ESOL IN MANCHESTER

Mapping ESOL

Laura Mackey, from Manchester Adult Education Service (MAES), updated us on the Manchester City Councilled project seeking to map ESOL and English conversation classes in the North-West of England. If you run ESOL or English conversation sessions, however small, please fill in the form. You can also view the map here.

Learning, Employability and Integration Hub

Sandra Penaloza-Rice provided an overview of Migrant Support's Learning, Employability and Integration Hub. The hub is an innovative way of marrying ESOL provision with guidance on work and culture for those new to the UK.

The Future of ESOL

Dr. Huw Vasey, from the Multilingual Manchester (MLM) team at the University of Manchester, gave a short talk on the future of ESOL in the face of budget cuts and Brexit. You can find out more about MLM's work <u>here</u>.



ESOL in Manchester Forum

On the 4th May, Multilingual Manchester, from the University of Manchester, teamed up with Migrant Support to host a forum for providers and practitioners of English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) and English conversation classes. These forums are intended to bring ESOL and conversation class practitioners and providers together to discuss topics such as current and future provision, best practice and funding routes, as well as helping to ensure the voices of practitioners and providers are heard in national policy and academic debates.

The event included presentations on the Manchester City Council-led ESOL mapping project, Migrant Support's Learning, Employability and Integration Hub, and an overview of the future of ESOL in Manchester in the light of Brexit and increasing budget constraints (see side panel for short overviews). All the presentations can be downloaded <u>here</u>.

If you're interested in getting involved in future events, would like to make a presentation, or simply want more information, please contact Dr. Huw Vasey (<u>huw.vasey@manchester.ac.uk</u>).







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