Meet the editors

Each spring, the students at The Immigrant Learning Center create a newsletter. They interview ILC staff and other students, compare stories from their home countries, share advice and experiences from moving here, and even create a word puzzle.

A small group of advanced students are chosen to be the editors. They take the added responsibility for pulling it all together into a finished product. The end result may look simple to a native English speaker, but to these students, it is a huge accomplishment and source of pride. You share in this accomplishment by making it all possible through your support of The ILC.

I hope you enjoy reading the profiles of this year's editors below. Thank you for your continued support.

Diane Portnoy
Founder and CEO
The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.
Dione

Dione came to the U.S. to visit a friend 15 years ago, fell in love with this country and stayed. Originally from Brazil, she knew no English and picked up enough of the language through working as a babysitter, house cleaner and restaurant worker. She came to The ILC two years ago hoping to improve her English and be able to get less physically demanding work. She hopes to continue to work with children.

Dione says she really enjoyed working on the newsletter, getting to know her fellow editors and learning new computer skills such as Excel. This is her last term at The ILC, and she will miss it. She says, "I meet people here who are like family. People care about us, and not just English, but about jobs and our future."

Christian

Christian has been at The ILC since September 2013. In Guatemala, he studied business and picked up some English working at a Coca Cola bottling plant. Since being in the U.S. for the last two-and-a-half years, he's been working in housekeeping. He wants to continue his studies and has a particular interest in computers.

Christian says he really enjoyed working as a team, and he learned a lot from his classmates. He wishes there was more time to do even more with the newsletter.

Roshi

Roshi wanted to come to the U.S. ever since she was a little girl in Iran. Two years ago, she won the visa lottery and moved here with her son. She learned some English grammar in school but couldn't speak it. She came to The ILC last year to learn to speak English, and read and write it well enough to continue her education.

Roshi enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to the school by working on the student newsletter. Like Dione, this is also her last term at The ILC. She was a nurse in Iran, and her next step is to study to become a nursing assistant. She then wants to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) so she can start the long process of becoming a nurse in this country.

About Us

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) of Malden, MA, is a not-for-profit organization that helps immigrants and refugees become successful workers, parents and community members through direct service programs and public education. Our direct service program provides free year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston. The ILC further supports immigrants through the Public Education Institute, which informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society. For more information visit http://www.ilctr.org.