



CASE STUDY: **Learning English and life skills in public libraries**

This program promotes the opportunity for people to learn English and develop their life skills in public libraries.

AT A GLANCE



Target Participants

Migrants from a refugee background



Aim

To provide work experience, mentoring and access to education and training opportunities.



Organisations Involved

AMES Australia in partnership with the City of Monash



Location

Melbourne, Victoria



Funding

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English and life skills being taught in libraries

A pioneering new program is seeing migrants learn English and life skills in public libraries in Melbourne's east, thanks to a partnership between AMES Australia and the City of Monash.

The free English courses run for ten weeks with two hour sessions each week at Glen Waverley and Clayton libraries.

AMES Australia teacher Margaret Galvin said the session were a "wonderful idea".

"The program is giving the opportunity for a lot of people to become connected to their local library and also to the broader community," Margaret said, who teaches the Glen Waverley Group.

AMES Australia volunteer Theo Koumides, who has been volunteering with AMES Australia for seven years, said the sessions were held in a relaxed, welcoming format.

We do have more informal conversation groups running but this program is more structured with a teacher and a volunteer and can focus on specific needs and the language needed to navigate the community and broader society.

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