

Volunteer as a part of the Scalabrini Centre's English School!

About 350 students enrol in the Scalabrini English School per term. We run three terms (of four months each) per year, offering five levels of English to students from all over Africa. In addition to English classes, the English School offers a number of other activities which are designed to assist and encourage students to practice and develop their language skills further. Each of these programmes rely on volunteers for their success.

English Classes

Teach English to adult refugees and migrants using the curriculum provided. Classes run twice weekly, for 2 hours each.

Read & Write

Our Read & Write programme assists students who struggle with literacy. This is one of the most rewarding programmes as illiterate students work one-to-one with a volunteer who teaches them to read and write through games and activities.

Please email Sam at sam@scalabrini.org.za for information on teaching classes and volunteering with Read & Write!

English Alive

The English School's extensive extra-curricular programme, English Alive, gives students the opportunity to practise their English as often as they can. Drama, Debating, Tai Chi, Afrikaans, Art, Film Screenings, Human Rights Club, Body Mapping, Writing, Grammar Revision and Football are current activities available to students. These activities are all offered at no additional cost. English Alive offers part-time volunteers the opportunity to facilitate one of our extra-curricular activities. Any skill or knowledge volunteers would like to share can be slotted into the English Alive schedule at times that best suit them and our students. Some examples of the activities students have requested but need volunteer facilitators for include Mathematics, Music, Photography and Gardening.

Additionally, volunteers are always needed to run our Conversation Clubs, an opportunity for students to get together in groups and practice their spoken English skills.

Please email Diana at diana@scalabrini.org.za for information on volunteering with English Alive!