

Greenwich Inclusion Project & Greenwich Sanctuary Project Volunteer English Teacher Role Description

The project:

Greenwich Sanctuary Project is a Greenwich Sanctuary Project is a refugee resettlement initiative involving the local authority and various community organisations. GrIP's role in the project is to connect these families to the local community through a range of volunteering projects.

Our volunteer roles offer the families, support, friendship and help to integrate into the community. Integrating into a new community can be difficult for anyone, especially when there are additional barriers such as language and culture. For these families, once the practical elements are dealt with, it can be a long challenging task to truly make the UK and Greenwich feel like home. Our volunteering programmes make people feel welcomed, supported and part of the community.

About the role:

The purpose of this role is to provide informal English lessons to members from our Syrian and Afghan families, to supplement their college classes. It is essential that these families can learn and practice their English, so they are able to gain independence, find work and excel in education. The level of English these families have on arrival varies massively. Most members of the family will be enrolled in some form of education, with many of the adults attending college ESOL classes. Even those with high levels of English benefit from practice and additional structured lessons. Each volunteer is matched with one or two members from a family to teach weekly. These volunteers teach their learners, for one or two hours a week, or every other week in the family's home.

This role is fantastic for so many reasons, if you are looking to develop specific skills or simply want to make friends in the local community this role is for you. The lessons are invaluable to the families making the role rewarding and bringing you into a new community.

Commitment required:

1 hour a week planning lessons and at least 1 hour a week delivering an English lesson. We need volunteer teachers that can be with us for 3-6 months.

Applicant Requirements

We are looking for volunteers from a range of backgrounds, to create a diverse creative team of volunteers. If you have one or more of these skills or experiences, you may be eligible for the role:

- A background in teaching
- Experience in tutoring
- Experience facilitating/training groups/hosting workshops
- A TEFL or CELTA qualification
- Experience teaching English

- Any experience supporting young people or adults.

As this role involves visiting the houses of the refugee families you are required to provide references and complete a background (DBS) check.

Training

You will receive an induction for your role and basic safeguarding training. There will be opportunity to attend additional training or events throughout the year. If you are looking to develop a certain skill or gain specific experience your dedicated volunteer coordinator will develop a plan with you.

Resources

You will be given an induction pack with links to various online resources. You will have access to digital teaching resources and paper-based resources will be available from our office. Our Volunteer Coordinator can help plan lessons and choose materials. You can structure and plan your lessons however you feel is best for your teaching style.

Volunteer Support

- This project has a dedicated volunteer coordinator who will support you throughout your volunteering.
- We host various volunteer events and socials throughout the year.
- You can claim volunteer expenses for travelling to your learners house.