



The Spanish Consejería is devoted to the promotion of Spanish and Hispanic Studies at all levels in Scotland. The support of Spanish is offered through our Resource Centre in Edinburgh – which has a wide range of teaching materials (books, magazines, DVDs) -, as well as through our publications: *Pórtico*, a magazine which deals with Spanish current affairs and contains suggestions for the use of classroom material; *ActiEspaña*, a magazine offering teaching materials made by Spanish assistants; *Documentos Hispánicos*; and *Tecla*, an online magazine.

In addition, we set up teacher training courses on methodology, and collaborate in arranging training days for the Spanish language assistants. We look forward to reaching agreements with Local Authorities and Universities in order to set up courses, workshops, etc.

We are also in charge of providing support for the strengthening of all kinds of educational links and exchanges between the U.K. and Spain through the provision of information, advice and extensive contacts with institutions in Spain.

The Consejería supports the Spanish citizens who are under schooling age. It runs a Spanish school in London, and sets up many classes of Spanish Language and Culture (agrupaciones and aulas) to help the Spanish pupils who are attending classes in the British Education Systems.

Validation of diplomas and recognition of studies are also among our tasks.

The *Consejería* and the *Instituto Cervantes*.

Our remit is different from that of The *Instituto Cervantes*, the official Spanish Government Cultural Centre. The latter is a public institution founded in 1991 to promote Spanish language teaching and knowledge of the cultures of Spanish speaking countries throughout the world. It is the largest worldwide Spanish teaching organization, and has more than 50 branches in four continents. The *Instituto Cervantes* offers as well a wide range of cultural activities to complement its courses. Students at the *Instituto Cervantes* have free access to cultural activities: Spanish and Latin American films, talks, lectures, exhibitions and concerts

In London, the *Instituto* has a library which has more than 20,000 volumes and houses a collection of books, periodicals, magazines, DVDs, videos, audio-tapes, slides, CDs and CD-ROMs specialising entirely in Spanish and Latin American language and culture.

The *Consejería* collaborates closely with the *Instituto Cervantes*. It provides information and gives advice to those students and teachers interested in preparing for the “Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera” (DELE ) - awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

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