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VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT ESOL TEACHER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (Spanish and/or Portuguese speaker) (5-7 year olds or 8-12 year olds AND 13-19 year olds)

ROLE INFORMATION

- **When:** Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 16:15-18:00.
- **Where:** On-site at IRMO, Units 8 & 9, Overton Road, Brixton SW9 7JP.
- **Term:** Minimum commitment of 4 months.
- **Reporting to:** ESOL, Mentoring & Activities Lead.
- Volunteers have their travel expenses (to and from IRMO) and lunch (if you volunteer a full day) reimbursed against receipts.

ABOUT IRMO

IRMO works to enable the development, agency, and participation of Latin Americans and other Spanish and Portuguese speakers, by responding to both immediate needs and structural inequalities. We do this by offering high-quality information and advice services, opportunities for development and training, and a platform to seek social and systemic change. Our work is organised across three main operational areas - Advice and Casework; Education, Training and Employment; Children and Young People - and a cross-cutting area - Advocacy, Research, Policy Mapping and Campaigning. More information is available at www.irmo.org.uk.

ABOUT THE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE AREA

Our programme of support for recently arrived Latin American children and young people ensures that our young service users can have the best possible start in the UK. We offer English language classes and homework support, advice & advocacy to access mainstream education and statutory services, learning workshops for young people and targeted mentoring for education and employment. Children and young people at IRMO can access the following activities:

- **English for Speaker of Other Languages (ESOL):** children and young people can learn English through targeted ESOL classes tailored to age, language abilities and learning needs.
- **Advice & Advocacy:** parents can access one-to-one advice, practical support and workshops on school admissions as well as access to healthcare, welfare and other basic needs.
- **Individual Mentoring:** children can find the support they need to overcome educational challenges and young people can plan their next steps into employment.
- **Group Learning Workshops:** young people can learn new skills, socialise, explore career paths and get exposure to industries of interest through a weekly provision of inspirational, theme based and creative workshops.

ABOUT THE ROLE

We are looking for an enthusiastic and creative Volunteer Assistant ESOL Teacher who is fluent in English and Spanish or Portuguese and who has some experience in working with children and young people. The role aims to support IRMO's weekly ESOL classes for Spanish/Portuguese speaking children and young people who have recently migrated to the UK. The post-holder will assist the ESOL Teacher with the delivery of creative and interactive ESOL classes for up to 8-10 children:

- aged 5-7 years old OR 8-12 years old on Monday or Wednesday afternoons
- a beginners ESOL class for 13-19 year olds on Tuesday afternoons

Classes take place at our centre in Brixton and have fixed hours so it's essential that the volunteer is free on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons between 16:00-19:00.

Some children/young people on the project are still waiting to start school in the UK and coming to IRMO is often the only time in the week they have fun and learn with peers their age.

The overall aims of IRMO's ESOL program are to equip children with the English Language skills they need to: thrive and integrate more easily into their new schools; reach their full potential; make new friends; feel part of the wider English-speaking community; and rebuild their lives in the UK.

The ideal Volunteer Assistant ESOL Teacher is a fluent Spanish or Portuguese & English speaker, with a passion for ESOL and who has an idea of the challenges faced by migrant, refugee & asylum seeking children and young people in the UK.

MAIN TASKS

- Support the planning of creative and interactive ESOL classes in a safe and inclusive learning environment.
- Carry out regular evaluation to monitor children's progress.
- Be observant of safeguarding issues and report any concerns to your supervisor.
- Suggest and plan activities that meet the children's varying needs.
- Ensure children leave with their parents/carers unless they are authorised to leave alone or with someone other than their parents/carers.
- Create a safe working relationship with children.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO IS/HAS:

- Fluent in English (essential), working proficiency in Portuguese (desirable) and Spanish (desirable).
- Aware of the issues facing migrants, especially children and young people, in the UK.
- Some experience working with children in school or in an out-of-school setting.;
- Some knowledge of safeguarding and child protection in the UK.
- Non-judgemental, empathetic and committed to IRMO's mission and values.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Two references from current/previous employers.
- Enhanced DBS Check (completed through IRMO).
- Safeguarding Level 1 certificate (completed through IRMO).
- One month trial period.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING AT IRMO

- You can support Latin Americans in London to overcome challenges.
- You can take part in community events, trips and celebrations organised for and by the Latin American community.
- You can learn new skills in a dynamic and multicultural environment such as languages, communication, facilitation, IT and monitoring & evaluation.
- You will receive a reference after completing a minimum 3-month volunteering period.
- You have the opportunity to attend in-house and external training sessions.
- You will receive regular supervision and coaching on skills development.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact volunteer@irmo.org.uk quoting the role you'd like to apply for for more information and how to apply.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!