



East of England
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Well-Being & Work for Refugee Integration

ESOL and Skills Courses

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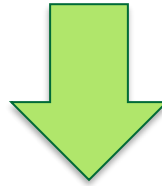
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Context

- Entry 3 / Level 1 = Intermediate / B1 CEFR
Threshold Level
 - Pre-entry learners = 1765 hours of learning
 - Literate learners = 500-1000 hours of learning
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Context

- “The fragmentation, incoherence of provision and neglect of ESOL national policy in England”. James Simpson



- Low number of hours per week/academic year
 - Lack of progression: 3-5 yrs to reach Entry 3 (intermediate)
 - Landscape impossible to navigate
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ESOL levels



Entry 1

ESOL level	Description	Literacy level of native speaker	Mainstream education	Typical jobs	Notes
Entry 1	Beginner	7 year old	None	Office/hotel cleaner Agricultural worker	Requires a supervisor with a common language

Entry 2

ESOL level	Description	Literacy level of native speaker	Mainstream education	Typical jobs	Notes
Entry 2	Elementary	9 year old	None	Sandwich shop worker Cab driver (if no test required)	Narrow and predictable range of language required for job

Entry 3

ESOL level	Description	Literacy level of native speaker	Mainstream education	Typical jobs	Notes
Entry 3	Pre-intermediate	11 year old	Vocational course with ESOL support	Waiter Retail worker Cab driver (with test)	Confident communication on straightforward topics

Level 1

ESOL level	Description	Literacy level of native speaker	Mainstream education	Typical jobs	Notes
Level 1	Intermediate / GCSE 1-3 or D-G	16 year old	Vocational course	Office administrator / data input Pre-school worker	Good self-expression over a wider range of topics

Level 2

ESOL level	Description	Literacy level of native speaker	Mainstream education	Typical jobs	Notes
Level 2	Upper intermediate GCSE 4-9 or A-C	16 year old	Range of courses, functional skills level 1/2, access to university	Teaching assistant	Fluent communication, can respond spontaneously to a wide range of situations

Our project enables people to acquire skills while they learn English

Traditional ESOL pathway	P/E	E1	E2	E3	Vocational (re)training, including IT skills				
			IT skills	Prep. for work	WE	Vocational (re)training			
WWW4RI pathway	P/E	E1	E2	E3					
WE= work experience		EA support e.g. voluntary work							
EA - employment adviser									
Years		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

ESOL and Skills Courses

- Core curricula (from Sep 2020)
- Preparing to work in... (sector-specific) courses



ESOL and Skills Courses

Core curricula

- Job search skills
- IT skills
- Study skills
- Driving theory

- 30 hours each



ESOL and Skills Courses

Preparing to Work in Courses (60 hours each):

- Early years / nursery
- Various logistics, warehousing, manufacturing operations
- Online retail
- Hair & beauty
- Health and social care
- Transport & transport maintenance



ESOL providers

- WEA – Suffolk, Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire
 - Essex Integration – Essex
 - Norfolk Adult Learning – Norfolk
 - GLADCA – Peterborough
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