

# Wirral Lifelong Learning Service

Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes enable families and individuals to learn the language, integrate successfully into British life and provide future opportunities for volunteering and work.

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**When I am teaching, I feel uplifted and I get so much energy from the learners. I enjoy my job and I am using my skills to contribute to the community. I am at my happiest with my learners in the classroom and wouldn't want any other job.**

**Oksana Borodushkina, ESOL Tutor**

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Oksana started her teaching career in Russia. She achieved her English & German Language Teaching Diploma in 2006 and then spent 7 years teaching English as a second language to both adults and children in schools and private settings in Russia. When she arrived in the UK, Oksana was determined to continue her teaching career and immerse herself in her local community.

She successfully had her Diploma qualification officially recognised in the UK as equivalent to a British Bachelor (Hons) Degree; however many of her secondary education qualifications were not able to be formally recognised. This is when Oksana's journey with Wirral Lifelong Learning Service started.

She joined both Maths and English functional skills courses and within 1 year she had achieved a Level 1 and 2 qualification in both subjects. She also began to volunteer in a local Wirral primary school and later volunteered for Lifelong Learning itself, supporting ESOL Entry 1 and Entry 2 learners. When a role became available at Wirral Lifelong Learning Service in 2019, Oksana jumped at the chance to apply. She was successful at her interview and has worked as an ESOL tutor for pre-entry and Entry-Level 1 learners since this time.

Oksana demonstrated her commitment to her professional development by undertaking a Level 5 Teaching English as a Foreign Language course. She started this course in June 2020 and studied during lockdown and in-between teaching her own learners online during the pandemic. She completed this course in less than 6 months and has recently been awarded the qualification!

# English for Speakers of Other Languages

ALL ESOL courses are **FREE** for everyone. You must be aged 19 or over and a Wirral resident to enrol.

For online courses you will need a smartphone/tablet/laptop to attend these classes. If you need any support, we offer an 'Online Support' workshop to help you to access these online courses. Please ask to be booked onto this workshop when you contact Wirral Lifelong Learning Service to enrol.

Learners will be invited to attend an initial assessment to determine the correct level course for them.

Course	Location	Day	Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESOL <b>Pre-Entry</b> Reading Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Pre-Entry</b> Conversation Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Pre-Entry</b> Conversation Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Pre-Entry</b> Speaking &amp; Listening Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Pre-Entry</b> Writing Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Pre-Entry</b> Reading Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Pre-Entry</b> Conversation Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Pre-Entry</b> Writing Skills</li> </ul>	The Lauries Centre, Birkenhead The Lauries Centre, Birkenhead Online Online Wirral Change Wirral Change Online The Lauries Centre, Birkenhead	Mon Mon Tue Tue Wed Wed Thu Fri	9.30am-12pm 12.30pm-2.30pm 10am-11.30am 10am-11.30am 10am-12pm 12.30pm-2.30pm 11am-12.30pm 10am-12pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 1</b> Conversation Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 1</b> Speaking &amp; Listening Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 1</b> Speaking &amp; Listening Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 1</b> Speaking &amp; Listening Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 1</b> Speaking &amp; Listening Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 1</b> Writing Skills</li> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 1</b></li> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 1</b> Speaking &amp; Listening Skills</li> </ul>	Online Online Online Wirral Change Wirral Change Wirral Multicultural Organisation Online	Mon Mon Tue Thu Thu Fri Sat	10am-11.30am 12.30pm-2pm 12.30pm-2pm 10am-12pm 12.30pm-2.30pm 9.30am-12pm Various times
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 2</b> Writing</li> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 2</b></li> </ul>	Wirral Change Wirral Multicultural Organisation	Mon Thu	10am-12pm 1pm-3pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 3</b></li> <li>ESOL <b>Entry 3</b></li> </ul>	The Lauries Centre, Birkenhead Online	Tue Wed	Various times Various times
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ESOL <b>Level 1</b> Writing</li> </ul>	Wirral Multicultural Organisation	Thu	10am-12pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Digital Skills for ESOL Learners (10 Jun)</li> </ul>	The Lauries Centre, Birkenhead	Thu	1pm-3pm

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