

## **Creating Livelihood Opportunities for Refugees**

## In-Person English Teacher @ New Leaf Farm Position Description

Volunteers teach English as a Second Language (ESL) classes **twice a week** for refugee staff at New Leaf Farm in-person. Each class session is twelve weeks long. Volunteers will create lesson plans and help refugees practice their English language skills. You will join a group of other volunteers passionate about serving the refugee community.

You will be a good fit for this volunteer opportunity if you have:

- A desire to help others.
- Openness to other cultures and ways of thinking.
- Ability to speak, read, and write English along with a basic knowledge of how English works.
- Coaching/mentoring/teaching skills.
- A sense of fun.

**Qualifications:** ESL teaching experience is preferred but not required. Volunteers will be required to pass a background check. Must be Austin-based and willing to drive to the farm.

**Time Commitment:** The total volunteer time is **2 days a week**, for an average of about **5 hours per week**. 12-week minimum commitment. Lesson planning and attending workshops/meetings are also expected.

Please choose <u>TWO</u> of the following time slots that work for you:

- Wednesdays from 11:00 am 12:00 pm
- Thursdays 12:30 pm-1:30pm
- Fridays from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Location: New Leaf Farm, located 20 minutes east of Austin

## Volunteer Process:

- 1. Fill out an application at https://www.mrcaustin.org/volunteer-form
- 2. Interviews are conducted prior to each 12-week session
- 3. If you are invited to be an English Teacher, you'll be offered the opportunity to sit in on a class
- 4. You'll participate in an orientation during which you meet the other teachers and learn more about the program.
- 5. A background check will be sent through email.
- 6. After all these steps are completed, you will receive an email connecting you to your co-teacher as well as providing information about your students and schedule.