



Voices in Exile

ESOL

Class support volunteer

Background

Voices in Exile works with adult refugees, asylum seekers and migrants with no recourse to public funds in Sussex. We offer both practical and legal support to those who would otherwise be unable to access justice. We work with both individuals and families, including refugee families resettled in the UK from Syria and Afghanistan.

Purpose of the role

Some of our clients have little or no English. This can be a barrier to communicating need or accessing employment. They may have to wait until they are able to join an ESOL class or need extra support with their class work. The purpose of this role is to support clients to learn and develop their English language skills in a class environment.

Location:

Kempton area, Brighton

What you will be doing

- Supporting the class tutor to deliver ESOL lessons to class members

We are looking for people who are:

- experienced teaching English as a second or foreign language
- friendly and empathic
- non-judgmental
- reliable and trustworthy
- able to maintain strong boundaries
- easy to talk to and a good listener
- good IT skills, including word processing, email and internet and video platforms
- respectful of confidentiality

To volunteer with Voices in Exile you should have an interest in migration issues and a commitment to basic human rights.

Time commitment

- 2-3 hours per week for one session per week
Sessions run on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Support – you will

- receive a full induction into Voices in Exile and your role
- have a named staff member at Voices in Exile for 1-2-1 support and supervision
- volunteer support group sessions where you can meet other volunteers for peer support and learning
- be reimbursed for reasonable travel and other agreed out of pocket expenses

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Benefits

- Connect with people from different countries and cultures
- share your knowledge and skills, helping someone make a difference to their life
- Reimbursement of agreed out-of-pocket expenses

Practicalities

Due to the nature of this role, you will require you to:

- attend our induction and training sessions
- follow the policies and procedures of Voices in Exile
- give permission for an enhanced Disclosure and Barring check to be made

In our work, section 4(2) of the 1974 Rehabilitation of Offenders Act do not apply.

Information about convictions, which for other purposes are "spent" must therefore be disclosed.

We welcome applications from people from refugee and migrant backgrounds and people who speak a community language in addition to English. We would particularly welcome applications from speakers of Pashto and Dari, Farsi and Arabic.

To apply for this role, please complete our [application form](#). For a Word copy of the form or to discuss this role, contact: volcoordinator@voicesinexile.org