We are pleased to announce the release of *Volunteers, English language learners and conversation clubs*, a new set of resources commissioned by MHCLG and developed by Learning and Work Institute and Learning Unlimited. They are aimed at volunteers supporting adult English language learners, and organisations using volunteers in this role.

These resources are free to use for all, and can be found here: [learningandwork.org.uk/resources/research-and-reports/volunteers-english-language-learners-and-conversation-clubs](https://learningandwork.org.uk/resources/research-and-reports/volunteers-english-language-learners-and-conversation-clubs)

Developed with volunteers with little or no training or previous experience in mind, the resources are designed to support the delivery of conversation clubs and other volunteer-led language practice for adult English language learners. However, they will be useful to anyone engaged in delivering conversation-based English language practice. The suite of resources includes:

·        A set of 15 units for conversation club sessions, with supporting guidance on using them to run a conversation club.

·        A guide for volunteers supporting English language learners.

·        A guide for organisations working with volunteers in English language provision.

·        A conversation practice toolkit full of useful ideas, activities and resources.

·        A report of the research.

·        A set of four supplementary videos.

To support the use of these resources, we are running five webinars, which you can sign up for below. Please note that the second ‘intro’ webinar will be a repeat of the first one.

·        Monday 13th July 2020, 4pm – 5pm: Introduction to Volunteers, English language learners and conversation clubs resources.

Sign up: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtduuhqTMuG9fq58HHVzS0mbo2rvZNqKqj>

·        Thursday 16th July 2020, 1pm – 2pm: Introduction to Volunteers, English language learners and conversation clubs resources.

Sign up: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMpcuqhrDoiHtcWuvwTNLH1u8wB3zYVrExq>

·        Wednesday 22nd July 2020, 4pm – 5.30pm: Using the units and running a successful conversation club. Sign up: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUldOGqqjssHdVe-R-iGXJ4dDDhrzoKXxOG>

·        Monday 27th July 2020, 12pm – 1.30pm: My role as a volunteer. Sign up: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwscu6vrzIjG9BabfwHZKf0ISPZpsYCqEe2>

·        Wednesday 29th July 2020, 12.30pm – 2pm: Tips for organisations working with volunteers. Sign up: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEofu2uqj4rHdTXrW0f-oBjLPIe8bYb2lHF>

If you would like to attend one of the webinars but are unable to, recordings of the sessions will be made available.

We hope you find the resources useful, and to see you at one or more of the webinars.

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