



THE WELCOME PROJECT

Volunteer ESOL Teacher

The Welcome Project is seeking experienced volunteer teachers to teach ESOL class twice a week.

We offer morning classes, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, and evening classes, 6 – 8 PM. Our students are adults mostly from Central America, Haiti, and Brazil, as well as other countries, and range in age as well as education level.

BACKGROUND:

The Welcome Project is a non-profit organization founded in 1987 by residents, service providers, and housing authority personnel in order to promote the peaceful integration of racial, ethnic, and linguistic minorities into the Mystic Public Housing Development in Somerville. Today, we work to build individual leadership and collective power within Somerville's immigrant communities.

ESOL classes are one of the many ways that program participants develop their skills and integration into the community, as they take advantage of opportunities for self-efficacy, personal advancement, and civic engagement. Our classes are taught using popular education, based on the belief and desire that learners should have agency in their own learning, lives, and communities. Teachers have the opportunity to learn from other teachers in addition to their students, and to be part of a dynamic organization working towards multilingual justice.

Classes are held twice a week for 2 hours per class (4 contact hours per week). Plan to spend a total of 7 – 10 hours a week, including preparation time. Support and teaching resources are available, including leading stress reduction and expressive arts work in the classroom.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare and teach classes for English learners with different languages of origin from September 12 – December 23
- Attend one student information session for students to learn about the program and meet teachers. Dates: August 30, 6 – 8 PM, and/or September 2, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Attend teacher orientation in late August and two staff meetings during the semester
- Maintain student records on attendance and assessment
- Collaborate with Welcome Project staff about programmatic activities

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Training and/or experience teaching ESOL to adult immigrants preferred
- Knowledge of popular education helpful
- Ability to work collaboratively with a diverse staff
- Interest in developing leadership of and learning from students

Please email cover letters and resumes to Lisa Gimbel at esol.somerville@gmail.com, or call 617-500-7436.

For more info about the organization, go to <http://www.welcomeproject.org/>.