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RICHMOND

EAL FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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Learning English through friendship

English as an **A**dditional **L**anguage

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Charity no. 1133538

Acrimonious abbreviations!

- **EAL** – English as an **A**dditional **L**anguage
- **ESL** – English as a **S**econd **L**anguage
- **ESOL** – English for **S**peakers of **O**ther **L**anguages
- **MFL** – Modern **F**oreign **L**anguages

Better to keep it R.EAL...

Barometer of Global Politics

Our charity reflects our response to global politics in local microcosm, for example:

- **1963 Ankara Agreement**
- **War in Ukraine**
- **Chinese policy in Hong Kong**


From dismal failure...

- **1998:** I was teaching children from **Afghanistan** newly arriving in Richmond, SW London.
- I **organised a party** to meet their families.
- Booked a large hall with refreshments and sent invitations in Farsi/Dari, Pashto and Punjabi.
- But **not a single Afghan** joined us on the day...



...to unexpected success!

- **A week later:** I asked my Afghan pupils whether they would bring their mums and dads to my house that Sunday...
- **76 people** turned up **on my doorstep** laden with food!
- **Social connection** is essential to success.







Welcome
 Bayeli Malamu
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 Bémrindo
 Sanguenu Kué
 خوش آمدید
 Kuiza ya Mbote
 Hoq geldiniz
 Witajcie
 歡迎
 Saa dhawow
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 Benvenuti
 Καλως ηλθατε
 Willkommen
 خوش آمدید
 Mirë se erdhët
 Takulandirani
 Akwa ba
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Party Invitation

Languages Celebration Party

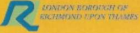
Whitton School EAL Friendship Group and Orleans House Gallery invite you to a party to celebrate

on Sunday 13 July 2008
 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm
 at Orleans House Gallery
 Riverside Twickenham TW1 3DJ

Everybody welcome
 to enjoy language quizzes, singing, dancing,
 children's activities and food from around the world.

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FREE English Classes

Have fun! Learn English! Make friends!

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Healthy Cooking Workshops

Weekly Women's Yoga

Picnics and day trips to local attractions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sunday
<p>10.00am to 12.30pm EAL Class Whittaker Ellis Suite OldTown Hall Richmond TW9 1TP (Buses H37, R70, 33, 110, R68, 490)</p>	<p>9.30am to 12.00pm EAL Class Nelson Primary School Nelson Road Whitton, TW2 7BU (Buses 281, H22)</p>	<p>9.00am to 11.30am EAL Class ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham, TW1 2AR (Buses H37, R70, 33, 110, R68, 490)</p>	<p>10.00am to 12.00pm Walk & Talk Marble Hill Park (Meeting near the car park) (Buses 490, 110)</p>	<p>9.30am to 11.00am Women's Friendship Swimming Club (WFSC) Teddington Hydrotherapy Pool Vicarage Road, Teddington, TW11 8EZ (Buses 33, 281) </p> <p>£</p>
		<p>10.00am to 12.00pm EAL Class & Craft Group Ham Youth Centre, Ham Close, Richmond, TW10 7PL (Buses 371, 65)</p>	<p>Monthly 10.30am to 1.30pm EAL Healthy Cooking Club ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham, TW1 2AR (Buses H37, R70, 33, 110 and 490)</p>	



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WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP SWIMMING CLUB **WFSC**

Open to all women

SWIMMING CLUB



Open to new members!

Membership fees apply

Volunteer opportunities available

Sundays 9.30am to 11.30am
Teddington Hydrotherapy Pool,

Vicarage Road,
Teddington,
TW11 8EZ



Contact Ruth or Alex to learn more
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EAL Classes

- Informal, interactive classes.
- Regularly working in pairs and engaging in group discussions.
- Supportive guest speakers from organisations including the NHS, Healthwatch, Mulberry Centre, Dose of Nature and many others.



Cantonese Lesson

- Actively encouraging learners to share their own language skills, not just in English.
- Embracing diversity encourages greater intercultural awareness, self-confidence and trust.
- Making friends reduces loneliness.



Making First Aid Fun!



Free Visits to Kew Gardens



Monthly Healthy Cooking Clubs

- Hosted at the East Twickenham Neighbourhood Association (ETNA) Centre: etnacentre.org
- Each session involves cooking and eating a delightful dish prepared by one or more of our learners from all over the world!



R.EAL Achievements



**Azize
(Turkish)**



**Cornelia
(Romanian)**



**Marlenys
(Spanish)**

R.EAL Friendships



R.EAL Walk & Talk



Language Celebration Party

- Last held in June 2024.
- Children's craft activities.
- Guests donated food and drinks.
- Traditional Turkish dancing and Tagalog singing by ex-learners.
- Amazing performances from the Connaught Opera!



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