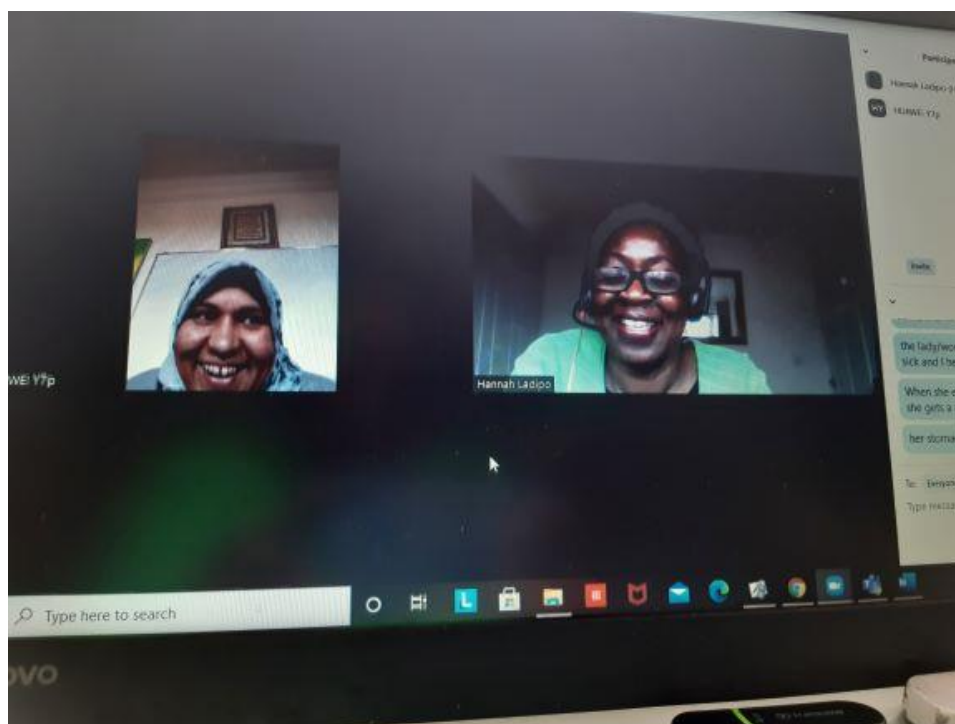


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Placement Completion Report

Volunteer's name:	Hannah Ladipo
Placement with:	Education For All (EFA) in Morocco, Africa.
Duration:	12 weeks (Tuesday 2 February – 29 April 2021)
Working with:	Khadija BELYAZD, Assistant Housemother at Dar-Asni-1
Focus of placement:	To provide the opportunity for Khadija to practise conversational English and improve/increase her confidence in speaking.



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Please address the following points which will be used as part of our preparation process for future volunteers:

<p>what was your motivation for e-volunteering?</p>	<p>I volunteered because I had reached a point in my life when my children had all left home (empty nester) and I was looking for new challenges to keep me occupied and mentally active. The first step was studying for an EFL teaching qualification and the second was to share this knowledge with others. The placement provided an unpressurised opportunity to do this.</p>
<p>was e-volunteering as you imagined it would be – if not how did it differ?</p>	<p>E-volunteering was better than I had imagined that it would be. It felt rewarding and was fun.</p>
<p>pre placement preparation - were you happy with the information we shared with you during your preparation for this placement? what information did you consider most useful?</p>	<p>Yes, I was happy with the information provided. In truth it was both varied and detailed. It covered everything I could think of.</p> <p>The most useful to me was the feedback from the previous e-volunteer who had worked with Khadija. This gave me an indication of what had been covered topic-wise and gave me an indication of how they felt about the impact they made or had not made with the placement candidate.</p>
<p>your experience and work – including what resources you may have sent to the project and to whom – please attach copies of any written resources you may have given to them and let us know of any others.</p>	<p>It would be impossible to give you copies of the resources I used as they were all self-drafted and or adapted from a variety of source materials. However, I used the following books/resources frequently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The New First Aid in English by Angus MacIver (Hodder Gibson) ● New Headway Pronunciation Course by Bill Bowler & Sarah Cunningham (Oxford University Press) ● Verbs: Picture Flashcards Volumes 1&2 by Picture My Picture Pty Ltd.
<p>what advice would you give to future e-volunteers, including any technical difficulties you encountered?</p>	<p>For future e-volunteers I would suggest that they approach a placement with an open mind, in case they end up doing something slightly different to what they expected going in. All situations can have a positive outcome.</p> <p>I had no issues on the technical side (Zoom mainly) as I am fairly IT literate and had previous experience of teaching online.</p>
<p>successes, disappointments and challenges of your placement</p>	<p>My main success has been to boost Khadija’s confidence to speak regardless of her mistakes. I managed to achieve this by communicating (verbally and non-verbally), that I am supportive of her efforts, approachable and non-judgemental of her.</p>

	<p>However, working with someone for whom English is a fourth language, like Khadija, has been a little disappointing in that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we not been able to have challenging conversations. • a lot of our sessions have focussed on reviewing and reinforcing past grammar topics - which was repetitive for me, but necessary for the learner.
what was the highlight of your volunteer experience?	The highlight for me was bonding with Khadija over a love of sewing and a shared sense of humour.
would you recommend e-volunteering to other people or not? please tell us why.	Definitely! It is good way to share a skill and connect with another human being.

Please also comment on the following points, which are for internal use by *people and places* and will be kept confidential unless you give us express permission to share with others:

in your opinion are there any significant omissions or changes needed in the information we shared with you during your preparation for this placement?	No.
do you have any concerns about the support you received from <i>people and places</i> and/or our local partner during your placement?	No.
did you experience any significant technical difficulties? Were they overcome, and if not, what could we have done better to help you?	No.
overall, what did we do well? What could we do better? – and PLEASE don't hold back: surely there's something we can improve on ...	Your systems for communicating with me prior to and during the placement were FAB! Improvement wise, more advance notification of the dates of the social s would be good. Maybe, set quarterly dates at beginning of the year for a weekend and a weekday?
your recommendations for the input of future e-volunteers – a particular area of your work which could be continued by others and how would you suggest this could be done?	I think that you should consider familiarising all you EFL projects with the free version of the Duolingo app. It is an excellent tool for self study language learning and would enable learners to consolidate the repetitive aspects, leaving time for e-volunteers to make an impact in the conversational practice areas.

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