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ESOL LITERACY VOLUNTEER



Welcome to High Trees!

High Trees was born of the local community 25 years ago, through collective community action to save the old library based in Tulse Hill, turning it into a Community Development Trust. Today, High Trees has grown significantly and is a well-regarded and trusted community anchor in Lambeth, delivering and leading on a range of integrated services to connect people and communities to strengthen skills and build stronger voices.

Our 5 cornerstone support areas provide integrated services in:

- **Community Education & Training:** We specialise in delivering basic skills training to provide individuals with the skills they need for work and life, including ESOL, functional skills, ICT and vocational courses
- **Community Action:** We embed Community Organising within the locality to nurture and capacity build individuals and community groups to develop advocacy skills and empower them to take collective community action on issues that affect them, whilst also improving representation in decision making
- **Employment & Welfare Advice:** We provide person-centred employment support for long-term unemployed individuals and those stuck in low-paid work, to improve their economic position through sustainable employment opportunities and career progression
- **Children, Young People & Families:** Working on the basis of early intervention, we deliver a range of services focused on play, study and social action aimed at improving the aspirations and well-being of children and young people, and strengthen families
- **Research & Development:** Focusing on our partnerships, community based research and sector capacity building support, our Research & Development team work across all services, teams and wider Lambeth to develop collaborative working practices and strengthen the sector

High Trees strives to ensure our services remain firmly rooted in the local community, responsive to and driven by local need and always delivered in the spirit of partnership and collaboration.

Visit our [website](#) for more information about High Trees and the work we do.





Education & Training Team

The Education and Training team run an exciting variety of free courses, including functional skills ICT, English and Maths, ESOL classes, vocational courses, Family Learning, Art and Wellbeing and Community Organising courses. Our offer of accredited and non-accredited courses ranges from basic skills that can help with employment or build skills for everyday life, to specialised accredited courses that can provide routes into new areas (such as housing, community action or education). Our provision is delivered by a fantastic team of tutors across all High Trees venues, which includes the High Trees Learning Centre, the Scout's Hut and the Tulse Hill Adventure Playground, or in multiple other venues in Lambeth, including children's centres and libraries.

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Job Description

High Trees are looking for a friendly and creative ESOL Literacy Volunteer (English for Speakers of Other Languages) to support learners on a one-to-one basis to improve their reading and writing. We are especially looking for volunteers who are passionate about supporting learners with low confidence to improve their English and literacy.

This is an exciting opportunity to help someone read for the first time by creating a learning environment that promotes self-esteem, allowing adult learners to participate more fully in their community. We will also be happy to provide volunteers with a reference for future employment and/or training.

Main responsibilities

- To prepare resources for literacy support
- To provide 1-1 or small group support to learners who would like to improve their literacy skills on a weekly basis
- To help maintain a safe environment for learners, in accordance with the Health & Safety at Work Act and High Trees Safeguarding and Prevent procedures.

Skills required

- Previous experience of teaching reading/ literacy to children or adults
- Reliable and punctual in attending the sessions
- Good social and communication skills
- Ability to motivate ESOL learners and to engage positively with them
- Positive and non-judgmental attitude



HOW TO APPLY

Email the team at courses@high-trees.org, indicating what days and times you are available to volunteer and submit a CV with two personal references.

We will invite you to come in for an informal interview.

Before starting to volunteer, you will need to attend a volunteer induction session and complete a DBS form.

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Meeting everyone as a
person of great potential

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