



South London Refugee Association
The Woodlawns Centre
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Role description: English class volunteers

South London Refugee Association (SLRA) supports refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants who live, work or study in South London. SLRA provides advice and support to assist our clients to build stable and secure lives for themselves and their families.

SLRA runs weekly ESOL classes for a small group of adults (usually up to 10 students). The levels are from beginner to intermediate. Each class is usually taught by one or two volunteer teachers, and a volunteer assistant. ESOL classes are relaxed and informal, with a welcoming atmosphere. We try to foster a supportive learning environment to promote students' confidence and participation.

The classes run alongside advice services for adults and families, where staff and volunteers support with housing, welfare benefits, asylum support and immigration advice.

We are currently running classes at the following times:

- **Beginners' ESOL in Balham (SW12 9BS):**
Mondays 10.30-12.30
- **Improvers' ESOL in Balham (SW12 9BS):**
Mondays 10.30-12.30
- **Mixed ESOL in Lambeth (SW16 2PJ):**
Thursdays 10.30-12.30
- **Women's ESOL in Lambeth (SW16 2PJ):**
Fridays 11.30-1pm

ESOL Teacher

- Leading a weekly ESOL class for adults.
- Teachers are responsible for preparing appropriate teaching materials for the classes they lead, planning and delivering the sessions, and informally assessing learners' progress.

ESOL Assistant

- Giving additional support to a weekly ESOL class for adults.
- Assistants do not need to have teaching experience and will not need to prepare material for the classes. Assistants work alongside the ESOL teacher, who will explain how you can support the students.

Skills and competencies:

- Excellent written and verbal English communication skills
- Relevant teaching qualification or experience of teaching ESOL (for the ESOL Teacher role)
- Commitment to the wellbeing and development of students
- Empathetic to the needs of refugees and asylum seekers
- A non-judgmental attitude
- Reliable and punctual.

We welcome volunteers from all sections of the community, particularly welcome refugee and asylum-seeking volunteers and those with lived experience of the immigration system.

SLRA can pay volunteers' travel expenses if needed, and reasonable costs for session materials.

To ensure sustainability, we ask that ESOL volunteers are able to commit to a minimum of 6 months.

We carry out DBS (police record checks) for ESOL Volunteers when they start at SLRA.

To get involved:

Please complete our volunteer application form and send it to Semsem Hassan:

> by email: semsem@slr-a.org.uk

> or by post: SLRA, The Woodlawns Centre, 16 Leigham Court Road, SW16 2PJ

About SLRA

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Through our support we aim to:

- > Reduce isolation
- > Improve health and wellbeing
- > Promote equal access to service provision
- > Relieve stress and poverty

In addition to two weekly advice drop-ins for adult clients and families, we run a weekly youth club, ESOL classes for adults, a women's group, and a programme of positive activities and outings.