

Ayşen Güven Biodata

Ayşen Güven works as Director Education at the British Council in Türkiye, where she provides strategic leadership across the Education, English, and Science programmes.

She has led large-scale national initiatives aimed at enhancing teaching and learning in higher education, working in close collaboration with the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK). Over the past five years, she has directed English Together, a nationwide English language teaching initiative delivered in partnership with the Ministry of National Education and the Sabancı Foundation, which has reached more than 30,000 English language teachers across Türkiye.

Ayşen has supported senior-level bilateral education engagements between Türkiye and the UK, including ministerial visits and international conferences, contributing to strategic dialogue and long-term collaboration in the education sector.

She is an active member of IATEFL and has served as Coordinator of the English for Specific Purposes Special Interest Group. She also serves on the advisory boards of Gazi University and Bilkent University (Department of Political Science and Public Administration).

Previously, Ayşen worked at Bilkent University as a teacher, trainer, and leader of academic English programmes, where she also designed and delivered the Academic English Diploma Programme for faculty instructors.

She holds an MA in Management in Education from Bilkent University, a BA in Foreign Language Education from Middle East Technical University, and a Postgraduate Diploma for Teachers of English as a Foreign Language.

In 2023, Ayşen was awarded an honorary MBE by King Charles III in recognition of her contributions to strengthening cultural engagement between the UK and Türkiye.