

# WESTBROOK ALTERNATIVE LEARNING



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## Westbrook Adult & Alternative Learning Culture & Climate Report for November 2009

This month's Culture & Climate report is a focus on a new Adult ESL pilot program. The original plan was to have courses available in January, however, our new instructor, Maria, has hit the ground running and will offer some limited services this month!



## ESL Westbrook Maine

Instructor:  
My story:

### **Maria Feoktistova**

I came to USA with my family in January 2004 and in two months I had my first son. I was born and raised in Russia, then studied and worked in Cyprus for 8 years before receiving a Green Card and moving to Maine. Since I came to this country my goal has been to learn as much as I can about it and spread my knowledge to fellow immigrants. After obtaining my college degree in Business Administration – Marketing, I worked in banking for over 5 years climbing the career ladder from teller/ customer service representative to branch supervisor and assistant branch manager. I was a student, stay-at-home mom, loyal employee, notary public and have now moved into the field of teaching. I hope to share all my experience and knowledge with my students and help them assimilate in this wonderful country. Please feel free to email me anytime at [westbrookesl@gmail.com](mailto:westbrookesl@gmail.com) or call 854-0810, ext. 553

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# **ESL Program description and highlights:**

Our program concentrates on developing conversational English and intermediary grammar/ language structure - tailoring the material to individual needs and level of proficiency. The course will cover different areas of your daily life helping you:

- Hold basic conversations at grocery stores, banks, doctor's offices, schools, restaurants
- Develop your reading and writing abilities
- Enhance knowledge and comfort level with telephone conversations
- Communicate with service providers, landlords and finding necessary resources

## **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

Do you need help enrolling your child to school or talking to your children's teachers?

Do you need help opening bank accounts or applying for credit?

Would you like to learn how you can save on groceries and personal items using store rebates or coupons programs?

Do you need help creating your resume and searching for a job and preparing for an interview?

Help applying to college or university?

Do you want to increase your ability to communicate with your English speaking spouse or friends?

Learn how to use online social networks to connect with your family members and friends in your home country or different states?

Becoming a citizen?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, please, contact me to set up an appointment to discuss your goals and determine your level of English proficiency.

If you already speak English but need help refining your skills or know someone who needs help learning language please contact me at: 854-0810, ext. 553 or [westbrookesl@gmail.com](mailto:westbrookesl@gmail.com)

Helpful resources:

<http://a4esl.org/>

<http://hugosite.com/>

<http://www.dailyesl.com>

Thank you,

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