

ESOL – Next Steps

This year we ran one of our first face to face ESOL courses back at our centre. It was a great way to welcome our new tutor Masuoda. Masuoda previously volunteered with GTDT, involved with the children's activities and working as an interpreter in the community.

The class was full of eager learners with a lot of ambition who were very excited to start their journey in learning another language. There were so many different cultures and people from all around the world, and it was great to see them come together in this course.

Native English speakers don't appreciate how hard it is to learn English as a new language. Especially when we have so many spellings of the same word and so many words that mean the same thing! A lot of the learners in the class spoke more than one language fluently, and for them learning English was just another step in their personal learning.

Masuoda, the tutor said "I am very proud of all of the learners on this course. They have come such a long way in just a short amount of time. They all did really well; I know that they're all going to do brilliantly with their assessments. It was great to be back teaching face to face."

GTDT's lessons were full of fun and new ways to learn English; the learners had the opportunity to watch videos, read different books and work together, to learn as much as they possibly could. Thanks to the hard work from the learners, they all passed the course, and have decided to progress onto the ALS and undertake an assessment to see what level they are now heading towards. One of the learners, Mayada, said "I have really enjoyed this course; the tutor took her time and was patient with all of us. I am excited to see what level I will be moving onto."

Shinear and Masuoda took the group of ESOL learners to Granby Adult Learning Service to complete initial assessments. Shinear said "Progression is a key part of the community learning we deliver at GTDT. This will allow the learners to be placed on accredited courses, to further develop their English language skills for work, or everyday life. We all wish them all the best of luck."

