ENGLISH INNOVATIONS TRANSFORMS ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR IMMIGRANTS NATIONWIDE

The most significant barrier facing millions of immigrants is limited English. Alongside English language proficiency, digital literacy is also becoming increasingly necessary for success.

This program is a springboard on the path to integration. It provides opportunities outside the formal ESL system for a wide range of groups:

- Parents of school-aged children who need increased confidence to communicate with their child’s teachers
- Migrant workers who need a flexible class schedule
- Adults who did not complete high school in their home country
- Permanent residents who lack the English skills to pass the citizenship test

An integrated model means inclusive, social learning for adults:

ENGLISH INNOVATIONS provides a curriculum adaptable to a broad range of contexts and integrates digital learning to address the real life needs and goals of low-income, limited English proficient adults, including:

- Employment
- Family literacy
- Entrepreneurship
- Civic engagement
- Transition to further education
- Citizenship

Volunteer tutors support learners with a 5:1 student-volunteer ratio. English Innovations emphasizes peer-to-peer & project-based learning.

Blended instruction means more flexible learning.

100 hours needed to gain one language learning level
74 hours face-to-face in class
26 hours are independent learning outside of class
12 weeks for students to complete 100 hours

Each student is loaned a tablet for the duration of the course.
**OneAmerica brings English Innovations to partner organizations across the U.S.**

With the National Partnership for New Americans, OneAmerica offers English Innovations as an education model for community-centered, host organizations nationwide. Host organizations implement the model in local communities through outreach in immigrant communities. OneAmerica works with host sites to train volunteers, technology coaches and program staff in the English Innovations methodology.

**The Goal**

**To provide a contextualized curriculum to adult learners who face barriers to accessing the formal ESL system**

**Proven Success**

English Innovations was successfully piloted in the Seattle area from 2011-13, and at six sites nationwide in 2015-16, serving over 1,000 individuals to date. We have seen the model work to reduce barriers and connect immigrants to the larger community as they build confidence and competence in English and digital skills. Pilot results showed significant increases in community participation, English proficiency and confidence in the use of digital skills. 97% of participants reported that upon completing the course they were more comfortable using English, and 96% were more comfortable using a computer.

**English Innovations Learning Objectives**

High-beginning to low-intermediate students will have the opportunity to:

- Gain digital skills for life and work
- Learn communication skills for real-life settings
- Use digital tools and multimedia applications to advance toward personal goals
- Express their ideas in English
- Tell their own story and publish it online
- Work in teams to research their community through online tools and project-based learning

**English Innovation has proven to be a successful model integrating English communication skills with digital literacy.**

A survey of over 500 students showed significant increases in digital literacy. As measured by a national evaluation of the 2 year program.

**Results of the 2 year pilot showed significant improvement in students’ English proficiency skills.**

OneAmerica advances the fundamental principles of democracy and justice at the local, state and national levels by building power within immigrant communities in collaboration with key allies. [WEAREONEAMERICA.ORG](http://WEAREONEAMERICA.ORG)

NPNA works with new Americans as powerful participants and leaders in creating a more vibrant, just, and welcoming democracy for all. [PARTNERSHIPFORNEWAMERICANS.ORG](http://PARTNERSHIPFORNEWAMERICANS.ORG)

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