



New Routes Integration

We work with and support refugees, asylum seekers and isolated migrants from over 80 countries, speaking 60+ different languages, and promote cross-cultural integration and community awareness. You can find out more about New Routes and the work that we do here www.newroutes.org.uk

New volunteer teacher FAQs

1. What qualification do I need?

We accept any TEFL qualification, from a short online TEFL course, to a CELTA. We are sorry we don't accept PGCE. This is because teaching English to speakers of other languages is a particular skill distinct from other classroom learning.

2. What is the time commitment?

We deliver English classes online and in person:

Mondays (women only, ONLINE) 11:30 – 13:30

Tuesdays (mixed, IN PERSON) 11:00-13:00

Thursdays (mixed, IN PERSON) 11:00-13:00

You can teach one class a week, or more. It works best if you can take at least one class per week. The classes are 2 hours each with a 15 minute break (so 1h 45m teaching time).

3. How big are the classes?

For our online classes we currently have a maximum of 6 students per class. Face to face classes can be slightly larger than this, though rarely more than 10.

4. What if I don't know how to use Zoom?

Don't worry, we'll train you. Our ESOL Coordinator Katie will support you as much as you need to set up with the technology of using Zoom as a teacher.

5. How do I know what to teach?

Our training will cover this and you'll be given access to resources for your classes. You can connect with other teachers of the same level to share resources and ideas.

6. What's the learning environment like?

As a charity whose main aim is integration, we prioritise a warm welcome over strict classroom rules. Our classes have a very informal atmosphere and our students love that. We don't work towards exams and we don't have learning targets. If someone arrives late, or a new person arrives at any time, we welcome them. This means our teachers need to be flexible and accommodating. There are challenges and rewards in working this way which we will talk about more at the training.

7. What next?

If you're interested in joining us:

- a. Please complete the volunteer application form and send it to development@newroutes.org.uk with a scan or photo of your EFL teaching certificate.
- b. Join us for our next volunteer training session. This will be in 2 parts: communities awareness (4 hours, to learn about the challenges faced by the communities we serve) and teaching with New Routes (teaching on Zoom, the technicalities and practicalities, expectations and style).
- c. After the training you can observe a few classes to see how we do things.
- d. When you are ready you can start teaching your own class.
- e. Katie will support you throughout.
- f. If you have any specific questions you can call or email Katie on 07864 303812 / esol@newroutes.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you 😊