LANGUAGE CIRCLES
PALS SPRING 2019
What is Language Circles?

• Language Circles is a program designed to provide students with opportunities to have conversational practices on a specific language.

• Each circle is a group consisted of 4-6 participants, along with a facilitator who is either a native speaker or is very fluent in the specific language offered.

• Circles will meet between 30 minutes to an hour per week, and they're offered at various times and locations.
Benefits to Language Circles

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<th>Language circles are an extension of the benefits of having a PAL.</th>
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<td>There is one-on-one interactions while learning a language, you will have a more structured environment with multiple people to collaborate and drive the conversations.</td>
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<td>Another benefit of LCP is that it also creates an opportunity for people with a similar interest to bond while participating in language learning.</td>
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<td>Although LCP is mainly a language driven program, cultural instances may occur. With these occurrences, LCP serves as a cultural exchange between the participants as well.</td>
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- This is how we will be sending application links!
- Applications are LIVE now for both participants and facilitators

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/langcirc19 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.
If you wish to be a participant...

Applications are open

Questions can be sent to pals@austin.utexas.edu

Next Steps: Look out for group sign ups
Expectations for Participants

• Show up and be active
• Be respectful towards your facilitators
• Let your facilitators know if you are unable to come
• Be respectful and patient towards others in your group
• Have an open mind
Expectations for Facilitators

- Engaging group sessions
- Open minded and patient with non-native speakers
- Have a plan for each session
- Constant communication with your group with any updates or changes in time
- If there’s a cancelation – Notify your group as soon as you can
- Monthly/ bi monthly sessions
- Sign in sheets turned in to us after each meeting
How to plan a lesson

We’ve included a lesson plan guide in facilitator packets

It’s just a guide and not meant to hinder you in anyway

All facilitators are welcome to organize their sessions in any way they would like, we just ask that you go into a session with a plan in mind
Other Responsibilities

Communicate with your coordinators if any situations arise

This is your time, so make the most out of it

Have Fun!
After this session, you can sign up for either facilitators or participants on our qualtrics

Application Deadline: February 21\textsuperscript{nd}

Group Sign Ups: February 22\textsuperscript{nd}

Start of Language Circles: As soon as all groups are finalized.
Thank you!