

Sources of support to learn English:

Help available from Refugees Welcome, classes in Cheshire East and online learning options



Refugees Welcome Cheshire East has put together this short information briefing to help you find free English learning opportunities.

To give yourself the best opportunity to learn and gain confidence in using English, we recommend you take advantage of as many courses and self-led study options as possible. However, please note that you can normally only apply for one ESOL course at a college at any one time.

i) English learning help available from Refugees Welcome

✓ Refugees Welcome English classes

At Refugees Welcome, we know how important English is when you start a new life in the UK. But it's not just a language – learning English is the key to confidence, connection, and feeling at home in the UK.

That's why every Tuesday and Saturday we hold friendly English classes open to everyone — no matter your level. Even if you only know a few words, or none at all, you'll always be welcomed with a smile. Our volunteers create lessons that are more than just studying. They're filled with games, laughter, and stories - because learning is easier when you feel free, relaxed and supported.

- **Macclesfield English Class** - Tuesdays, 10.30am – held at Macclesfield Methodist Church, Westminster Road SK10 1BX.
- **Congleton English Class** - Saturdays, between 10:30 and 12:00 – held at St Mary's parish centre. The entrance is to the right of the church itself. The address is West Road, Congleton, CW12 4ES. There is a car park behind the church on Henrietta Street.

✓ Refugees Welcome one-to-one English Conversation Practice

Refugees Welcome has a small number of volunteers who can offer one-to-one English Conversation Practice. The volunteer meets regularly with the learner to do informal English practice, either in person or online.

Please note we currently have a waiting list and cannot guarantee to match all learners with a volunteer. If you would like to find out more or be added to the waiting list, please contact Estelle Worthington on 07565 338 486 | Estelle.Worthington@cvsce.org.uk.

ii) Local English language classes

✓ Macclesfield College ESOL Courses

ESOL courses are designed specifically to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages. This course is suited to those living in Britain whose main or first language isn't English.

Learners must apply to enrol on courses at specific points in the year. For the latest courses and enrolment dates check out the Macclesfield College website: [ESOL - Macclesfield College](#)

✓ Cheshire College South and West ESOL Courses

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is a part-time course aimed at those who wish to improve their English writing, reading, speaking and listening skills. This is a modular course at 5 levels, from complete beginners to advanced (Pre-Entry to Level 1).

For the latest courses and how to enrol check out the Cheshire College South and West website: [Course Detail - Cheshire College South & West](#)

✓ Cheshire, Halton and Warrington Race Equality Centre (CHAWREC) ESOL Courses.

CHAWREC are specialists in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and offer a wide range of classes to suit learner's needs.

See the CHAWREC website for more details: [ESOL Courses | Cheshire Halton & Warrington Race & Equality Centre](#)

iii) Online learning/ Self-led study

There are many free English language courses and learning resources available. We recommend that you ask other learners for recommendations and try out different options to see what best meets your learning needs. Remember, you can do more than one course at a time, and the more you practice and expose yourself to the English language, the more your abilities and confidence will grow ;)

This is just a small selection of the courses/ learning resources available:

- ✓ [BBC Learning English - Learn English with BBC Learning English - Homepage](#)
- ✓ [Learn English Online | British Council](#)
- ✓ [Duolingo](#) – you can learn English using this online course or download the app from the app store or google play.
- ✓ [Collaborative learning](#) have various free resources and activities that help promote language practice and conversational skills for all learners including new arrivals
- ✓ [Flash Academy](#)
- ✓ Oxford University Press produce [Project books](#) from level 1 to 5, with workbooks and interactive resources
- ✓ [ESOL Courses - Free English Lessons Online](#)