

What can volunteers do? Language volunteer tasks

❖ **Language assistant**

- performing tasks in class the teacher asks the language assistant to do
- homework support
- practicing conversations in small groups
- digital skills support in class
- supporting with writing tasks
- assisting the teacher with differentiation
- preparing for language exams
- Joining the class on excursions

❖ **Language coach (one-to-one)**

- having a chat about how life is going, what activities language learners did during the week
- supporting when doing administration tasks, by reading letters together, interpreting them and supporting them to act
- reading and discussing headlines of a text or magazine article
- a language buddy visits the learner at home to practice speaking
- homework support
- getting together to practice speaking, in the library, a café or a community setting etc.

❖ **Language coach (in groups)**

- organizing language cafés or conversation clubs i.e. informal gathering of language learners to practice speaking the language
- leading a conversation in a group, small and big
- reading and writing in a group, small and big
- practicing reading and writing with materials specifically developed for volunteers to use

❖ **Language buddy**

- visiting the local market/supermarket and practice buying groceries. E.g. Language buddy gives the example when buying apples, the language learner listens to and follows the example when buying carrots.
- giving social support
- support in engaging with public service, e.g. getting a volunteer job,
- support in participation in a new society, being a guide for language learners

❖ **Language champion**

- support in engaging with public service, e.g. getting a volunteer job,
- support in engaging with formal language learning
- providing information of places to go to improve language
- making it easier to understand information given to learners