

English for Work



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General English
IELTS Preparation
Teacher Training
English for Professionals
Group Courses
Fifty Plus
One-to-One



Some of the skills that students will develop whilst they are volunteering will include;

- Customer Service
- Business Etiquette
- Time Management
- Self-Reliance
- Interpersonal Skills
- Problem-Solving
- Commercial Awareness
- Practical Skills
- Organisational Skills
- Speaking and Listening

If there is a specific industry that you are interested in please let us know as we may be able to secure a volunteer placement with a company in the area to suit your requirements.

What are the benefits?

- Improving your general English language skills
- Giving you practice in a real life situation
- Learning how to deal with colleagues in English
- Giving you experience of work in the UK
- Every placement is individualised for each student
- All businesses are in Colchester and are easily accessible by a short bus ride or within walking distance from the town centre.

Sample Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00 - 10:40	Vocabulary building: Food and cooking	Listening and Speaking: Food and eating	Reading and discussing an article about food science	Listening and speaking about restaurants: Present simple and continuous	Review and test: Writing about eating habits in your country
11:10 - 12:50	Vocabulary building: Money and spending habits	Present perfect/ past simple: Talking about experiences	Reading about a business person's life: Discussing ways to overcome problems	Talking about changes: Present perfect and for/since Writing a summary of your life	Review and test: Researching and presenting information about a tycoon.
14:00 - 17:00	Volunteering placement	Volunteering placement	Volunteering placement	Volunteering placement	Volunteering placement t
Evening	With host family	With host family	With host family	With host family	With host family

Above is a rough guide to what the students will be expected to complete.



All students will receive a personalised certificate with details of their course content and number of hours they have studied.

Some of Our Example Companies (Volunteering placements depend on availability)

Loofer's Loofer's have been serving up tasty creations for over a decade for both the food lovers, as well as the coffee lovers. Their recipes are influenced with a hint of Mediterranean flavour and loaded with fresh ingredients, freshly made to order, eat-in or take-away. Loofer's concept for their customers is simple; eat, drink, chill and to enjoy a different kind of food & coffee experience.	
The Entertainer The Entertainer are an ambitious company opening lots of new stores. Their mission is to be the Best-Loved Toyshop - one child, one community at a time. They love creating memories and delivering outstanding service. Toy retailing is demanding and they will need you to be demanding of yourself and of them. Caring about each other, what they do and how they do it.	
Salon Central Salon Central was founded in 2010 in Colchester. The company aims to provide hassle-free, quality hairdressing at better prices than its competitors. Almost eight years on, Salon Central has grown to 6 locations and strives to grow further. Salon Central uses the very best products and colours available to create modern and contemporary looks tailored to each individual.	
PDSA PDSA are the UK's leading vet charity. PDSA are dedicated to improving pet wellbeing in three very special ways – by educating owners, preventing disease and carrying out life-saving operations. Every year, the dedicated teams at 48 Pet Hospitals work tirelessly to provide 2.7 million veterinary treatments	
The British Red Cross The British Red Cross helps millions of people in the UK and around the world get the support they need if crisis strikes.. The mission of the British Red Cross is to mobilise the power of humanity so that individuals and communities can prepare for, deal with and recover from a crisis, summed up by their quote 'refusing to ignore people in crisis'.	
Rocks and Rubies Rocks and Rubies are a unique gift boutique located in the centre of town next to Colchester Castle. Described as a 'treasure trove' and an 'Aladdin's Cave' by devoted customers. Rocks and Rubies carry a large selection of stock of fantasy figurines, Ann Stokes and Lisa Parker designs, handmade gifts from all over the world, crystals and minerals, incense / resins and incense burners, Buddha's, Egyptian and Indian objects, Tibetan singing bowls and so much more.	

Course Description

English for Work is a course designed to help young people and employees working in certain sectors where the use of English is important. These days it is becoming more and more important for people to be able to speak English well in the workplace. This course has two elements. In the mornings, the participants take a general English course designed to help

them improve their communication skills in an international setting. In the afternoons or evenings, the participants do work experience as a volunteer in a local charity shop, NGO or similar organisation. This gives them a good chance to practise using English in a real working environment.