#### ENGLISHATLARGE

#### Greetings!

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I hope you, your families and loved ones are staying healthy and connected during these difficult times.

I am reaching out to you, as one of our highly-valued supporters, to update you on the status of English At Large Programs.

As you may expect, COVID-19 has made it necessary for English At Large to cancel all in-person programs. However, our staff and volunteers are determined and are working together to continue instruction to keep our learners moving forward.

As of this week, 16 of our **Spring Conversation Groups** have relaunched, holding group meetings online.

**Tutors and learners** who are able are holding virtual sessions, utilizing email, Skype, Zoom, and FaceTime technologies.

Our Career Access Lab Program recently held mock "Skype" interviews and are using online technologies to ensure that learners continue to develop the skills they need to move their job search forward.

We are so grateful for the caring and commitment of our volunteers, who continue to serve despite their own challenges, often stepping well outside their comfort zone to learn the technology skills they need to best serve their learners. Their efforts will help keep our learners safe and connected at a time when they are most at risk.

Through our social media channels we are sharing news updates and resources from credible sources. These are very frightening times for everyone, and we want our learners to know that help is available in their community from organizations and people they can trust. During this time we feel that this is the most important role we can play; the relationships between our learners and our volunteers is a strong network that will help us ensure that people most in need and most at risk are getting the information and support they need. Our goal is to help keep everyone safe and healthy, and connected to their community.

Your support of this important work is more important than ever.

Thank you for your continued interest in English At Large.

Best regards, Maureen ed@englishatlarge.org





### COVID-19 Resources for our Learners

To help keep our learners safe, connected and informed, we have added a page to our website for our learners that contains:

- Information from trusted sources
- Activities to help them continue to practice their English

This page is updated weekly Please feel free to share this

information across your networks

# Help Us Celebrate National Volunteer Week!

This past year, 255 local people donated almost 7,500 hours of service to support the achievement of others as volunteers with English At Large.

We invite our community to join us as we express our admiration, appreciation and affection for these wonderful people who give life to our mission and make our communities more welcoming!

National Volunteer Week

is April 19-25th

Follow us on Facebook and watch your email next week to learn how you can join in the celebration!





YOU choose a charity and WE make the donation!

## Thank you for Making a World of Difference!

English At Large ranked 2nd in voting during Winchester Savings's Bank's most recent Community Giving Campaign, earning \$374 to support our programs!



