



EAST YORK LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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MISSION STATEMENT

EYLE’s adult literacy, numeracy and digital literacy programs transform lives and enhance self-worth by empowering individuals to reach their full potential.

“East York Learning Experience has consistently helped adults gain the literacy skills they need to become independent, educated and employed. This is an incredible small charity that is cost-effectively changing lives.”

**Greg Thomson, Research Director
Charity Intelligence Canada**

Once again, Charity Intelligence Canada has named East York Learning Experience (EYLE) a **Top 5 Impact Charity in Toronto** and **Top 10 Canadian Impact Charity** for its literacy work helping adults pursue employment, education, and independence. We are honoured!

Each November EYLE eagerly awaits the release of the Top Impact Charities announcement. Previous Top Impact Charity designations have meant increased donations which enabled EYLE to implement new initiatives and programs, and enhanced our overall literacy services.

EYLE thanks all current and past board members, volunteer tutors and committee members, staff, students and of course, our many donors for their support over the years. Your contributions have helped us build a program that delivers high-quality and effective literacy services in the East York, east Toronto, and west Scarborough communities. Without the hard work and commitment of many, a designation such as this, would not be possible. We should all be proud of the work we have done!

Gail McCullough, Managing Director

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Success Story

VM came to Canada last October from Ukraine. She has a post-graduate degree from Kyiv University in Technology and Design Management; she currently works at Holt Renfrew as a Fashion Consultant. V stated the she is enjoying her time here in Canada but often thinks about the war in her country.

V heard about our program through a friend and colleague and registered to get help with her English writing skills, vocabulary expansion and reading comprehension. She also wanted to gain further insight into the Canadian workplace and culture. V believed that improving her English would help her to move from part-time to full-time work, or get a better position at her job.

She worked really hard with her tutor, and was motivated and enthusiastic in her learning; this helped her to improve her English very quickly and she was able to exit from our program within a few months.

At the end of her time with us, she came to me and told me that she was given additional hours at work, which made her very happy.

Awesome VM, Congratulations!



Holiday Closures



EYLE will be closed as of Tuesday, December 19th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd.

For those that celebrate it, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays to all!

Tutors' Corner

A few reminders/requests from staff:

Milestones: When your student completes a milestone, please pass it along to Jo (or any staff member) so that we can ensure it gets entered into our system in a timely manner. Do not leave it in the student's file.

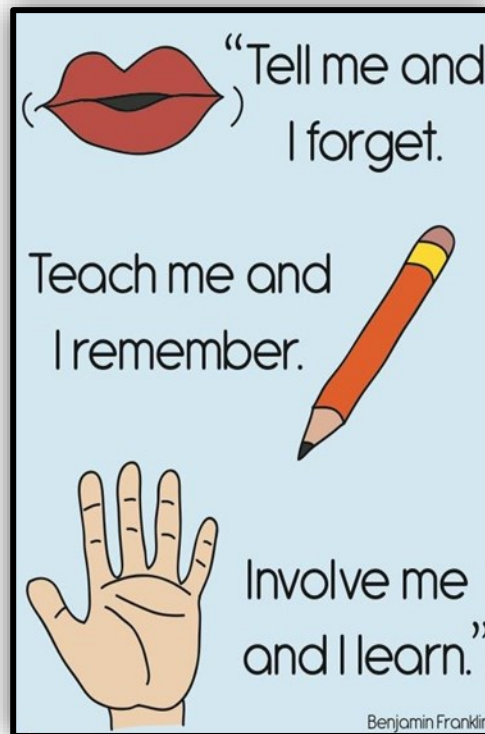
Resources: A reminder that other than the readers that students may sign out, resources should not leave the office as they are used by all.

At the end of your tutoring session, **please return all resources to the front office** so that we can re-shelve books where they belong.

Laptops: Please do not add apps or software to our laptops before getting approval to do so by staff. Also, please do not change the formatting or desktop on the computers.

We thank you for all that you do and appreciate your help with these requests.

Gail, Jo & Amanda



Welcome...

In October, EYLE welcomed 7 new volunteer tutors to the program. All participants successfully completed three evenings of training and will soon be matched with students. Welcome Jane Gadd, Dan Gibson, Caroline Henriques, Cathy Forrest, Lorin Lee, Dave Seevaratnam and Emilie Stretch.

Thank you....

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