

English Conversation Club

It's easy - You just talk and Listen in English

As you know English is one of the most spoken languages in the world. Here in Riviera Maya while Spanish is the native language, English is widespread in all factions of everyday life and more importantly in the work place.

Students who are able to communicate in both languages have a higher chance of graduating high school, going to college and succeeding in business.

Students with a second language are more likely to get better paying jobs and contribute to the community in meaningful ways.

You can help these students and enrich your life by volunteering a few hours of time.

You can sign up by sending an email to:

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ECC Coordinator

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Connecting with the students

We have a way to help students learn English and for you to connect with the local community.

How you ask?

Through the ECC or English Conversation Club

Conversing with these students will help them secure a better future - but the real benefit is to you!!

You will get to know these promising students, understand their life and struggles as well as believe in them to create their dreams. Like all students, KKIS scholars have dreams and aspirations, learning English is just one tool to get them there.

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Do you know that 72% of 7th grade students believe they will graduate college, yet only 38% of adults in Mexico have a high school diploma? That's a disconnect, being part of our English Conversation Club can help these students realize their potential so they can compete with other students who come from families' with better financial resources.

Below is the info you need to know to get started having conversations with these amazing students.

- It requires a 2 hour commitment per session
- You can go multiple times if you like or just once
- Meet at Mega (grocery store) at the assigned time
- A van will drive you to the school and bring you back to Mega
- Have a fun conversation with a student in English
- We ask you to sign up for the sessions you can attend, at least 7 days in advance, so we can ensure all bases are covered

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That's it! No teaching or curriculum just conversations to better understand the language

- The volunteer has a conversation in English with a group of no more than 7 local High School students.
- Each session is for an hour at the school Library
- KKIS provides lists of conversation topics/starters and some printed materials, as well as a white board and markers, but it is not a must to adhere to these conversations topics, you can talk about anything you want as long as it is appropriate. Remember, it is a conversation club, not English classes, so no need to focus on grammar but speaking, pronunciation, listening.
- Some Spanish might be needed from the volunteer, but most often, there is at least one student in the group that can help; if you get stuck during your session, there's always a KKIS member to help you.
- That's it. Show up and have fun. The conversations are fun and enlightening. There is no pressure and no one is getting graded.
- It's also fun to go with friends and make it an outing while contributing to the lives of these promising students. However, please don't bring anyone "extra" along if they haven't been confirmed.
- You may enjoy the conversation club so much you might want to sponsor one of the students next year :-)

Every Thursday CETMAR High School

9:00am - Leave Mega parking lot

- Meet at Mega at the corner of Avenida 30 and Avenida Constituyentes, at the entrance in front of the bank
- A van will pick us up and will take us to CETMAR High School.
- We kindly ask you not to invite more people than confirmed, since the space in transportation is already booked for other volunteers

9:30am – We'll arrive to CETMAR (at the library, air conditioned), and you'll have a group of 5 students to talk to for 40 minutes, you'll have a KKIS member at all times with you and will be provided with materials to use as conversation starters as well as small white boards and markers

10:10am – We'll head back to Mega

10:40am – Arrive back at Mega, you can go out and tell others about your amazing experience

Let us know if this sounds like something for you, or if you need more information.

Try it one time and see if you feel as exhilarated as the students!!

Thanks again for helping our students practice their English!

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