

Motivational letter

Why do we feel the urge to belong to communities? When we start doing basically anything in life, for example engaging in learning a language or just trying something we simply have not done before, initially, we usually go about it on our own collecting information on the particular subject. With boundless enthusiasm at first, the motivated ones dive deeper and deeper into their beloved topic. After a certain amount of time, however, even a considerable amount of enthusiasm can fade. What if motivation has “gone with the wind”? Solely, one feels alone, emptied and desperate. However, as soon as a sense of community and interaction gets involved in the process, it builds up momentum, which truly makes progress never ending. Well, this is the feeling I actively seek in my life. I believe this is exactly why I am passionate about teaching and learning as well.

I am András, 25, currently in my final year at Eötvös Loránd University. I attend the teacher training program taking English and History courses as majors. Since the first year of university, I have been teaching English in a language school and private as well. Primarily, I delivered 90-minute group lessons at companies (general English, occasionally ESP) and one-to-one sessions. Having dealt with adults and teenagers, I encountered many learner types and benefited from experimenting with newly learned techniques. I also spent a semester in Italy, as part of Erasmus internship, teaching English in a language centre in Rome. I came across a great deal of opportunities and I took them all. Thus, before I knew it, teaching English has become prevailing in my life. I have been teaching English for five years now and I have to admit that I am fond of it. To be honest, I think I am still at the beginning of my journey and I am very curious about things to come. Continuously being on the lookout for professional development, I would like to carry on learning and embark on a PhD in language pedagogy.

I heard of IATEFL when my methodology teacher invited us to come to an event called creative café. Although I could not make it that day, this alliterating name stuck with me for a while, so I did a bit of research to see what IATEFL was and thought it would not hurt to hit the ‘follow’ button on their Instagram page. Very soon, I discovered a lively community of English teachers, like-minded folks who come together, share ideas, listen and talk about something they are all passionate about. I became keenly interested, and here I am, writing a letter to apply as a volunteer.

I would be more than happy to participate in a professional environment and do my bit for the community. I believe I could be useful in various ways: planning, organising and helping at events or conferences; creating content for social media; immersing myself in some on-going projects, and elaborating on new ideas. Furthermore, I am absolutely certain that volunteering for IATEFL–Hungary would gain me experience both professionally and personally. It would be great to get insight into an international association and a bitesize look into academic life, as well as meeting and hobnobbing with inspiring individuals. As my letter draws to a close, all I hope is that my abilities make me a purposeful candidate for the volunteer position and ready to jump on the IATEFL bandwagon. 😊

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,
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