



Mayor's Office of Adult Education

The Mayor's Office, CUNY, and Literacy Assistance Center Award "We Are New York" Grants to ESL Teachers

The Mayor's Office, City University of New York, and Literacy Assistance Center awarded \$120,000 to 46 ESOL teachers. Award winners will create new ways of using "We Are New York" to help adults learn English. Projects will incorporate the television show to develop lesson plans for use in existing ESOL programs, as well as offer support and learning opportunities to more people in the community. Examples include:

- **BEGIN Managed Programs: Teaching We Are New York – A Student Led Discussion Project**
Advanced ESOL students will learn how to plan, lead and evaluate a discussion group to lower level ESOL students. This student-directed, participatory series of workshops and classes will engage adults in meaningful involvement with the "We Are New York" television show.
- **The Children's Aid Society – East Harlem Head Start: We Are New York Parent Program**
Immigrant parents will learn to advocate for themselves and their families, and aid their successful integration into the larger NYC community. The program will combine workshops, field trips, and family literacy classes based on "We Are New York" episodes.
- **Queens Community House: English at the Movies – "We Are New York"**
Teachers will rent a movie theatre once a week to show the entire "We Are New York" television series. It will be free of charge for any interested students and will help reach out to adults on waiting lists for English classes. The interactive program will include story telling, singing, games, and video-assisted exercises based on the episodes. Participants will also receive handouts to help them learn English at home.

"We Are New York" is a new half-hour TV show created by the Mayor's Office of Adult Education and the City University of New York. Each episode has a different story of immigrants living in New York City. The show is intended to help people learn English that will be useful to them.

The show airs on Channel 25 (Cablevision 22) Saturdays at 4:00 pm and Sundays at 7:30 am, or on Channel 74 Fridays at 10:00 pm and Sundays at 1:00 pm.