


Many Paths to Conversation: techniques for successful ESL clubs



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OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Do you already have?
An ESL Club
Looking to start one
Just curious

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DO YOU HAVE ENGLISH CLASSES?

Get advice from experts!



Warm & Inviting
Cozy
Comfortable
Fun
Build confidence
Talk, talk, talk
Open to everyone
Safe Place
NOT SCHOOL



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Agenda

- Get a Name Tag and Topic Sheet
- 2 min Introduction and welcome
- 15 min One-on-One Chat
- 10 min Leader reads topic and vocabulary
- 30 min Group Discussions

Local knowledge
Food is always good
Ice Breakers
Americanisms
Speed Dating



NO CURRICULUM



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STAFF TIME



VOLUNTEERS





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Type ideas for topics in the chat window

Toolkit:
eslforlibraries.weebly.com




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NOT SO SUCCESSFUL TOPICS



The image contains two parts. On the left is a black and white photograph showing a man and a woman looking at a child. On the right is a graphic of a scale of justice. The left pan is filled with coins, while the right pan is filled with an American flag. The scale is labeled 'EQUILIBRIUM' at the base.



The image is a collage of four distinct images. Top left: A view of Earth from space showing the blue oceans and white clouds. Top right: A woman in a white shirt is interacting with a young child who is holding a yellow object. Bottom left: A screenshot from the video game Super Mario Bros. showing a brick layer level with a green pipe and a brick block. Bottom right: A stylized, blocky city skyline.

We learn so much about our **community!**



The image features the text 'We learn so much about our community!' on the left. To the right is a graphic consisting of two purple silhouettes of human heads facing each other. Between the heads is a brain shape filled with various small icons representing different community elements like a gear, a lightbulb, a person, and a house.

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| Danken | Danke | Thank you | Gracias | Merci |
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