

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 – Elisabeth Stojkovic (estojkovic@wr.org)

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

Time Requirements: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays from *4:30 – 6:30PM (if you can't arrive until 5:00pm, that is okay!)

Duties and Responsibilities:

- 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
- Log all volunteer time 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, flexibility, and understanding

Required Training:

- In Person [General Volunteer Orientation](#) (2 hours)
- Virtual [English Conversation Partners](#) (1.5 hours)

How to Sign Up:

- Join our [Conversation Partners Community](#)
- Fill out our [Volunteer Application](#) if you have not served with us before.

Virtual Training Recommended:

- [ESL Tutoring](#)