



English Conversation Groups Program

Confidence Booster

*Why are we doing what we are doing

International students often feel their intellect is being judged because of their spoken English, and don't feel confident asking questions in class or participating in group discussions.

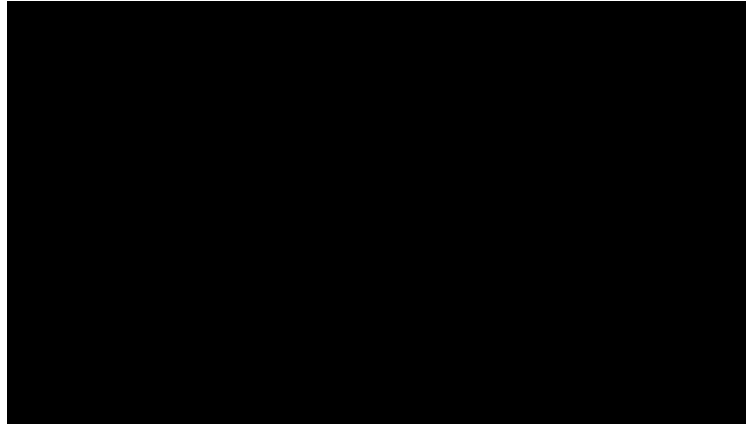
*It works!

This peer-led program brings students together regardless of their background. It is a great way to build confidence and have a sense of belonging and sense of community while practicing English speaking!

Surveys show that their confidence level has gone up by **double** as a result of this program. Imagine how much more confident and better they would feel with more opportunities like this!

Students loved learning different perspectives, contributing to their global mindset.

Working in collaboration with TESOL academic provided a great skill development opportunity for student volunteers as well as work integrated learning experience.



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*Impact on student's experience

*"I think it allows the facilitators to gain a unique perspective that others just would miss out on. I found **the people I was working with quite able except for their lack of confidence.**"*

*"Some of many positive aspects of this effective program are such as increasing cultural understanding, friendship-building, social skills and interpersonal skills, and in **building bridges of understanding and appreciation between people from different parts of the world.**"*

*"Firstly, **I felt nervous to speak in public, I was too stressed if I say something wrong and not understandable, but now I can feel that I am improving when I speak in public.**"*