Our Global ESOL Program (English to Speakers Of Other Languages)

Thank you for your interest in our **Online ESOL** Program (*English for Speakers of Other Languages*)! Launched in 2017 in Boston (Massachusetts, USA), **Innovative Learning Concepts** (ILC) is a job- readiness initiative with offices in Boston and in Mirebalais (Central Plateau, Haiti). Our program addresses **primarily** high unemployment of Haitian youth by:

- 1. Providing training on the learning of English to facilitate engagement with English-speaking economies.
- 2. Teaching digital skills so that youth can gain employment through the online gig economy or start their own businesses while remaining in Haiti.
- 3. Providing co-working space (*which reduces the barriers to entry for entrepreneurs*) with the provision of reliable Internet and electricity, computers, and scan/print services; and
- 4. The provision of business/entrepreneurship education through conferences and bootcamp-style training sessions. ILC seeks to establish placement services for its participants, which distinguishes it from many Haiti-based training groups, which typically do not assist in job placement.

To date, ILC has run several rounds of the language and digital skills classes as pilots, which have provided baseline information about completion rates and further educational needs.

As part of our language training program, we currently offer English classes online at the following levels: **beginners**, **lower intermediate**, **intermediate**, **and higher intermediate**. We complement these classes

with up to five (5) weekly facilitated practice sessions via Zoom. We are in the planning phase to offer specialized English training classes for healthcare, information technology, business, and theology professionals and students.

Please read below carefully for more details about our online English program:

- EVERYONE needs to fill out this online registration form. Please remember to add the name of the person who referred you: https://forms.gle/HZichrsVCcR8PKeJ9
- If you haven't taken the admission test, please do so immediately: https://www.efset.org/quick-check/. A more advanced 50-minute test for applicants to our higher intermediate class can be found here: https://www.efset.org/ef-set-50.
- 3. Please email the test results (including all details) immediately to **innovlearning@gmail.com**.
- 4. If you decide to start at the Beginning Level, you can skip the admission test. <u>You should</u> simply send your payment.
- 5. Each session lasts 12 weeks.
- 6. Classes are held via Zoom (www.zoom.us) one day a week for 2 hours. Some instructors prefer 2 days a week, one hour each day; they work this option out with their individual classes. Please install Zoom in your laptop or your phone and try to familiarize yourself with it prior to the start of the session. We offer group tutorial sessions as well to applicants who need to learn how to use the Zoom app.

- 7. Starting at the Lower Intermediate level, you may participate in ALL the practice sessions throughout the week; we currently have 3 such sessions in a week.
- 8. Your fees help support ILC and its operations. We greatly appreciate it!
 - a. If you live in Haiti, your contribution is 2,500 gourdes. <u>Payment</u> of the full amount is due before the start of the session. ILC reserves the right to modify its fees at any time without notice.
 - b. If you live in the Diaspora (*or you live in Haiti, but your payment will come from the diaspora*), you will pay at least \$99 US for each session of 12 weeks. We offer a few modest scholarships to Diaspora members. In the event you would like to pay extra to support our work, we thank you in advance!
- 9. At the end of each session, we issue a Certificate of Participation.

10. You are <u>fully responsible</u> for access to a reliable Internet connection so you can participate in the program.

11. **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR REFERRAL PROGRAM** - <u>Please share</u> <u>this message with others who you think may be interested</u> – wherever they happen to be living. You will receive up to 15% on the tuition paid by anyone you refer. You can choose to use it as a credit towards your participation in the program, or you can take cash.

- Refer 1-10 people! Receive 10% of their tuition once they have paid their fees.
- Refer more than 10 people! Receive 15% of their tuition once they have paid their fees.

Payment Methods

Sogebank Haiti

- Dollar Account:
 - Account number: **431-600-3153**
 - o Account name: Innovative Learning Concepts

• HTG Account:

- Account number: **430 600-7834**
- Account name: Innovative Learning Concepts

Mon Cash

Send your payment to 3792-5105 (*Ralph Baker Poteau*), then send a WhatsApp text to 3792-5105, with your name, the amount of the transfer and mention "English Club".

Bank of America

Checking Account: **4660 0529 9609** Routing Number: **011 000 138** Account name: Innovative Learning Concepts

Zelle App

• Use Bank of America info above.

Additionally, we have observed that, in many instances, recent Haitian immigrants (and other ethnic groups) to the United States (as well as some other countries) wanting to improve their skills in English in order to move up the social ladder have had to remain on waiting lists at community centers for several months, unless they can afford expensive English classes at local colleges and universities. In an effort to address this need, we recently took this program global. We currently accept registrations to our online English program from members of the Haitian diaspora in the United States, Canada and some of the Caribbean countries. Please contact us at <u>innovlearning@gmail.com</u> or via WhatsApp text **ONLY** at **1-508-577-3488** with your questions.