Host English Innovations at Your Organization!

The National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA), a national coalition built up of the country’s largest immigrant rights coalitions, develops, expands, and advocates for inclusive policies and programs for immigrants and refugees. Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), along with being a founding member of NPNA, has been a lead partner in implementing the English Innovations model when the program first launched and continues to be a lead organization in advocating for immigrant and refugee rights. Along with MIRA, current and former English partners include: Arizona (Promise Arizona), Arkansas (Arkansas United), Florida (Florida Immigrant Coalition), Maine (Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center), Maryland (CASA), Michigan (Michigan United), Nevada (Progressive Leadership Plan of Nevada), Tennessee (Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition), and Washington (OneAmerica), through which we expand English and language access programming and policies at the local, state, and federal level.

NPNA’s English as a Gateway core programming model is English Innovations®, an educational model for adult immigrant learners that integrates English language acquisition, digital literacy, and community engagement. The English Innovations model, incubated and developed by OneAmerica, can be implemented in a variety of settings such as community-based organizations, libraries, colleges, and businesses. The curriculum is adaptable to the needs of the population being served. Because English Innovations is accessible, flexible, and grounded in communities, it has been able to reach learners who are often overlooked and underserved.

Below is an outline of English Innovations curriculum and support provided by NPNA, together with OneAmerica:

- Fully-developed, 12-week curriculum to implement an integrated, blended learning model
- Intensive training in English Innovations methodology, approach, and tools for facilitating student learning
- Ongoing support and guidance from consultants and experts in English language learning, technology, and community building
- Additional curriculum materials on special topics, including Parent Engagement, Leadership, Community Action, Digital Storytelling, U.S. Citizenship, Know Your Rights, and Civic Engagement
- Access to a collaborative community of partners implementing the model nationwide
- Fundraising and development support to establish, grow and sustain a local program
NPNA is welcoming new partners to join the English as a Gateway Initiative! To become a partner, NPNA requires the following:

1. A commitment to incorporate the English Innovations curriculum into current English language programming.
2. A commitment to work with and engage students in community engagement, advocacy, and organizing opportunities with Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) to deepen students’ civic engagement and leadership development skills.
3. A commitment to participate in NPNA’s national collaborative of partners building out English language programs and policies.

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