English At Large Hosts Full Day of Training for Local Volunteers

English At Large (EAL) recently hosted its Annual Volunteer Development Day, which offers a full day of workshops, trainings and networking opportunities for the volunteers who serve as teachers, tutors and small group facilitators of EAL Programs, offered in 21 communities in Greater Boston.

This year's event featured a presentation by Dr. Marnie Reed, a Clinical Professor of Language Education at the Wheelock School of Education at Boston University, who led an informative training on pronunciation challenges for English language learners. After a networking session and lunch, Yarlennys Villaman from Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Healey's Office of Consumer Affairs presented information on *Preventing the Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law*.

We wish to thank these presenters for sharing their time and knowledge to support our volunteers. Special thanks to our sponsors, whose contributions helped to make this year's event a great success: Cummings Properties, for providing meeting space, and FoodLink and Flatbread Pizza and Reading Cooperative Bank, for providing refreshments for our attendees.

English At Large is a local nonprofit that provides individual and small group instruction through a volunteer network to immigrants who want to learn English to adapt to life in the United States. Our One-to-One Tutoring, Conversation Groups, Career Access Lab and Beginner English Programs help immigrants in 21 local communities develop the English skills needed to overcome barriers to life goals, to obtain meaningful employment, advance their careers, support their children's education, access community resources, prepare for U.S. citizenship and participate in community life. This year EAL has served 450 learners through the support of more than 200 volunteers. To learn more, visit www.englishatlarge.org

Presenters: Dr. Marnie Reed, Yarlennys Villaman, EAL's Director of Volunteer Engagement Csilla Tambor and AmeriCorps Member Na'tisha Mills