



Wellington News Issue: 142 March 2016

Kia ora

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2016 and we hope you are all enjoying the year of the monkey so far. We are very proud to be part of an organisation that has earned a Category 1 rating in our recent NZQA External Evaluation and Review. ELP New Zealand received this great news in February and there were celebrations all round!

We have been so busy for the first months of this year setting up our new and existing programmes (see page 3), training 30 new home tutors and most important of all welcoming new staff and teachers to our team. Where to start! Our lovely Janet Velvin (*below left*) is now very busy looking after her grandson Morris and although still helping at our Miramar Mums and Tots group, she is leaving her role with us as a matcher. Our matchers have the important job of facilitating the first meeting between the new home tutor and their learner. Janet has been a fantastic teacher, colleague and volunteer for so many years with us and we hope she still has time to call in for the occasional coffee.

Fortunately Ada Nally (*seen below with her learner Ubah at our end of year party*) has agreed to be our new matcher. Ada, who previously worked for Wellington City Libraries as their multicultural community customer specialist, has been a committee member and a long time supporter of our service. She is currently an active home tutor volunteer and brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the refugee and migrant communities in Wellington, along with her own personal experiences as a Dutch migrant to this role. Welkom Ada.

Šárka Schumann (*please see page 2*) is our new resource support coordinator and a wonderful addition to our team. Šárka is Czech but grew up in Germany and has extensive experience in teaching, social work, counselling and working with migrant children. She has volunteered with us as a home tutor and ELG volunteer for two years. Vítej Šárka.

We had a nice farewell (*below right*) for Olga Smith, our Job Mentoring Service (JMS) coordinator, who went on maternity leave in February - see page 4 for a beautiful photo of Olga and her new baby. While Olga is on leave Laura Clavijo-Harin who has a background in human resources and is a former job seeker with the JMS service, is filling in for her. Bienvenido Laura.



Tutor News



Welcome to our 30 new home tutor volunteers from the March training. We hope you enjoy your tutoring and please remember to contact Emma or Šárka if you need any help with your match or resources.

Learner Progress Summaries please!

We love to hear about your match and how your learner is doing. By completing and submitting a Learner Progress Summary (LPS) every 6 months you help to keep us informed about your learner's progress and it is also very important for our reporting to ELP national office. If your LPS is due please contact Emma: emma.stein@englishlanguage.org.nz

The new 12 session template

This year ELP has introduced a new *12 Session Record of Learning* template for home tutors who have completed their assessment tasks and received their NZQA Certificate in ESOL Home Tutoring. The new template allows tutors to identify or update their learner's goals and complete a simple summary of their next 12 sessions. As soon as you have completed the 12 sessions please contact Emma to discuss and review how the match is going and she will help you decide where to next.

Resources

Šárka Schumann is our new resources coordinator. Šárka is available to help with resources on:

Tuesdays 11.30am-5pm

Fridays 9.30am-2.30pm.

If you need any help with resources or

resource library queries.

please feel free to email Šárka

sarka.schumann@englishlanguage.org.nz

* Look out for Šárka's recently emailed *Resource Update* with an Easter theme.



Tutor workshop: Tuesday 12 April 6-7.30pm

'Free services to help your learner'

For our first Tutor workshop we have invited three guest speakers to share their knowledge and experience of the free services they provide to help our learners.

- ✔ **Caroline McGrath** from **Language Line**
Office of Ethnic Affairs
- ✔ **Noel Ellis** advisor **Benefit Rights Service**
- ✔ **Emily Deans** Operations Assistant /
Kaiāwhina for **Community Law Wellington
and Hutt Valley.**

Our speakers will briefly introduce themselves and their services. This will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions and find out more in a small group session with each speaker.

For catering purposes please RSVP to...

sarka.schumann@englishlanguage.org.nz



*Pictured left Mark Sutton, our IT guru, introduces Zlata and Clytie to the new tablets that students in ESOL Intensive, English for Employees and ELG Police Recruits are using to complete their **Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment (LNAAT)**. We are fortunate to have the use of the tablets for this assessment and also for other online classroom activities. The students have really enjoyed using this type of technology and have already started to benefit from enhanced computer skills.*

2016 Programmes Update

Our groups and classes are all going well this term after a very busy time registering and helping learners access the right programme for their needs. Our English Language Groups are always popular and we are fortunate to have wonderful teachers who dedicate so much time and energy to their learners.

Ruth Mary James (Karori ELG), Lucy Pope (Newtown Saturday ELG), Kathy Ombler (Newtown Wednesday ELG) and Lucy Nelson (Kilbirnie ELG) are back teaching for us this year which is great. We would also really like to welcome the new teachers who have joined us this year. They are...



Samantha (back row on the left) with some of our ESOL Intensive students. Our newly trained volunteer Maria (back row third from the right) is helping the class.

Samantha Jones (*above right with her class*) teaches the ESOL Intensive class and ELG Literacy. As both programmes use our training room you will see Sam here if you are calling in to the centre. Fleur Findlay teaches our Miramar Mums and Tots ELG and the Monday afternoon session at Strathmore ELG. Louise Nelson job shares with Fleur and teaches Strathmore ELG on Thursday afternoon.

Helen Barnard is teaching our **Police Recruits ELG** and this new literacy based programme is designed to help learners who are interested in a career with the police. Carolyn Stein joins our **English for Employees** teaching team and Ruth Mary and Emma Stein continue teaching this programme for the first semester. Karen Taylor, who was an ELG teacher with us last year, is back teaching our month long intensive **Work Talk** course (*please see dates below*) for learners at intermediate or above level who are actively looking for work.

***Please get in touch with us if you would like to know more about these free opportunities for your learners. Please note learners must be NZ residents or citizens.**

Contact: maddy.harper@englishlanguage.org.nz or andrea.brownlie@englishlanguage.org.nz

English Language Groups (ELGs)

Training Room, Level 5, 186 Willis St.

**Tuesdays/Thursdays 1.30—3.30pm.
(4 hour Literacy Focus ELG).**

Strathmore Plunket Rooms, 2 Kinghorne St.

Mondays /Thursdays 1 –3pm. (4 hour ELG).

Newtown Community Centre, Rintoul and Colombo St.

Wednesdays 10am –12 noon.

Saturdays 10am-12 noon.

**Kilbirnie/Lyall Bay Community Centre,
56-58 Bay Rd.**

Tuesdays 10am—12 noon.

Karori Community Centre, 7 Beauchamp St.

Thursdays 12.30-2.30pm.

Miramar Plunket Centre, 20 Park Rd.

Fridays 10.30am—12 noon. (Mums and Tots).



English for Employees is ideal for learners who want to improve their workplace language. Our 3 classes this semester are full but spaces are available for semester 2 starting early August.

Ruth Mary is pictured above with her class.

ELG Police Recruits and Work Talk

Training Room, Level 5, 186 Willis St.

**Police Recruits: Wednesdays 5.30 –8pm.
Focus on English for joining the police (45 hours).**

***Course 1: March 9th - July 6th**

***Course 2: August 3 - November 30.**

Work Talk: Monday-Thursday 1- 4pm.

English to find a job (48 hours)

***Course 1: April 26 - May 19.**

(12 hours per week for 4 weeks)



Job Mentoring Service Update www.jobmentor.org.nz

We had some wonderful news a few weeks ago! Our Job Mentoring Service coordinator Olga Smith (*right*) and her family welcomed their little boy Dylan into the world. Congratulations to Olga and Bevan!



We are delighted that Laura Clavijo-Harin (*pictured left*) has joined us as the new Job Mentoring Service coordinator while Olga is on maternity leave. Laura, who is originally from Uruguay, is really enjoying her role in this service and we warmly welcome her to our team.

**If you are a skilled migrant from a non English speaking background looking for your first meaningful employment in Wellington, Laura would love to hear from you:*

jobmentor.wellington@englishlanguage.org.nz



Neighbours Day Aotearoa

Several of our ELG and ESOL Intensive learners were the lucky recipients of vegetable seed packets funded by Wellington City Council. This initiative is designed to promote Neighbours Day and more details are here: [Growing Neighbourhoods](#).

'This year the Neighbours Day Aotearoa 2016 theme is "Growing Neighbourhoods" where we are promoting the "knowing your neighbours" message in tandem with [Local Food Week](#). As part of the Growing Neighbourhoods campaign we are handing out free packets of edible seed mixes; salad mix, and stir-fry mix... We are encouraging neighbours to get to know each other through local, home-grown food. Each seed pack includes a Neighbours Day card to make it easier to start a friendly conversation.'

As a result of 'Local Food Week' our ESOL Intensive class (*pictured right*) visited [Brooklyn Community Orchard](#) and a neighbourhood community garden to raise awareness of and encourage participation in these local initiatives.



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ELP Wellington Centre will be closed for Easter

Close: 5pm Thursday 24th March 2016.

Reopen: 9am Tuesday 29th March 2016.

Have a very Happy Easter!

