



Voices in Exile

Migrant support volunteer: One-to-one ESOL teaching

Background

Voices in Exile work 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, creating a barrier to communicating need or accessing employment. Some of our clients are unable to access ESOL classes due to vulnerability, physical or mental health needs or caring responsibilities. We are looking for people to teach one-to-one ESOL to adults once a week for up to 12 weeks per client. These sessions will help clients develop their language skills and confidence in a safe and accessible environment.

Location:

This role takes place in the office.

Please note our office is on the first floor and accessible by stairs only (no lift available)

What you will be doing

- support clients who experience barriers to learning
- planning and teaching level-appropriate one-to-one English lessons that will help to improve written and spoken English skills
- building a trusting relationship with students
- updating the caseworker after each meeting on language development and reporting safeguarding concerns.

We are looking for people who are:

- have a qualification in teaching English as a second or foreign language or other teaching experience.
- friendly and empathic
- able to maintain strong boundaries
- respectful of confidentiality
- reliable and trustworthy
- non-judgmental

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

Time commitments - this role requires a commitment to:

- initial induction and training
- 1-2 hours per week – including travel and planning
- volunteer for a minimum of 6 months

Benefits - your role will provide you with opportunities to:

- connect with people from different countries and cultures
- experience of working in the migrant sector
- share your knowledge and skills while helping someone improve their confidence and opportunities

Support - you will:

- have access to ESOL resources in the office which you can use in sessions
- receive a full induction into Voices in Exile and your role
- have a named staff member at Voices in Exile for one-to-one support and supervision
- you will receive links to resources for teaching English
- be reimbursed for reasonable travel and other agreed out of pocket expenses

Practicalities

This role requires you to work directly with vulnerable adults. As part of our commitment to safeguarding we will require you to:

- attend our induction and training sessions
- follow the policies and procedures of Voices in Exile
- give permission for a Basic Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check
- provide references

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

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