

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need a qualification in teaching?

No, just an interest in helping adult learners with their English language skills.

What kind of support will I receive?

Your manager will contact you regularly to see how your tutoring sessions are going. You can also contact the centre for support.

The English Language Partners' centre has a resource library. Tutors are welcome to come in and borrow activities, games, books and audio-visual resources.

A newsletter is mailed out with news and tutoring ideas. Ongoing training workshops are also offered.

How long will I work with my learner?

Most tutors meet with their learners for at least six months but this arrangement is open to review at the end of your tutoring period.

Which countries are the learners from?

Our learners come from over 80 countries, including China, Burma, Iraq, Somalia, Cambodia, India, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Russia.

To train as a volunteer tutor, please contact your local centre.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PARTNERS NEW ZEALAND

English Language Partners is New Zealand's largest organisation working with refugees and migrants. We are a not-for-profit, community-based service.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We work with refugees and migrants to support their English language and settlement needs. Over 6,500 adult English language learners are supported annually through our range of programmes.

OUR PROGRAMMES

English Language Partners trains thousands of volunteers to provide one-to-one ESOL* home tutoring in homes. Centres also organise community English groups for over 3000 language learners each year.

Our English for Employees programmes provides targeted support to those in the workplace. Other programmes offered in specific locations include formal ESOL-literacy classes for pre-literate adults, job mentoring and other targeted programmes.



WHAT DOES AN ESOL HOME TUTOR DO?

They assist adult learners to participate effectively in their community. Each ESOL home tutor works with a learner, giving regular help, usually on a weekly basis, in the learner's home. Volunteers receive formal training to prepare them for their role.

WHO CAN TRAIN AS AN ESOL HOME TUTOR?

The Certificate in ESOL Home Tutoring is open to volunteers who have an interest in assisting adults to develop their English language skills and who have time to visit a learner.

They need to be willing to explore intercultural issues and have a good understanding of everyday English.

CERTIFICATE IN ESOL HOME TUTORING COURSE DETAILS

AIM

To train volunteers as ESOL home tutors who will provide one-to-one English language support to adult learners.

COURSE LENGTH

The course is designed for 60 hours part-time study. Training is usually allocated in this way:

Introductory training

20 hours training sessions (minimum)

14 hours independent study

Practical tutoring project

26 hours preparation, tutoring and evaluation

A minimum of 80% attendance at training sessions is required.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Course assessment activities need to be completed before a certificate is awarded.

**ESOL: English for Speakers of Other Languages*

COURSE CONTENT

The course covers a number of learning areas including:

- The context of volunteer tutoring;
- Intercultural awareness: understanding other cultures and relating to people from different backgrounds;
- Adults as language learners;
- Current TESOL approaches to language learning;
- Identifying learner needs and setting learner goals;
- Planning tutoring sessions, using different approaches, and use of resource material;
- Evaluating learning sessions and reporting on learner progress.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completion of the course trainees will have the necessary knowledge and skills to:

- Perform their role as volunteer ESOL home tutors;
- Support learners as they settle in New Zealand;
- Maintain an informal one-to-one English language support programme;
- Assist adult language learners to develop their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills;
- Assist adult learners to participate in their local community;
- Evaluate their own and their learner's performance.

This course is approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority under the provisions of the Education Act 1989. English Language Partners New Zealand Inc. is accredited to deliver it.

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