

Job Mentoring Service

English Language Partners Inc.

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Volunteer Mentoring Service for Skilled Migrants in Wellington, New Zealand

English Language Partners Wellington recognises that access to employment is a key to successful resettlement for immigrants coming to Aotearoa/New Zealand.

With funding from the Ministry of Social Development, WINZ – Migrant Employment Assistance, we run a **Job Mentoring Service**, using the successful home tutor model of one-to-one support.

- We offer a free Job Mentoring Service to migrant and refugee job seekers from non-English speaking backgrounds who are looking for work in the Wellington region.
- Job seekers need to:
 - have permanent residence or an appropriate work visa with at least 6 months left before its expiry date to be able to be matched with a job mentor.
 - be from a non-English speaking background and have not yet succeeded in getting a professional, meaningful role in New Zealand.
 - have a good level of written and spoken English.
 - have tertiary qualifications and professional experience, ideally from their home country.
 - be flexible, available and open to taking advice and ideas from job mentors.
 - have been in NZ for ideally less than 2 years.
- The coordinator of the service matches a registered migrant job seeker with a trained job mentor who has knowledge of the New Zealand work environment and skills &/or interests in a similar field of work.
- The job mentor then assists the job-seeking migrant in their employment search: they offer help in how to go about looking for work in New Zealand, how to apply for a job, how to build networks in the employment field etc. The job mentor's role is to support, encourage and inform.
- The job seeker meets or communicates with their job mentor regularly. With the mentor's help, they plan their steps towards employment and move towards their career goal.
- We also offer regular events such as network nights where both job mentors and jobs seekers come along to listen to a presenter talk about a job search or employment topic. These events also allow a chance for networking amongst the guests.

“My job mentor showed me the NZ way of applying for a job – not too formal, not too serious and remember to smile!”

(Quote from our successful job seeker.)

To find out more, or register as a job seeker with the Job Mentoring Service, please contact the coordinator:

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