

# **TUTORS ON THE MOVE: USING PEER-TUTORING TO CONECT WITH ESL STUDENTS IN THE OKC METRO**

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## *A ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATION*

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### **ABSTRACT**

How do we put Transformative Learning (TL) into action in our own communities? This roundtable examined a STLR-funded TL project created by peer-tutors at the University of Central Oklahoma. Initially proposed as a Service Learning project which would connect high school English language learners in the Oklahoma City metro with individual academic support and mentoring, "Tutors on The Move" expanded to also serve adult immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship through conversation groups and tutoring at the Metropolitan Library System. Building relationships with those of different socioeconomic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds, the project sought to view the impact of such interactions on both its tutors and target population. The roundtable discussion provided an overview of the project's development, implementation, and evaluation, and it showcased tutors' reflections on their growth in service learning and civic engagement as well as global and cultural competence. In doing so, it asked participants to explore how they can launch TL in their classrooms, companies, and communities.

Three to five tutors spent three hours each day working one-to-one with students at Santa Fe South Charter School. The tutors assisted the students with their course work, but also helped them develop their English speaking and reading skills. This portion of the project ran from July 10<sup>th</sup>-July 28<sup>th</sup>. "Tutors on the Move" also traveled to Southern Oaks Library where they spent two hours per week in a reserved library study-room, hosting English Conversation Group and one-to-one tutoring for adult learners. A pre-survey was conducted, asking questions on students' confidence and speaking level, to be able to judge this growth at the end of the program. This portion of the program ran from July 6<sup>th</sup>-July 28<sup>th</sup> with one specific one-to-one tutoring session lasting until August 21<sup>st</sup>.

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