

Greetings!

The summer months go by so quickly! I hope you have been able to enjoy some time with family and friends.

In June, we were looking forward to the fall, and a return to in-person programs. However, the persistence of COVID-19 and rise of the DELTA variant across our service area made us re-think our plans.

For the health and safety of our volunteers and learners, all English At Large Programs will remain online through December 2021.

Our Fall Conversation Groups will meet virtually, utilizing the Zoom meeting platform. Registration information can be found later in this newsletter.

Beginning in late September, learners from our waitlist will be matched with English At Large volunteers, to begin tutoring online.

This is disappointing for so many reasons. First, it means that we still are not able to serve those learners who cannot join online programs. They remain our highest priority and will be enrolled for in-person instruction when completely safe to do so.

This decision also changes our plans to train new volunteer tutors this fall. We hope to offer new volunteers the opportunity to train as English At Large tutors in 2022.

An announcement on our spring programs, as well as any planned volunteer trainings, will be made before the end of the year.

While COVID has tested our patience, we remain grateful for the resilience and commitment of our volunteers, who continue to share their talents and energy with their learners. Together with our supporters, you are helping our immigrant neighbors and friends gain knowledge and understanding as they achieve their life goals.

We are proud to be part of this caring community. Thank you for helping to make a difference, through your continued support of English At Large.

Best regards,
Maureen

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Fall Program Update



Registration is Now Open for our Fall Conversation Groups

This 12-week virtual program is for learners at an intermediate or higher level of English who want to practice speaking and listening in a supportive setting.

[Click here to learn more about English At Large Conversation Groups.](#)

We are offering 14 groups this semester, meeting in the morning, afternoon and evening.

Groups meet weekly from late September through mid-December on the Zoom online meeting platform.

English At Large FY 2021										
City/Town	Learners Served by Tutoring*	Direct Tutoring Hours	# on Waitlist for Tutoring	Learners Enrolled in Conversation Groups*	Learners Enrolled in Beginner English*	Learners Enrolled in CAL*	Learner Instructional Hours Group Programs	Volunteer Hours Group Programs	Other Volunteer Hours**	# of Volunteers
Acton	7	172	8	9	1	1	375	192		4
Arlington	3	66	10	14	2	3	763	328		13
Bedford	1	20	1	3			111	78		13
Belmont	1	57	3	6			214			1
Billerica	3	72	7	6	1		204			1
Boxborough	5	197	2	4			151		10	3
Burlington	4	82	7	9		2	326	40		9
Carlisle			1							2
Concord	2	64	1	3			78	40	33	8
Lexington	6	288	13	24	1	4	960	231		17
Lincoln	3	73	1	1		1	41			2
Littleton								15		1
Medford	2	31	6	5			136	20	23	8
North Reading			1					40		2
Reading			2	2		1	78	66	10	7
Stoneham			7	6		1	177	55		7
Wakefield	2	88	2	3			76		5	3
Waltham	14	450	13	13	1	3	564	82	54	8
Wilmington	1	54	2	2		1	134			
Winchester	5	111	4	10			330	182	4	7
Woburn	8	275	17	8	1		325	40	20	6
Other towns				24	1		910	177	18	21
Direct Tutoring Hours Total		2100								
Tutor Prep Hours		1505								
Totals	67	3605	108	152	8	17	5953	1586	177	143
*These numbers are unduplicated										
**Other Volunteer hours include office support, intake assessors, and board and committee members										
Total Learners 242unduplicated										

Notes on our FY2021 Program Data:

Our learners come from 48 different countries and speak 33 different languages
 46% have an household income under \$30k per year
 31% of our tutoring learners are beginners, with very limited English skills

Impact of COVID-19

30% of EAL learners enrolled in March of 2020 left our programs, due to challenges with scheduling and/or online instruction
 12 learners continue to wait for a return to in-person tutoring

90% of learners who participated in online instruction reported that our programs helped them feel more connected during the pandemic

Coming in September: Our FY2021 Annual Report

Cummings Foundation Sustaining Grant

Our 10-year grant from the Cummings Foundation, awarded in 2019, provides long-term, sustaining support for ongoing operations and empowers our plans for future growth.

Our Cummings Properties Account Manager, Jeff Pelletier, personally delivered this year's \$20,000 installment to EAL offices. Joining Jeff in a photo op is NAIP AmeriCorps member Eric Wellers, and EAL ED Maureen Willis.



Fall Office Hours

EAL staff will continue to work a hybrid schedule through the end of 2021.

Effective September 7th, Office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 5pm.



EAL offices remain closed to drop-in visitors.
To connect with our staff, please [email us](#) or call during office hours at 781-395-2374.

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