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Learning English is vital for refugees if they are to integrate swiftly and successfully into the UK. However, with access to much ESOL provision reduced by austerity cuts, many refugees are increasingly reliant on the vital work done by charities like Action Foundation with its Action Language programme. Crucially, Action Language enables refugees not just to learn English, but to gain the confidence they need to play an active and engaged part in building strong and welcoming neighbourhoods. I've been familiar with the impressive work of Action Foundation for many years now and I urge you to join me in supporting the invaluable work it does giving those whose wellbeing has been disturbed by trauma and forced exile, the gift of words they need in order to flourish in their new homes and communities in the North East.

Maurice Wren, CEO, Refugee Council



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Can you give The Gift of Words for £10 per month?

We need your help! Can you help us raise £75,000 a year so that we can continue to provide community English classes?





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Action Language Provides a Vital Service and Plugs a Gap

Action Foundation has supported asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants to overcome their exclusion and poverty by teaching them English for ten years. Many people cannot access mainstream funded classes and so we are providing a service, (called Action Language) delivered by experienced and compassionate volunteers, to plug this gap in provision. From small beginnings this has grown significantly to the point that last year we enrolled 1,139 learners and ran over 40 classes a week.

For ten years this project has been mainly funded by grants from Trusts and Foundations and for the last four years from one particularly large grant which has enabled the service to grow enormously. However, grant funding is not a sustainable way to fund the project and so we need to urgently raise £75,000 per year to ensure we can continue providing this vital service for so many people into the future.

The first time I started learning English I am like a blank person, can't see or hear everything. After one year I start to communicate with other people around me. Action Language, they helped me with open arms and accepted me.

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to refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants from all over the world. Equipping them with the

words they need to navigate everything from housing and health, to study, work, their rights, responsibilities and understanding British (North

East) culture.

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