

Conversation Partner Volunteer

Learning English helps refugees and immigrants navigate life in Rochester more independently. It can open doors for new job opportunities, education, and friendships! We are partnering with OACES, "the premier adult training and education center in the greater Rochester area," to provide additional English conversations that will augment their Monday-Thursday ESL classes.

Goal: To help refugees and immigrants learn English so that they are better able to navigate life and opportunities in America.

Reports to: Volunteer Coordinator – Eric Lintala

Location: World Relief Western NY, 420 Winton Rd North, Rochester, NY 14610

Time Requirements: Tuesdays from 5-7pm From July 5th – August 23rd

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Arrive at World Relief WNY on Tuesdays by 5pm and stay until 7pm
- Join in the regular OACES ESL class and follow the teacher's instructions
- Provide support to individual(s) who are learning English
- Assist OACES ESL instructors in English conversations with students
- Encourage practice outside of tutoring sessions
- Maintain communication with the volunteer coordinator and log volunteer hours
- Log all volunteer time and mileage in Track it Forward

Skills & Qualifications:

- Ability to work with people from different cultures and with limited English proficiency
- Willingness to follow conversation instructions from OACES ESL Teachers
- Patience and understanding

Required Training:

- General Volunteer Orientation (2 hours)
- Conversation Partner Training (1 hour)

How to Sign Up:

- Fill out our [Conversation Team Interest Form](#) if you have served with us before.
- Fill out our [Volunteer Application](#) if you have not served with us before.

Virtual Trainings Required: [Navigating Friendship](#)

Virtual Training Recommended: [ESL Tutoring](#)