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Dear Colleague,

Please find enclosed a copy of the 2008 version of the leaflet listing all English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) provision in Sheffield, produced by the Refugee New Arrivals Project.

The leaflet is designed for use by individuals and organisations who come into contact with adult refugees and asylum seekers wanting to access ESOL provision in the city.

We have tried to be as accurate and comprehensive as possible. However, the pattern of provision is constantly changing so we cannot guarantee absolute accuracy and it is always best to contact the individual centres, prior to referring someone. If you know of any provision which is not listed here, please do contact us so that we can include it in the next version of the leaflet.

Please note, that at the time of going to press, refugees who are unemployed or on income-based benefits can access free ESOL classes; however, most adult asylum seekers need to have been waiting for a decision on their asylum claim for at least 6 months in order to be eligible for free provision. This situation may change so it is strongly recommended that you contact the individual centres or the Refugee New Arrivals Project before referring learners.

Our Project provides impartial information and advice, and practical support if needed, to help refugees and asylum seekers access volunteering, employment and education, including ESOL classes. Agencies can refer people to us or individuals can 'self-refer'. We assess people's needs, using volunteer interpreters if necessary, and refer them to the most appropriate provision. We inform people about the opportunities available, make appointments, provide information on directions, bus routes etc and can sometimes take them to the learning centre, if required. Although our service is available to any refugee or asylum seeker in Sheffield, we prioritise those new to the city and women. We have female workers who can visit women in their own homes to discuss their needs and help them access suitable provision. We also work with education providers to try to increase and improve the opportunities available.

In addition to providing the above service, we run activities for refugees from professional backgrounds who want to prepare themselves for work in the UK, in their own profession. We set up tailored, supported volunteer work placements in a wide range of professions for refugees with a good level of English who want voluntary work experience in their own profession. We also run support groups for refugee teachers and refugee engineers.

If you would like to refer someone to our service, or if you would like further information about any of our activities, please contact our office (see contact details above).

We hope you find the leaflet useful. Please feel free to photocopy it.

Yours faithfully,

Naomi Cohen,
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Free English Language Provision For Adult Asylum Seekers And Refugees In Sheffield

This document has been produced by the Refugee New Arrivals Project. It is primarily for people who work with or come into contact with adult asylum seekers and refugees in Sheffield. However, it may also be of use to anyone working with people who want to access English Language courses in the city. We have tried to be as accurate and comprehensive as possible. Nevertheless, provision is constantly changing. Moreover, some providers have specific eligibility criteria. Hence, it is always best to contact the centres directly, before referring potential students.

The following points may be helpful:

- English classes are held at many different locations across the city. The classes are usually called ESOL classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages).
- The vast majority of classes are held during the day but the following centres run evening classes: Broomhall Centre (S10); Castle College (S2); Firth Park Children's Centre (S5); Firth Park Community Arts College (S5); Hillsborough (S6); Mount Pleasant Centre (S11).
- Provision varies from one class per week to a programme spanning various days and times.
- Single sex provision is available in many centres.
- Childcare is available at some venues. Some centres can offer help towards costs of childcare. You should contact the centres directly for further information about this.

The leaflet is split into two sections:

- (i) a table listing all ESOL provision in which people are taught in groups by a tutor and
- (ii) on the back page, details of other ESOL provision which does not fit into this category.

Classes grouped by postcode (see table for details)

S1

REEP
Sheffield Hallam University

S2

Castle College, TSC
Chinese Community Centre
Crown Enterprise and Training Ltd.
Megalearn
St. Mary's Community Centre
SYTG Ltd
The Space, TSC

S3

Burngreave Vestry Hall
Edward St Flats
Firs Hill Community Primary School
Netherthorpe Family & Community Learning Centre
NuBase
Pye Bank CE Primary School
Yemeni Community Association (Burngreave Road)
YERO

S4

Byron Wood Primary School
Burngreave Community Learning Campaign
Ellesmere Centre, TSC
Fir Vale Centre, TSC
Fir Vale School
Owler Brook School
St. Catherine's Primary School
Whiteways Junior School
Yemeni Community Association (at Fir Vale Centre)

S5

ATIC
Centre for Life, Firth Park Methodist Church
Firth Start Children's Centre

S5 continued

Firth Park Community Arts College
Hucklow Primary School
Meadows Children's Centre
Shiregreen Children's Centre

S6

Hillsborough College, TSC
Walkley Centre

S7

Abbeydale Primary School

S8

Norton College, TSC

S9

Brightside School
Darnall Education Centre, TSC
Greenlands Nursery and Infants School
Pakistani Muslim Centre
Phillimore School
The Source at Meadowhall
Subud Centre
Tinsley One Stop Shop
Tinsley Parent's & Children's Consortium/Sure Start

S10

Broomhall Centre
Broomhall Nursery and Children's Centre

S11

Mount Pleasant Centre, TSC
Sharrow Sure Start

S14

Gleadless Valley Community Forum

Notes Relating to Table

Levels

The National ESOL curriculum divides ESOL into 5 different levels:

- Entry 1 (E1)
- Entry 2 (E2)
- Entry 3 (E3)
- Level 1 (L1)
- Level 2 (L2)

Most classes in Sheffield correspond to these levels, with some also offering 'Pre-Entry' classes (PreE in table). Some may include more than one level within one class, depending on the learners attending at any one time. This is indicated by a slash (/) between levels. An arrow (→) implies that all levels in that range are offered. *Please note that provision is liable to change according to demand and the availability of funding, so should be checked with the centre concerned before learners are referred.*

Venues/Providers

To obtain more information about the class, how to enrol etc, use the 'Contact' column. This could be the centre at which the class is held or it might be the organisation which has overall responsibility for running the class.

Sheffield College Provision

For further information on all Sheffield College provision listed here, contact the Sheffield College ESOL Refugee Development Unit on 260 3230. Details of buses which serve the Sheffield College centres are listed in the back of the 'Choices' College brochures produced each year. When enrolling, learners should take proof of immigration status and any means-tested benefits, if applicable.

Key to abbreviations and symbols

Providers		
	ATIC	Arab Training and Information Centre
	BCLC	Burngreave Community Learning Campaign
	CET	Crown Enterprise & Training Ltd.
	FPCAC	Firth Park Community Arts College
	FPSS	Firth Park Sure Start
	LLLS	Lifelong Learning and Skills (Sheffield City Council)
	MEGA	Megalearn
	REEP	Refugee Education & Employment Programme
	SAVTE	Sheffield Association for the Voluntary Teaching of English
	SCCC	Sheffield Chinese Community Centre
	SCC (EU)	Sheffield City Council Employment Unit
	SFB	Skills For Business
	SMCC	St. Mary's Community Centre
	SSS	Sharrow Sure Start
	SYTG	South Yorkshire Training Group
	TSC	The Sheffield College
	WEA	Workers' Educational Association
	YCA	Yemeni Community Association
	YERO	Yemeni Education & Relief Organisation

Class Information		
	♀	Women only
	♂	Men only
	IELTS	International English Language Testing System
	OTA	Open to all (men and women)
	tbc	to be confirmed

Childcare		
	CC	Childcare (Y = available; N = not available)
	OS	Childcare available off site
	£	Total or partial childcare costs may be reimbursed
	D	Discretionary – depends on individual circumstances

Venue and Address	Course Title	Target Group	Level(s)	Day(s)	Time(s)	Contact Details	Provider	CC*
Abbeydale Primary School Glen Road, S7 1RB	ESOL	♀	E1	M, Th	am	SAVTE (241 2765)	WEA SAVTE	Y*
ATIC Old Firth Park Library, Firth Park Road, S5 6WS	ESOL ESOL ESOL + Citizenship ESOL + Citizenship	OTA OTA OTA OTA	E1 E2 E3 E3	W, F M, Th M, W T, F	pm pm, am am am	ATIC (243 6093)	ATIC	N N Y* N
Brightside School Jenkin Road, S9 1AS	ESOL	OTA	Mixed	T	pm	Ann Taylor (244 1826)	LLLS	Y*
Broomhall Centre Broomspring Lane, S10 2FD	English for Work & Volunteering ESOL Community English Language ESOL English Conversation ESOL English Conversation & Club Group Conversation Class Learning English through Folk Songs	OTA OTA OTA OTA OTA OTA	E1/E2 E2/E3 E1/E2 PreE →E2 Mixed Mixed	M M T W W W	pm eve pm pm am am	Shirley Cameron (272 9105)	WEA unknown unknown unknown unknown unknown	N N N Y* N N
Broomhall Nursery and Children's Centre 4 Broomhall Road, S10 2DN	ESOL ¹	♀	PreE/E1	F	am	Saima Ahmed (250 7373)	SSS	Y*
Burngreave Community Learning Campaign Forum House, 35 Spital Hill, S4 7LD	ESOL, Literacy	OTA	tbc	T, Th	am/pm	Parven Akhter (279 4960)	BCLC/TSC	N
Burngreave Vestry Hall 2 Burngreave Road, S3 9DD	ESOL ESOL ESOL ESOL	♀ ♀ OTA ♀	PreE E2 E1/E2/E3 E3/L1	M W M, Th T, Th	am pm pm am	Burngreave Vestry Hall (213 3800)	LLLS LLLS LLLS LLLS	Y* Y* Y* Y*
Byron Wood Primary School Earldom Road, S4 7DJ	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	Alexis Cowan (272 3624)	tbc	tbc
Castle College Granville Road, S2 2RL	ESOL ESOL IELTS	OTA OTA OTA	PreE→L2 PreE→L2 IELTS	M - F M - Th M - F	am/pm eve am/pm	Alison Gascoigne (260 3230)	TSC TSC TSC	Y* N Y*
Centre for Life, Firth Park Methodist Church, 8 Stubbin Lane, S5 6QL	ESOL ESOL	♀ ♀	E2 E1	T W	pm pm	SAVTE (241 2765)	SAVTE WEA/FPSS	Y* N
Chinese Community Centre 157-159 London Road, S2 4LH	ESOL with IT	Chinese community	E1/E2	Th	am	Belinda Shiu (250 9994)	WEA/SCCC	N
Crown Enterprise & Training Ltd. 241-243 London Road, S2 4NF	ESOL	OTA	PreE→L1	M - F	am/pm	CET Ltd (0845 126 0808)	TSC LLLS	N
Darnall Education Centre Darnall Road, S9 5AF	ESOL	OTA ♀	PreE→L1 PreE→L1	M - F M - F	am/pm am/pm	Nicky Ahmed (260 3565)	TSC	Y*
Edward Street Flats Sidall Street, S3 7GG	ESOL	♀	E2/E3	M, W	pm, am	SAVTE (241 2765)	SAVTE WEA	Y*
Ellesmere Centre Ellesmere Road, S4 7JN	ESOL	OTA	PreE→L2	M - Th	am/pm	Ellesmere Centre (260 3587)	TSC	Y*
Firs Hill Community Primary School Orphanage Road, S3 9AN	ESOL ESOL English Literacy ESOL English Literacy	OTA OTA OTA	PreE→E3 PreE/E1 E2/E3	M - F F W	am/pm am am	Kath Hobson (242 0109) (07505 321584)	WEA WEA TSC	Y* Y* Y*
First Start Children's Centre 441 Firth Park Road, S5 6HH	ESOL ESOL	♀ OTA	E1 E3	T T	pm eve	SAVTE (241 2765) Kath Swinney (229 6176)	SAVTE/ WEA/FPSS LLLS	Y* Y*

Venue and Address	Course Title	Target Group	Level(s)	Day(s)	Time(s)	Contact Details	Provider	CC*
Firth Park Community Arts College Fircroft Avenue, S5 0SD	Brush up your English	OTA	E2/E3	T	eve	FPCAC (257 4027)	LLLS	N
Fir Vale Centre (TSC) Earl Marshall Road, S4 8LA	ESOL	OTA	PreE→L1	M - F	am/pm	Fir Vale Centre (260 3584)	TSC	Y*
Fir Vale School Owler Lane, S4 8GB	ESOL	OTA	Mixed	T	twilight	Janet Lawson (243 9391 ext. 154)	WEA	N
Gleadless Valley Community Forum 189 Blackstock Road, S14 1FX	ESOL ESOL	OTA OTA	PreE/E1 E1→E3	T, Th T	am pm	Dawn Hutcheson / Liz Bowman (265 7093)	LLLS LLLS	Y* Y*
Greenlands Nursery and Infants School Fisher Lane, S9 4RP	ESOL ESOL	♀ ♀	PreE E1/E2	M, W T, Th	am am	Lee Oxley (244 1757)	LLLS LLLS	Y* Y*
Hillsborough College Livesey Street, S6 2ET	ESOL	OTA	E1→L2	T, W	eve	Student Services (260 2202)	TSC	N
Hucklow Primary School Hucklow Road, S5 6TB	ESOL Brush up your English	OTA OTA	E1/E2 L1/L2	M F	pm am	Kerry Shaw (242 6736)	WEA WEA	N N
The Meadows Children's Centre Busk Meadow, 349 Shirecliffe Road, S5 8XJ	ESOL	OTA	E2	W	pm	Kath Swinney (229 6176)	LLLS	Y*
Megalearn The Megacentre, Bernard Road, S2 5BQ	ESOL	OTA	E1→L2	M - F	am/pm	Ian Harding/ Darron Wilson (213 2033)	MEGA/SCC (EU)	£
Mount Pleasant Centre Sharrow Lane, S11 8AE	ESOL ESOL with IT ESOL ESOL ESOL	OTA OTA OTA OTA OTA	E1→L2 E1→L2 E1 L2 E2/E3	M - F M - F M M T	am/pm am/pm eve eve eve	Denise Morris (260 3555)	TSC	Y* Y* N N N
Netherthorpe Family & Community Learning Centre, Netherthorpe Primary School, Netherthorpe Street, S3 7JA	ESOL	♀	E1/E2	M, W	am	SAVTE (241 2765)	WEA/ SAVTE	Y*
Norton College Dyche Lane, S8 8BR	ESOL	OTA	E2/E3	M, T	am	Denise Morris (260 3555)	TSC	Y*
NuBase 62 Fawcett Street, S3 7PN	ESOL	♀	L1	M, W	am, pm	SAVTE (241 2765)	SAVTE WEA	Y*
Owler Brook School Wensley Street, S4 8HQ	ESOL ESOL ESOL	♀ ♀ ♀	E1 E1 E2	T F T	pm pm am	Refat Mahmood (261 2015)	LLLS	N Y* Y*
Pakistani Muslim Centre 243 Woodbourn Road, S9 3LQ	ESOL	♀	E1/E2/E3	T, W	pm	Abdul Rob (243 6091)	LLLS	N
Phillimore School Phillimore Road, S9 5EF	ESOL	♀	E1/E2	T, W	pm	Nicky Ahmed (260 3565)	TSC	Y*
Pye Bank CE Primary School Andover Street, S3 9EF	Women's English Women's English	♀ ♀	E1 PreE	M, Th T, F	am am	Pye Bank School (276 0472)	LLLS LLLS	N Y*
REEP Alpha House Carver Street S1 4FS	ESOL (includes 1:1) ESOL (includes 1:1) ESOL with Patchwork ESOL ESOL	OTA OTA ♀ OTA OTA	PreE E1 E1/E2 E2 E2/E3	W W T, Th T, Th T, W	pm am am pm am	Jo Flemming (281 2113)	REEP	D D D D D

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Sharrow Sure Start 110 Sharrow Lane, S11 8AI	ESOL ¹	♀	E1	M	pm	Saima Ahmed (250 7373)	SSS	Y*
	ESOL ¹	♀	PreE	Th	am		SSS	Y*
Shiregreen Children's Centre 551 Bellhouse Rd, S5 0ER	ESOL	OTA	E1/E2	M	pm	Kath Swinney (229 6176)	LLLS	Y*
The Source at Meadowhall 300 Meadowhall Way, S9 1EA	ESOL for Professionals	OTA	Advanced	M - F	am/pm	Judith Jenkins (07795 128104)	SFB/TSC	Y*
The Space Park Library, Duke Street, S2 5QP	ESOL	OTA	E2	M, T	pm	Hannah Stevens (260 3571)	TSC	OS
	ESOL	OTA	E2	Th	am		TSC	OS
	ESOL	OTA	E2/E3	M, T, W	am		TSC	OS
St. Catherine's Primary School Firshill Crescent, S4 7BX	ESOL	♀	E1/E2	M	pm	Gaby Spinks (242 1177)	WEA	OS
	Literacy	OTA	E3→L1	M	am		TSC	D
St. Mary's Community Centre Bramall Lane, S2 4QZ	ESOL	♀	E1	M	am	SMCC (223 0223)	WEA	Y*
	ESOL	♀	E2	T, Th	pm		WEA	Y*
Subud Centre 69 Swarcliffe Road, S9 3WB	ESOL	♀	E1/E2	Th, F	am	Nicky Reed (275 2683)/ Sharon Watson (242 3609)	WEA	D
SYTG Ltd, Globe II Business Centre 128 Maltravers Road, S2 5AZ	ESOL	OTA (16-19)	preE→L1	M - F	pm	Sharon Wells (201 5252)	SYTG	OS
Tinsley One Stop Shop 120-126 Bawtry Road, S9 1UE	ESOL	♀	E1	M, T, W	am	Nasim Akhtar (256 2671)	TSC	OS
	ESOL	♀	E2	M, T, W	pm		OS	
	ESOL	OTA	E3	M, T, W	pm		OS	
Tinsley Parents' and Children's Consortium Tinsley Green Children's Centre Nursery, 34A Norborough Road, S9 1SG	ESOL	♀	PreE	M	am	Tracey Wright (244 8885)	LLLS	Y*
	ESOL	♀	PreE	M	pm		LLLS	N
	ESOL	♀	E2/E3	Th	pm		LLLS	Y*
	ESOL	♀	PreE	F	am/pm		LLLS	Y*
	ESOL	♀	E2/E3	F	am		LLLS	Y*
Walkley Centre South Road, S6 3TA	ESOL	OTA	PreE→L1	M - F	am/pm	Walkley Centre (260 3563)	TSC	N
Whiteways Junior School Whiteways Road, S4 8EX	ESOL	OTA	PreE	M, W	pm	Usha Blackham (242 3169)	LLLS	N
	ESOL	♀	E1	M, W	am		LLLS	N
Yemeni Community Association 68 Burngreave Road, S3 9DD	ESOL	♀	E1	W, Th	am	Ms. A. Mohammed or Ms. A. Shaibi (256 0933)	YCA	Y*
	ESOL	♂	E1	M, T	am		YCA	Y*
Yemeni Community Association Fir Vale Centre, Earl Marshall Road, S4 8LA	ESOL	♀	E1	T, W, Th	pm	Ms. A. Mohammed or Ms. A. Shaibi (256 0933)	YCA	Y*
	ESOL	♀	E2/E3	T, W, Th	am		YCA	Y*
	ESOL	♂	E1	M, T, W	am		YCA	Y*
	ESOL	♂	E3 +	M, T, W	am		YCA	Y*
YERO 189 Verdon Street, S3 9QQ	ESOL	OTA	E1→L2	M, T, W	am/pm	YERO (276 0421)	YERO	Y*
	ESOL	♀	E1→L2	M, T, W	am/pm		YERO	Y*

* indicates that childcare facilities are available in or near to the centre. However, places are extremely limited in many centres and some centres charge fees. **Please note that asylum seekers are no longer able to access free childcare at the majority of classes provided by Sheffield College.** If learners need childcare facilities it is always best to contact the centre directly as criteria for fee remission and availability of places can vary.

¹Classes are only open to families who are registered with Sharrow Sure Start. Families who live in Sharrow, Abbeydale and Broomhall can register if they have a child under 4 or are expecting a baby.

Other opportunities to Learn and/or Practice English (not listed in table)

1) One-to-One Tuition

REEP (Refugee Education & Employment Programme) Pre-entry and Entry Level 1 available as one-to-one sessions for individuals. Times are flexible. Contact REEP, Alpha House, 10 Carver Street, S1 (tel. 281 2113)

SAVTE Individual sessions for people who are not ready for or, for various reasons, cannot access classes. Taught by volunteer tutors in student's own home. Contact SAVTE (tel. 241 2765)

2) Conversation Clubs

Conversation Clubs open to all. A chance to practise English in an informal, friendly environment. Often run by volunteers. All welcome. Participants just turn up on the day.

- Wednesdays 2-4pm, Asylum Seeker and Refugee 'Drop In', Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, S1 (entrance on Chapel Walk). Contact Northern Refugee Centre (tel. 241 2780)
- Fridays 1-4pm, Central United Reformed Church, 60 Norfolk Street, S1.
- Wednesdays 1-3pm, Broomhall Centre, Broomspring Lane, S10. Crèche available. Contact Broomhall Centre (tel. 272 9105)
- Wednesdays 10.00-11.30am, Cemetery Road Baptist Church, 11 Napier St, S11. Contact Gary Stutton (tel. 272 2179). **Please note: aimed at beginners.**
- Thursdays 4.30-6.30pm, Station Foyer, 95 The Wicker, S3. Contact Marion Boyd (tel. 275 3803)

Please note: open to people with refugee status only.

Women's Groups. Informal groups for refugee and asylum seeker women where they can practise English language, socialise and take part in art and craft activities and occasional trips. Facilitated mainly by volunteers.

Centre	Day/Time	Childcare	Contact
Tinsley Green 34a Norborough Rd, S9	Monday 1.00 – 2.30pm	Crèche – book in advance	Alex Groves/Fiona Noteman (Tinsley Sure Start tel. 284 1803)
First Start 441 Firth Park Rd, S5	Monday 1.00 – 2.30pm	Crèche – book in advance	Saika Mustafa (Firth Park Sure Start tel. 203 9307)
Burngreave Children's Centre, 19 Spital St, S3	Tuesday 10.30 – 12pm	Crèche	Carolyn Smith (Burngreave Children's Centre tel. 252 5220)
Firs Hill Community Primary School, Orphanage Rd, S3	Tuesday 1.00 – 3.00pm	No crèche	Kath Hobson (Firs Hill School tel. 242 0109 /07505 321584)
The Michael Church Lowedges Rd, S8	Tuesday 12.30 – 2.30pm	Crèche	Joy Adams (tel. 237 7364)
Darnall Forum 245 Main Road, S9	Thursday 10.00 – 12.00pm	Crèche	Anne/Shabana (tel. 249 0099)
Yemeni Community Association Earl Marshall Rd, S4	Thursday 1.00 – 2.30pm	Crèche	Carolyn Smith (Burngreave Children's Centre tel. 252 5220)
St Matthew's House, Carver St, S1	Thursday 12.30 – 2.30pm	Crèche	Northern Refugee Centre (tel. 241 2734)
Gleadless Valley Community Forum, 189 Blackstock Rd, S14	Friday 12.30 – 2.30pm	Crèche	Northern Refugee Centre (tel. 241 2734)

Men's Conversation and Activity Club. Thursdays, 2-4pm, Welcome Centre, Nottingham Street, Burngreave, S3. Contact Jeff Kirby (tel. 07931 355071)

3) Sheffield Hallam University TESOL Centre

Classes taught by trainee ESOL teachers on level 10 of the Owen Building, S1. All levels except complete beginners. Mondays - Fridays 6-8pm (tel. 225 5515) at various times throughout the year.

4) Learndirect

The following centres offer English courses 'on-line' to learners who are at approximately Entry 3 already:

ICT4Life,	Tinsley Forum,	Best Training, 9	Hargreaves	Business Advice
Innovate Centre	120-126 Bawtry Rd, S9	Westbrook Court,	Training,	Direct, Carver St,
164 Firth Park Rd, S5.	Tel. 244 4887	Sharrow Vale Rd,	Staniforth Rd, S9.	S1.
Tel. 243 4434		S11. Tel. 268 3969	Tel. 256 1782	Tel. 275 6680

5) Jobcentre Plus

Provides opportunities for ESOL to unemployed clients on benefits, at various learning centres within South Yorkshire. Referral to these courses is through Personal Advisers at Jobcentre Plus.