

Role Description: English Class Assistant

Upbeat is a charity that exists to help refugees settle and rebuild their lives in the UK. We want to see strangers become neighbours. We are looking for enthusiastic, caring and compassionate individuals to join the Upbeat team.

It is a privilege to work with such inspiring people from around the world. Whilst it is a serious commitment, this is an extremely rewarding opportunity to come alongside refugees and asylum seekers as they navigate life in the UK.



Responsible to: Elliot Cooper (Integration Manager)

Location: Trinity Baptist Church, Green Ln, Derby, DE1 1RT.

Your Commitment

We require a 1-year commitment from all our volunteers. Our English Classes run on weekdays, and we would require a volunteer to be present 30 minutes before and 15 minutes after a lesson to support with welcoming participants and building community. We are looking for volunteers to commit to 1 lesson per week (though fortnightly can be considered).

Responsibilities

- 75%: Building community and encouraging a welcoming environment. 25%: Assisting the tutor with English Classes
- Before the Lesson: To support with registration and chat with participants, as well as brief with the tutor about the lesson.
- During the Lesson: To support individuals, moving around the class ensuring they understand the task and sitting with them to clarify issues.
- After the Lesson: To debrief with the tutor, support with reset and chat with participants.

Qualities Needed

Volunteers will need to be:

- Punctual and have good communication with project lead.
- Encouraging - being able to provide helpful pointers in the participants' English allowing participants to make mistakes (that's how we all learn).
- Reliable, responsible and have good communication skills.
- Respectful of those from diverse cultures with different beliefs.

Why Volunteer with English Classes?

If you can speak English, you can support a class, something which is fundamental in participants settling into the country. It gives routine, mental health benefits, and skills for them to function better in the UK. Many of the participants can't access government funded classes for the first 6 months, which is when they are the most vulnerable with language - our English classes are part of that solution.

With the support of an experienced team, you will be helping individuals and families to integrate into the local community.