



ESOL Learning Ambassadors

Information Pack

March 2019

Introduction

English for Every day provides opportunities for higher level ESOL and others learners to gain work experience by completing accredited training in preparation for a voluntary role as ESOL Ambassadors. By reaching into their own communities Ambassadors can act as role models, inspiring and engaging isolated and the hardest to reach individuals into informal English learning.

Local ESOL Hubs hosted in community organisations provide accessible venues where Ambassadors will provide information and advice events. Promoting the benefits of English for Everyday they will recruit learners onto informal, flexible courses providing the ongoing support and encouragement to attend, achieve, progress and integrate with the wider community.

Benefits of volunteering on English for every day

- Free training for the role
- Support your community
- Opportunity to gain a L1 volunteering qualification
- Support your career aspirations with potential progression to a learning support assistant role or informal teaching

Requirements for volunteers on English for every day

- Able to encourage people with little or no English to start informal English classes in a local community setting
- Able to speak one or more community languages
- Have good links into own local community
- Have English speaking skills at Entry level 3 or above
- DBS check (we will arrange this)
- Completing Safeguarding and other essential training

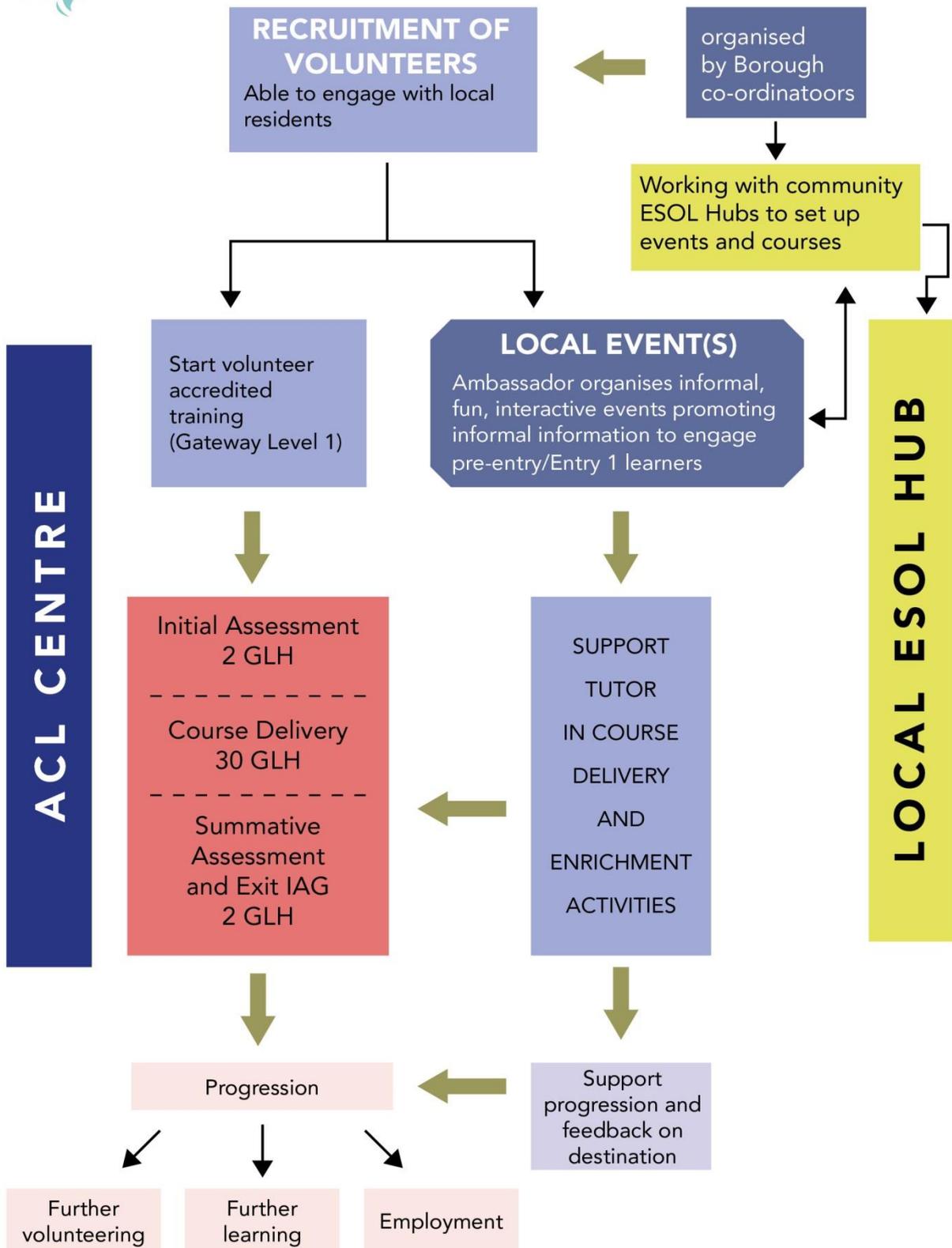
Time commitment

Each volunteer will be expected to give between **50** and **60 hours** to be used flexibly over a period of up to 12 months. This includes:

- attendance at one of the information events
- volunteer training and completing assignments for the qualification
- organising the community information events with the ESOL co-ordinator
- providing additional, on-course support to learners



Typical Ambassador Journey



Volunteering Qualification (Gateway)

The Gateway qualification Level 1 Award in Volunteering has been designed to enable learners to identify volunteering opportunities, prepare and undertake a volunteering role and reflect on their own practice.



The qualification will be awarded to learners who successfully achieve an approved combination of units through a portfolio of evidence.

Course dates: Monday 13th May – 24th June, 9.30am – 1.30pm

6 sessions at Gearies Learning Centre

Support for Volunteers

You will have the support of:

- your course tutor
- English for every day project manager
- access to further training
- further information & advice on progression opportunities.

How to apply

Fill in the attached application form and return to the English for every day manager Val Gilchrist (val.gilchrist@redbridge-iae.ac.uk) as soon as possible.

Successful applicants will be invited to an information/briefing event on one of the following dates:

Tuesday 26 March 2019, 3.15 pm

or

Thursday 25 April 2019, 3.15 pm

Appendix 1- Volunteer Policy

Appendix 2 – Volunteer Application form