Greetings!

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It's a New Year! With the holidays behind us, we are focused on the future! A new semester of Conversation Groups begins this week, new tutors will be trained in the coming months, CAL Career Groups have begun in Waltham, and Brandeis and Tufts students are preparing to teach Beginner English. Today, almost 400 local immigrants are enrolled in EAL programs, working towards their goals for their new life in the U.S.

Today, you can take action to support their journey.

Recently we asked our volunteers to call their state legislators to rally their support for efforts to secure a state source of funding for English At Large. Dozens made calls, and by doing so have compelled our state legislators to take action. If successfully, this could mean bridge funding to sustain EAL programs for the near future.

Will you speak for local immigrants in your community?

Will you make 2 calls to the state legislature to support English At Large?

It will take less than 10 minutes. But it can make a real difference.

We have even provided a very short script for you. It is all here in the <u>English At</u> <u>Large Call to Action.</u>

Not sure who to call? Here is the list of <u>state legislators</u> from our service area.

Your call gives voice to local immigrants working towards a better future.

Thank you for your support of English At Large!

Maureen Maureen Willis, Executive Director



EAL Program Surveys Show Real Impact!

We recently surveyed Conversation Group participants to assess the impact the program. 71 respondents told us that the group helped them build their English skills and speaking confidence to a level that empowered them to:

- get a job or change their job
- enroll in college or university
- improve family communication
- become active at their child's school
- volunteer in their community
- use public transportation
- vote in an election

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• pass the U.S. Citizenship exam

This success was made possible by your support of English At Large!



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