Country Advisory Committee should aim to:

- Further the purpose of the British Council (to build engagement and trust for the UK through the exchange of knowledge and ideas between people worldwide) in collaboration with the local British Council Director in the context of the Council's work.
- Ensure that the British Council office in each UK Country is kept informed of major developments in the public, educational, economic and cultural life of each respective UK Country.
- Serve as channels of professional advice within the areas of expertise represented on the Committee, keeping the British Council informed of major developments, offering fresh insights and identifying new opportunities.
- Bring to the attention of the British Council Director in each UK Country opportunities for activity that might achieve the Council's desired outcomes of meeting the need for more intercultural dialogue, creating opportunity via the knowledge economy, and tackling climate change.
- Provide input to each British Council UK Country Plan, and monitor the achievement of plan objectives.
- Provide access to communities within the UK Country for whom the British Council's work has relevance
- Act as an advocate for the British Council's work in each UK Country and across the UK as a whole.