

Make a Difference in Your Community - Join the EAL Programs Committee!

Overview:

English At Large (EAL) is a nonprofit that provides individual and small group instruction through a volunteer network to adult immigrants and other newcomers who want to acquire English language skills as they adapt to life in the United States. Our vision is that newcomers to the United States will develop the English language skills and acquire the cultural knowledge they need to fully engage in their communities and fulfill their life goals.

EAL has a full-time staff of 3, hosts one AmeriCorps member, and depends on the efforts of more than 240 volunteers who carry out our mission in service to more than 500 learners each year. Through our One-to One Tutoring Program, Conversation Groups, Career Access Lab and Beginner English classes, EAL helps newcomers acquire the skills, confidence and community connections they need to reach their full potential.

We are now recruiting volunteers to work with EAL board and staff as part of our Programs Committee. This committee provides valuable feedback and support to EAL staff, by assisting in program evaluation, identifying opportunities for growth and collaboration, and in planning events that support and celebrate program success. This is an opportunity to bring your great ideas to the table and work with a group of local people committed to the mission of English At Large and the value that immigrants and refugees add to our community.

Functions of the Programs Committee:

- Review and assess current programs for effectiveness and relevance
- Provide support for special projects and pilot initiatives
- Participate in annual volunteer recognition activities
- Oversee the annual Learner Graduation event

Successful Members of the Programs Committee:

- Have a passion and understanding of the mission of English At Large
- Are interested in or have experience in the field of education and/or ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), as an instructor or as an English learner
- Have an understanding of program management
- Enjoy sharing ideas and working collaboratively in a group

Commitment:

- Attend and participate in monthly 1.5 hour long meetings, which typically follow a set schedule from September to June
- Participate in planning and attend one to two recognition and/or celebratory events each year
- Contribute your time, energy and knowledge to special projects as needed

Benefits:

- You will be making a difference for immigrants and refugees in your community.
- You will enjoy working in a highly collaborative and supportive team environment
- You will learn about nonprofit organizational and program management, evaluation systems and best practices in volunteer engagement
- You will have the opportunity to meet and support our learners and volunteers

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