

What people are saying about the Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone



The Literacy Zone has offered opportunities for adult education providers to meet, which has strengthened our ability to make appropriate referrals for students. We have also been able to promote library services for adults, teens, and children through Literacy Zone meetings.

- **Terry Sheehan, Literacy Advisor, New York Public Library, Seward Park CRW**

I love University Settlement because they give me the opportunity to learn English. I think it's very successful, it's easy to access, and the people here are very kind.

- **Gabriela Henk**

University Settlement has helped me in many ways. I got a job already. I met with Diane [Literacy Zone Counselor] several times. She helped me verify my degree from my country and she found a free job seminar.

- **Tammie Tai**

NYU Gallatin joyfully celebrates the 10th anniversary of our partnership with University Settlement's extraordinary Adult Literacy Program, and is pleased to be part of the Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone.

- **NYU Professor June Foley**



About University Settlement and the Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone

University Settlement has been helping low-income and immigrant families to build better lives for over **125 years**. Today we offer many free programs to meet the needs of every member of a family.

The Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone uniquely adapts the Settlement model and University Settlement's history as a vital neighborhood institution. Its strong network of partners, situated in Manhattan's Chinatown and Lower East Side neighborhoods, are all committed to working closely together to address the literacy needs of the community.

About Literacy Zones

Literacy Zones are a reform initiative developed by the New York State Board of Regents and the State Education Department to close the achievement gap in urban and rural communities. The New York State Education Department has identified 18 Literacy Zones across the State, including University Settlement's.

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Get Connected with The Literacy Zone!

■ **The Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone:** English language classes and supportive services for adult learners



The Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone,

a project of University Settlement, provides adult community members who speak English as their second language with access to the education and supportive services they need to realize their potential. Our Literacy Zone uniquely adapts the Settlement model, which integrates a full menu of diverse services to address the complex needs of all participants and their families.

The Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone can help you:

- Learn English
- Get a GED
- Engage in job training
- Enter the workforce
- Prepare for college
- Support your children's education
- Secure government benefits
- Access health and mental health care
- Enroll your children in daycare and pre-school
- Manage your finances and family budget
- Attain citizenship
- Get involved in your community



Our multicultural staff speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Taishanese, Spanish and Bengali.



The Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone supports immigrants and their families through English language classes and a full range of supportive services. Our English classes serve students at all levels, helping them to build a solid foundation in reading, writing and speaking skills while also providing a welcoming and practical introduction to American life and culture.

Our two on-site Literacy Zone counselors offer guidance and referrals in education, jobs and careers, housing, legal issues, immigration issues, childcare and other services for parents.

The Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone's community partners include:

- CMP, Inc. (formerly Chinatown Manpower Project, Inc.)
- Cornell University Cooperative Extension
- Henry Street Settlement – Workforce Development Center
- Indochina Sino-American Community Center
- Literacy Assistance Center
- Lower East Side Community Partnership Initiative
- NYC Dept. of Education GED Program
- NYU Gallatin Writing Program
- Ryan-NENA Community Health Center
- Seward Park Library – Center for Reading and Writing
- The Door
- University Settlement's Early Childhood Programs and Project Home
- Lower East Side Tenement Museum
- GrowNYC – Office of Recycling Outreach and Education
- IBM
- Citibank Chatham Square Branch

The Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone Welcome Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You are welcome to stop by or call and make an appointment with a Literacy Zone counselor.

The Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone Welcome Center
175 Eldridge Street
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Eligibility and Enrollment for English classes in University Settlement's Adult Literacy Program

- All English classes are FREE and open to any adult, 16 years old or older.
- Classes run from September through June.
- Registration opens in May and closes when classes are full.
- Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Classes are offered at different levels and taught in English only.
- Classes are offered weekday mornings and evenings as well as weekend mornings and afternoons.
- Good attendance is required.

For more information about our partner agencies please visit us online:

The Chinatown-Lower East Side Literacy Zone
http://www.universitysettlement.org/us/programs/adult_literacy/literacy_zone/

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