

Greetings!

I hope you have been able to enjoy this lovely stretch of weather!

Our summer programs recently ended, and we are already well into planning a full menu of fall activities to support our learners and volunteers.

- We will be hosting as many as **20 Conversation Groups** this fall, including new groups in Maynard and Reading, and an evening group in Acton.
- A **new class of EAL tutors** will begin training in October, and will be matched with a local learner from our waitlist.
- **Beginner English** will start in late September through our partnership with Tufts University.
- **Volunteer Coffees** are set to resume in-person, for the first time since 2019

This important work is only made possible with your support.

Interested in getting more involved? We are looking for local people to both volunteer and work with us this coming year! **Read on to learn how YOU can make a difference!**

Coming in my September Newsletter: FY2023 Program Impact, details about our 2023 Volunteer Conference and more!

Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Thank you for your continued support of English At Large.

Best regards,
Maureen

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Important Program Note

In accordance with the most recent safety standards issued by local health officials and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), effective September 1, 2023, proof of vaccination is not required to attend or participate in EAL programs and activities.

Volunteers and learners will be receiving a copy of our updated Health Policies, and are encouraged to contact EAL staff with any questions or concerns.

Summer Program Highlights



Special Thanks to our Summer Interns

In addition to hosting a Conversation Group, Caroline and Sophia spent hours putting together activity kits that our volunteers can now borrow to use with their learners. Their efforts will benefit EAL volunteers and learners for years to come!

Program for Refugee Learners (PRL)

Now offered as a 12-week online program, PRL recently served 10 learners from Afghanistan and Ukraine, giving them the foundational language and literacy skills they need to continue their English studies.

We are pleased to share these special messages from PRL learners, written to express their gratitude and admiration to the dedicated team of PRL volunteers!
Thank you Tia, Amy, Rebecca, Eric, Thalia and Alane for making such a wonderful difference!
(click each picture to enlarge messages)

Thank you from PRL students!

I have seen a big change in confidence and also in her use of English in general!
(from sponsor)

We studied a foreign language in order not to get lost in the diversity of the world, because you need to know a foreign language to speak with friends who have a different language, a different style. Life is difficult and it led us away from home; we will not get anywhere without English. It is so important to know different languages, then life is pleasant and wonderful because you understand everything and can say it yourself; you don't need to look for words in dictionaries. Teachers, I am infinitely grateful. Please accept my gratitude and heartfelt love.

Thank you from PRL students!

I am very grateful to all of the teachers who worked with us. I am grateful to them for every lesson, for their attention, their smiles, and their kindness.

I want to sincerely thank the whole team for the marvelous and very useful English for Beginners lessons. You are doing very needed work for us. Thank you so much!

Many thanks to all the teachers of the PRL English Class for their patience and, above all, understanding and good will. You gave us a great start and we will always remember you. I wish you all success in your challenging work, success in all your endeavors, and health to you and your loved ones.

PRL will resume in 2024, if a need continues for this program. To learn more about this program, or to refer yourself or someone you know, please complete visit the [PRL webpage](#).

Volunteer With English At Large

Help Support our Tutoring Program as a Volunteer Test Assessor!

We are in need of local volunteers to assist us in assessing the language skills of new learners in our Tutoring Program.

Interested in learning more?
Read the job description here.

Wanted: Volunteer Test Assessors

We are looking for a Volunteer to co-facilitate our Conversation Group at the Billerica Public Library on Wednesday mornings beginning September 27th

Interested?
Fill out a Volunteer Inquiry to Learn More!

Needed: Group Facilitator

Work with English At Large!

Now Hiring: Programs Assistant

We are seeking an administrative professional to support our programs team! Part-time, flexible schedule, working with the BEST staff any volunteers anywhere.
Interested?

[Read the full job description here!](#)



A Note on Recently Settled Migrants

As you may know, there are a large number of migrant families arriving in Massachusetts, and many are being resettled across our service area in local hotels.



EAL is in contact with local and state officials, nonprofit groups and community volunteers, who are working to assist these families in attending their basic needs.

We will share opportunities for our volunteers and learners to assist with these efforts when we learn of them through these local networks.

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