



250 United by Language
Inspired by Liberty

Coming Soon
25th Anniversary Celebration

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

NEW YORK CITY
APRIL 23-25, 2026

The English-Speaking Union welcomes its members to NYC for the 2026 ESU Annual Conference. The conference, under the theme “United by Language, Inspired by Liberty.” The conference program will include the ESU 2026 Annual General Meeting, social events such as receptions and meals, breakout sessions, panel discussions, and local tours. We invite you to participate in the camaraderie and help us advance our programs that support teachers, students, and recent immigrants.



We are pleased to offer a curated lineup of cultural activities to enrich your conference experience. These opportunities are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

HIGHLIGHTS

Revolution in Old New York: Soldiers, Spies & Statesmen of the American Revolution
Walking Tour

Trace the footsteps of revolution through Manhattan's past and present.

Lunch on historic Stone Street or Fraunces Tavern

One of New York City's oldest surviving streets, originally paved in 1658.

and

Art of the Gilded Age at The Met Museum Guided Tour

Uncover the brilliance and forgotten voices of the Gilded Age at The Met.

We will thank our National Patrons for their generous support at a special reception and lecture on **Saturday, April 25, from 6 pm to 8 pm**. A Conversation with Author Flora Fraser, English writer of historical biographies & Doug Bradburn, President & CEO of Mount Vernon. The Loyalist & The Patriot: A fight for freedom and our first civil war.

The event will take place at The Players, located at 16 Gramercy Park South, New York



Our Conference venue will be held at the ESU House, 144 East 39th Street, and the Shelbourne-Sonesta Hotel, 303 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10016.. We have a special hotel room which will be available Thursday night through Saturday night. Hotel prices do not include taxes or additional fees, and prices are valid through March 23, 2026. We will have a special opportunity to see the USA finals for the International Public Speaking Competition. Please visit [English-Speaking Union Group The Shelbourne Sonesta NYC](https://www.english-speaking-union.org/the-shelbourne-sonesta-nyc). Space is limited, first-come-first-served.

Please contact Deborah Unger at dunger@esuus.org with any questions.

Conference fee is \$650

ESU Annual Conference • New York, NY • April 23-25

Subject to Change Preliminary Schedule of Events *Subject to Change*

Thursday, April 23rd

Registration

The ESU House at 144 E. 39th Street
10:00am - 3:00pm

National Board of Directors Meeting

The ESU House at 144 E. 39th Street
2nd Floor Conference Room
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Board Dinner

(TBD)

Friday, April 24th

Continental Breakfast

The ESU House- Garden Lounge
9:00am - 9:30am

Annual General Meeting

The ESU House- Garden Lounge
9:30am - 11:30am

Lunch

The Sonesta - Meeting Room
12:30pm - 1:30pm

Plenary Session

The Sonesta - Meeting Room
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Breakout Sessions

The Sonesta - Meeting Room
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday, April 25th

Revolutionary War Walking Tour

meet at TBA
10:00am - 11:30am

Lunch

Stone Street or Fraunces Tavern on your own
(\$20 gift card will be provided)
12:00pm - 1:30pm

Metropolitan Museum of Art Guided Tour

meet at Main Lobby Reception
2:30pm - 4:00pm

National Patron Reception & Lecture

The Players
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Complete and return form below OR register online at _____

Name (please print) _____

Branch Office(s) held in ESU _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Names for Badges (Please print your names): _____

☐ I/We will attend the Conference. #of people _____ @ \$650 per person = \$_____

☐ I/We will attend the following tours: NOTE - limited number available.; only one per person per tour; available on a first-come, first-served basis:

☐ SATURDAY 4/25: Revolution in Old New York: Soldiers, Spies & Statesmen of the American Revolution Walking Tour

☐ SATURDAY 4/25: Lunch on Stone Street or Fraunces Tavern

☐ SATURDAY 4/25: Art of the Gilded Age at The Met Museum Guided Tour

☐ I/We will be National Patron(s) and will attend the National Patron Reception and Lecture # of attendees: _____

I/We would like to become ☐ National Patron(s) with a donation of \$ _____ (up to one half) to my branch _____

☐ Bards & Friends \$300+ ☐ Sponsors & Associates \$500+ ☐ Churchill Circle \$1000+ ☐ President's Circle \$2,500+

☐ Evelyn Wrench Society \$5000+ ☐ Walter Hines Society \$7500+

Subtotal: \$_____ Total Payment: \$_____

Method of payment: ☐ Check payable to The English-Speaking Union ☐ Credit Card

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Return this form with payment by mail to: The English-Speaking Union, 144 East 39th Street, New York, NY 10016

CONFERENCE CANCELLATION POLICY: Written notice (email or post) is required to cancel your conference registration(s). A \$50 fee will be incurred for cancellations made prior to April 1, 2026. After that date, all fees are non-refundable.