

ESOL Volunteer role description

About KiwiClass

KiwiClass (formerly MCLaSS) is a not-for-profit organisation that provides multicultural support services through education and employment pathways for refugees and migrants whose first language is not English.

The role

Purpose: The learning experience of the people in our classes is enriched through the contribution of volunteers who join a class once or twice a week to provide ESOL support.

Location: KiwiClass volunteers can apply to assist in a wide range of ESOL programmes across the greater Wellington region:

- Beginner English: mainly in Wellington, Intermediate level in Lower Hutt and Wellington.
- English for Work: in Wellington, Porirua and Lower Hutt.
- Short classes: Empowering Families English, Seniors English (60+), Driving Licence, Computer Skills and Work-preparation classes in Wellington, Lower Hutt and Porirua.

Responsible to: Volunteer Coordinator

Functional relationships: ESOL teachers, office staff, Chief Executive

Duties

KiwiClass students have beginner to post-beginner English levels, and some also have low level literacy and little formal schooling. As an ESOL volunteer, you will assist the teacher and will work with individuals, pairs or groups within the classroom to offer opportunities for all to hear and speak to fluent English speakers. The volunteer's duties in this role will include but not be limited to:

- Modelling speaking/pronunciation at a slow and clear but natural pace.
- Going around the class helping students who are having difficulty with an activity.
- Working one-to-one with learners who need extra practice (e.g. numeracy, time telling).
- Working with small groups to facilitate an activity.

The role requires:

- A fluent level of English and good pronunciation (*non-native speakers are very welcome*).
- A regular commitment of two-three hours a week for minimum one term (9-11 weeks).
- An ability to communicate in a cross-cultural context and relate well to others.