**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes in Slough – correct as of September 2024**

Pre-Entry level learners [may be described as] Complete beginners. Doesn’t understand very much; may be able to answer questions for basic personal information and follow basic instructions. ( <https://learningandwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Pre-entry-ESOL-A-Factsheet-for-the-South-East-Region.pdf> )

ESOL courses are categorised into five different levels. You can begin at whichever level matches your current English skills.Entry levels are as follows:

* Entry 1: You can speak and understand a few things in English.
* Entry 2: You can communicate simply and understand the language in familiar situations, but with some degree of difficulty.
* Entry 3: You can speak and understand English quite well and use basic tenses in speech or writing but are still lacking in vocabulary and have problems with advanced grammar.

The levels then go up to:

* Level 1: The learner speaks and understands English but makes mistakes and fails from time to time to clearly express themselves.
* Level 2: The learner speaks and understands English very well but falters with unfamiliar vocabulary or situations.

( <https://uk.indeed.com/career-advice/career-development/esol> )

**Please note: All courses described here are open to people who have refugee status in UK. Entry may vary for people who have asylum seeker status, and this is defined in each entry. For people in the UK on a visa and who have No Recourse to Public Funds, please contact the individual provider to discuss entry requirements.**

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| **Provider** | **Suitable for…** | **When and Where** | **Notes** | **Contact** |
| Slough Refugee Support | Conversational class for beginners with little English – **open to asylum seekers from arrival in UK and refugees**  ESOL classes – **open to refugees only.** Entry to level 1 | Monday and Thursday ESOL CLASSES.  Tuesday and Wednesday conversational classes.  SRS centre, 28 Bath Road, Slough.  Term time only. | We have been running classes for almost 18 years.  We have interpreters to help understand as well. | Call: 01753 537142.  Email: [srsinfo@sloughrefugeesupport.org.uk](mailto:srsinfo@sloughrefugeesupport.org.uk) |
| Salvation Army | Beginners and those looking to practice their English skills  **Asylum seekers welcome from arrival in UK and refugees** | Salvation Army Hall, 53 Stoke Rd, SL2 5BW  Weds 18:00-19:00  Term time only. | The group has been running for 2-3 years. Low-key, friendly. Headed up by a dedicated Primary School teacher with volunteers from the Salvation Army  Users are asked to join a Whatsapp group for up to date news  This is an ideal opportunity for learners on other courses to practice their English skills. | Call: 01753 525819  or Email: [slough@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:slough@salvationarmy.org.uk) |
| Slough Hub | Our immersive English workshops have been designed to support residents to improve their confidence in speaking in English.  **Asylum Seekers and refugees welcome from arrival in UK but should have a basic level of spoken English** | Future Works:  Tues and Thursday mornings 10 – 11am  Viva Slough Studio:  (Slough High Street, next to the One Beyond Shop and opposite Mcdonalds)  Wednesdays 5.30 – 6.30pm  Term time only. | The workshops are in a group setting to enable participants to support each other on their journey to speaking English with more confidence.  In each session we will practice a different area of spoken English and use language which will all be useful when speaking on the phone, talking about what is important to you, talking about things you have done in the past, talking about future aspirations and giving opinions etc. | Enrolment form can be found here <https://thesloughhub.org/boost/english/> and you can also contact  [rachel@thesloughhub.org](mailto:rachel@thesloughhub.org) for more information.  There is also a class for parents of children at Godolphin School – please contact for more information |
| Palladium  (*in partnership* with ACDA Skills Training) | This ESOL programme is suitable for **refugees** **only** who are looking to improve their English language skills to get into work eventually.  These Basic English classes are part of a programme which focuses on supporting people who are recent arrivals to the UK with low levels of English to not only improve their English language skills, but also to better integrate with their local communities.  Level: *Beginner/ Basic. ESOL Entry 1, Entry 2 and Entry 3.* | Days: *Every Monday and Thursdays.*  Times: *From 1pm to 3pm.*  Location: *The Curve,*  *William Street,*  *Slough SL1 1XY.*  Courses run throughout the year | Eligibility Criteria:   * Aged between 18 and 66 years. * Unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.   Refugees who  have permission to stay in the UK and arrived through one of the following routes:   * *Refugee Permission to Stay;* * *Mandate Resettlement Scheme;* * *Refugee Family Reunion.*   This ESOL support servcie is being offered through the Refugee Employability Programme (REP) and is aimed at supporting refugees in achieving employment, or better employment by reducing barriers and improving integration into society.  It is open to eligible people living across the within the South East region. | For more information call:  020 3290 1128  Mobile: 0770 964 2243  Email: [info@acda.org.uk](mailto:info@acda.org.uk)  *For more information about the Refugee Employability Programme (REP) visit:*  <https://repsoutheastpalladiuminternationallimited.co.uk/>  You can also email: [REPenquiry@thepalladiumgroup.com](mailto:REPenquiry@thepalladiumgroup.com) or call: 0800 0025 940. |
| SBC Adult Learning | Various courses are available for **asylum seekers (from arrival in UK) and refugees** in Slough, courses include:  English skills up to Entry 3.  The non accredited ESOL courses are for learners who want to improve their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills for everyday communication.  Learners will develop the confidence to interact with others in everyday conversations such as going to the shops, speaking with the Doctor or their children’s school etc. | **Venue:** Courses are delivered at Community venues including the Curve, Chalvey hub, community centres and local schools.  **Day and Times:** Courses are available: Monday to Fridays  9:30 – 12:00pm  12:30 – 3:00pm  4:00 – 6:30pm (only at the Curve)  5:30 – 8:00pm (only at the Curve)  Term time only. | The service has had a name change from CLaSS to Adult Learning Slough.  Learners will need to attend an initial assessment session at the beginning of each term of an academic year where we will be able to determine their level of English before assigning them to a course.  This will then be followed by completing an Enrolment form to register them onto their course.  Also available:  Basic Digital Skills courses to learn word, Excel, powerpoint and Internet for personal development to help look for work.  Health and Wellbeing courses to build confidence, learn new skills, make new friends etc.  Employability support available with 1 to 1’s to help with looking for work. Workshops are also available for sector based and skills needs including CV writing and interview skills. | If interested in joining courses, please contact us:  **Call:** 01753 476611  **Email:** [lifelonglearning@slough.gov.uk](mailto:lifelonglearning@slough.gov.uk)  **Visit:** Adult Learning Slough,  at The Curve (Ground floor), Wellington Street, Slough  SL1 1XY |
| Langley College  A red square with white text  Description automatically generated | ESOL courses for all learners aged 16+ who want to improve their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills – an initial assessment will determine level  **Asylum seekers (from 6 months after arrival in UK) and refugees**  ESOL Pre-entry 1  ESOL Pre-entry 2  ESOL Pre-entry 3  (Non accredited)  Entry 1  Entry 2  Functional Skills English Lessons for ESOL learners, Level 1 and Level 2 | Initial assessment to assess level.  Classes available at every level morning, afternoon and Evening Mon-Friday at Langley College. | Also available:  Workskills and Digital Skills from beginners to Level 1. Classes especially designed for ESOL learners.  Functional Skills Maths from entry 1 to level 2.  Community interpreting for ESOL students  Our Entry to L2 ESOL skills for Life qualifications are accredited by Trinity College London.  External accreditation and certification provides reliable evidence of the use of English language skills at different levels and allows progression into mainstream education and employment | [Esol.enquiries@windsor-forest.ac.uk](mailto:Esol.enquiries@windsor-forest.ac.uk)  [Paula.ferreira@windsor-forest.ac.uk](mailto:Paula.ferreira@windsor-forest.ac.uk)  communitylearning@windsor-forest.ac.uk  For more information and to apply see  <https://www.windsor-forest.ac.uk/study/course-search/?_search=Esol&_course_subject_area>  For community and bespoke classes email [communitylearning@windor-forest.ac.uk](mailto:communitylearning@windor-forest.ac.uk) |
| Care4Calais | People who are learning and practising english | List of free resources |  |  |
| Free websites that help adults and children learn and practise English | <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>  <https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>  <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/>  <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/learning-english/activities-for-learners/> |  |  |  |