

Start date: December 2, 2021

End date: December 12, 2021

Places for male volunteers: 20

Places for female volunteers: 20

Min age: 16 y.o.

Max age: there is no limit

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

blablabox is a fast-growing online-project for speaking English. We create and run English Speaking Games online. A game at blablabox is a 1-hour group interaction with the participants in Zoom. We combine speed dating, role plays, quizzes and words puzzles all together and put them in one game!

Participants play at the same time, complete various team and individual tasks, earn points and likes for correct answers and compete with each other to win the game! So, we use gamification, a non-formal education approach and a communicative methodology for speaking practice.

In 5 months, more than 400 people from Russia and Europe have already taken part in our games! We are growing and starting to increase the number of games, for this we need new facilitators!

We are on:

VK: vk.com/blablabox

Instagram: [instagram.com/blablabox_](https://www.instagram.com/blablabox_)

Description of work:

We offer you to take part in our games in two ways:

- as a participant
- as a facilitator

As a participant, you will get tons of English speaking practice online. Each game is unique! We discuss lots of different topics, so you will be able to get the floor and talk, share your ideas and beliefs.

The games are open to speakers who have reached an Intermediate (B1) or higher level of English language proficiency. However, if you have basic, but want to try - join us too!

As a facilitator, you will become a rock star! If you have a will to help others to learn and develop, to practice your teaching skills, get on well with different groups of people and have excellent command of English and good communication skills then this opportunity is just for you. You will create your own English Speaking Games and facilitate them!

You will get

Experience

When would gripping conversations ever be so useful and develop your skills at the same time? There is no need to search for participants. We are doing this job for you. You just focus on the games!

Truly flexible schedule

We believe this point speaks for itself thanks to the online format.

In-house designed game materials to minimise your preparation. And no more homework

We provide a bunch of different examples and frames of our previous games, so you don't need to worry about how to design the relevant game tasks and activities. No teaching certificate or degree required.

Comfort

Facilitating games online from anywhere in the world and whenever you want.

Training, instructing and skills improvement from leading blablabox methodologists

To facilitate games according to blablabox standards, you will need just a laptop or PC and stable connection

Our perfect facilitator...

... can speak English fluently (Upper-Intermediate (B2) or higher level of English language proficiency)

...is communicative and ready to facilitate a conversation on a variety of topics

...can spend at least 5 hours a week on facilitating. You decide on your working hours yourself. Anyway, the total amount of working hours per week should not drop below 5. The more games, the better; but that is not mandatory since no one knows your limits better than you.

Firstly, you will play as a participant in a couple of times. After, you will get some practice facilitating demo-games. The next step is to host games as a co-facilitator. And finally, you will facilitate your own game! This will help you get up to speed and feel confident.

The aim of this virtual camp is...

blablabox aims to improve the mass level of English proficiency among schoolchildren, youth and adults in Russia.

Russia ranks 41st out of 100 countries in the EF English Proficiency Index 2020.

- only 5% of job seekers of all ages in Russia are able to speak English
- only 15% of all graduates of Russian universities have Intermediate (B1) or higher level of English language proficiency
- at the same time, over 90% of young people study English at schools and universities!

The overwhelming majority of Russians completely lack the ability to speak English, which makes it impossible for them to get a better education, earn more money and communicate with people from all over the world! Therefore, we see blablabox's mission in helping people overcome the language barrier and start speaking English fluently!

What will be the benefits of volunteering?

- **Gain useful online voluntary experience**
- **Gain skills in facilitating individual and group learning in an enriching environment**

You will understand how to actively support and enhance people's learning processes, self-responsibility, and motivation, and you will empower people to improve their fluency!

- **Gain skills in designing educational programs**

You will apply non-formal learning values and principles in the programs and respond to the needs and realities of participants, which are more complex in international projects.

- **Gain skills in collaborating successfully in an intercultural team**

You will learn how to work in a remote team, how to support successful communication and collaboration among people from different cultural contexts and backgrounds, how to contribute to team work and maintain good working relations with everyone involved with the project.

- Meet new people from Russia, Europe and the CIS countries
- Gain teaching skills
- Become more confident
- Help other people learn English
- Have fun :))

This activity will be led/supported by the blablabox team.

In case of questions, write to org.sfera@gmail.com (Irina)