



Position Title: Volunteer Talk Time Facilitator (Online)

Supervisor: Yuliya Matyushkina, ESL Program Coordinator

Positions Available: 6-8

Classes Begin: Feb 16 and Feb 17

About ReWA: Refugee Women’s Alliance (ReWA) is an award-winning, nationally recognized nonprofit that provides holistic services to help refugee and immigrant women and families thrive. In 36 years of work with multi-cultural communities, we have refined our services to most effectively promote integration and self-sufficiency. All of our services are designed to quickly and effectively stabilize clients, promote acculturation, increase language proficiency, and improve employability.

“Talk Time” is an opportunity for ReWA’s adult ESL students to get additional English conversation practice. The students will be of different ESL levels and from different countries (including Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, DRC, Afghanistan).

ReWA Talk Time is a new volunteer-run program. It will be held remotely on Zoom. Several volunteers will co-facilitate the same class every week. There is no curriculum - instead, volunteers will facilitate conversations around a chosen topic (i.e. Holidays, who is someone you admire and why, etc.). Orientation, training, and coaching will be provided.

Time Commitment	Class Times & Location
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 hours per week. We ask that you commit to either Tuesdays or Wednesdays. If you have the time, we welcome you to do both. • 3 months minimum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays from 2-3pm, starting Feb 16th • Wednesdays from 5-6pm, starting Feb 17th • Talk Time will be held on Zoom

Primary Responsibilities

- Confidently assist non-native English speakers with speaking and listening skills
- Provide safe and encouraging atmosphere for students to talk
- Work collaboratively with other volunteers to find relevant topics to discuss
- Provide Zoom classroom support – such as helping students log on, navigate breakout rooms, and facilitate a fun atmosphere!
- Independently troubleshoot technical issues

- Commit to respect learners' rights to confidentiality
- Provide feedback and input to the ESL Program Coordinator and fellow volunteers to help improve Talk Time

Mandatory Skills and Experience

- Experience working with persons of culturally diverse backgrounds, especially English language learners
- High degree of patience, understanding and flexibility
- Ability to use Zoom and Zoom features
- Facilitation of classes or small groups
- Prior ESL teaching experience preferred

Benefits

- Gain experience working with English language learners
- Become a skilled facilitator of virtual language conversations
- Make a difference in the lives of your immigrant neighbors by providing a welcoming gathering space to building their confidence with speaking

To apply, complete the online application: <https://www.rewa.org/get-involved/volunteer/>.

If you have already completed the application, please **attend one of these orientations**.

RSVP by emailing volunteers@rewa.org. We will send you the Zoom link to the corresponding time.

- Tuesday February 2nd, 1pm – 2pm
- Tuesday February 2nd, 5pm – 6pm

Questions? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@rewa.org