

Dear English,

The holiday season is upon us! I hope you are busy making plans with family and friends and finding ways to celebrate with your community.

I am so excited to have this opportunity to introduce you to 2 new members of the EAL team:

- **Pethrus Souza** is our new Programs Assistant. This brand-new position provides administrative support to the programs team, and also contributes to our marketing and fundraising projects.
- **Neha Sistu** is this year's NAIP AmeriCorps Member serving with English At Large. Neha is currently recruiting learners for the **Career Access Lab**, which will resume in January 2024 after a one-year hiatus.

As part of our ongoing efforts to support the success of our learners and volunteers, we recently hosted a very successful full day of professional development for our volunteers. Featuring experts in the ESOL field, our **Annual Volunteer Development Conference** is made possible by the generosity of our partners, including [Cummings Properties](#) and [Reading Cooperative Bank](#).

We recently completed a tutor-learner match cycle that moved 30 learners off our waitlist! These learners are now meeting with their volunteer tutors in public spaces across our service area, working on the English skills they need to reach their personal goals.

We are grateful to be part of a such a caring community! Your support of English At Large helps to ensure that all people have access to the help and support they need as they work to achieve a better life. **We are thankful all year for you!**

During December, EAL staff will be planning for our new **Beginner English Class in Acton**, scheduled to begin in January, and finalizing the schedule for our **Spring Conversation Groups**, which will begin in February.

Our offices will be closed December 25th through January 1st, to allow our staff time to recharge and enjoy the holidays.

This will be my last newsletter in 2023. I wish you the happiest of holidays and a safe and joyous New Year.

If volunteer service is on your list of New Year's resolutions, **I encourage you to reach out to EAL and get involved in 2024!**

Happy Holidays!
Maureen

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Welcome Pethrus and Neha!



Learn more about the newest members of the EAL team
by reading their bios online [HERE](#).

EAL Annual Development Conference

This year's Volunteer Development Conference featured a presentation on teaching Pronunciation and a Workshop on setting Boundaries and Volunteer Self-Care.

Special thanks to Conference Sponsor Reading Cooperative Bank and to our presenters
Laura Larsen-Stevovich and Alexandra Papagno



Welcome New EAL Tutors



These new tutors recently completed their training and have started meeting with their learners in public spaces across our service area.

This volunteer spirit is what empowers the mission of English At Large!

EAL Receives Grant from Rockland Trust

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We are pleased to announce receipt of a **\$5,000 grant** from the Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation, given to support our programs and services across our shared service area!

Now Seeking CAL Volunteers

Are you interested in helping local immigrants reach their career goals?

Do you have relevant personal job search experience, or have you worked in HR or in the career services field?

Visit our Website to learn more about CAL and to complete a Volunteer Interest Form!



[Learn More About the Career Access Lab!](#)

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