

Getting started and working with volunteers in migrant language education

VIME has put together a useful guide and materials for you if you're thinking of starting to work with volunteers in migrant language education, or if you are currently working with volunteers and would like to support their further development in migrant language education. It is very important to clearly identify the roles that professional teachers and volunteers can play within migrant language education and to ensure that their work is effectively coordinated, especially when several organisations are involved.

1. Where to start? Why would you work with volunteers to support migrant language learning?

See our VIME Framework for working with volunteers in migrant language education
See VIME Case studies of typical language learners and volunteers

1. How to select volunteers?

Advertise- use The VIME Model
See VIME Selection tool for volunteers
See VIME Tasks for language volunteers

2. How to train volunteers?

Use VIME Training Modules:
Module 1 How Language is Learned
Module 2 Working with Migrants
Module 3 The Bigger Picture

3. How to support volunteers?

Visit our website: languagevolunteers.co.uk
Where to go for wider support
See your national list of best practice organisations here.

www.languagevolunteers.co.uk

*A volunteer is someone carrying out a role without pay.

**Research from the Netherlands: [Verduurzamen van informele taalondersteuning](#) – Verwey-Jonker Instituut (2013), [Meer dan taal alleen](#) – Regioplan (2011)