ESOL for Adult Absolute Beginners

English Language Teaching's Holy Grail?

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Adult Beginners who are migrants, refugees or asylum seekers sometimes find challenges in taking their first steps in English.

They may suffer from trauma or disrupted education; some may be illiterate in their first language.
Many have modest mobile devices, with limited data and no experience of online learning.

The presentation describes the creation of an app to complement an online non-formal Beginner English course to prepare Learners for progression to formal ESOL provision elsewhere in a community or college environment.

The model can be developed for use with Learners at other levels and in teacher training.
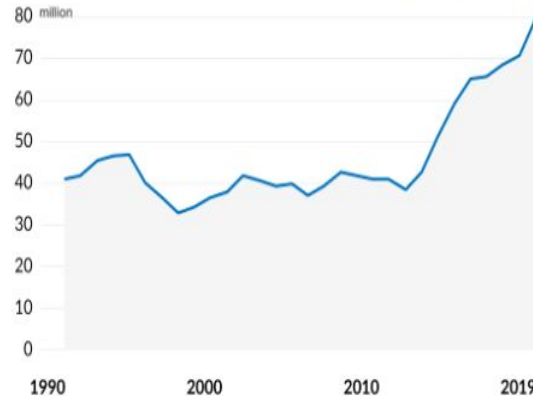
Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre

Filippo Grande

79.5 MILLION forcibly displaced people worldwide at the end of 2019

Source: UNHCR / 18 June 2020

80 million
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
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1990   2000   2010   2019

26M **Refugees**
20.4M Refugees under UNHCR's mandate
5.6M Palestine refugees under UNRWA's mandate

45.7M **Internally displaced people**
Source: IDMC

4.2M **Asylum-seekers**

3.6M Venezuelans displaced abroad

http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/figures-at-a-glance.html

UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

IOM
UN MIGRATION

Syria   Eritrea   Central America

https://www.iom.int/

ESOL

Language

- Vocabulary
- Grammar
- Pronunciation

Skills

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

Sessions

75% ESOL

20% Practical activities for everyday life

5% Customs and traditions

Delivery Team

- Lead Tutor
- Support Tutors x 2
- Observers x 2
- Zoomer
- Arabic speaking co-facilitator

Covid-19 and Enhanced Delivery of ESOL
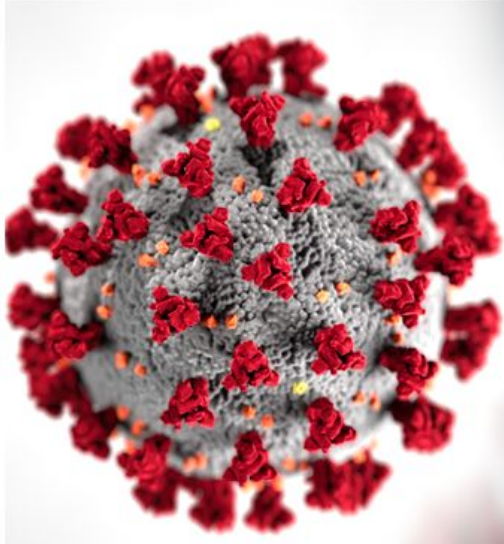
Face to face delivery

Online delivery

Adding value to online delivery

Learners and Technology

- **Limited technology**
- **Limited data**
- **Learning environment**
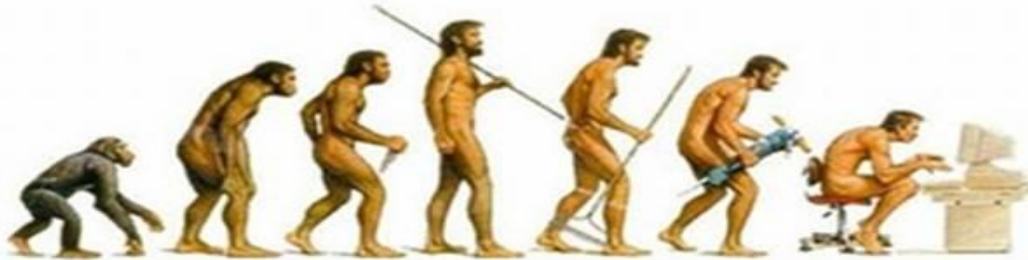
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Break Out Rooms

- What is available for adult Learners in the community where you live?

- What challenges face adult migrants, refugees and asylum seekers when they want to learn English?

- What are your suggestions for resources and delivery techniques that can work for online courses for adult Beginners.

- Have you used an app for language learning?

- **Zoom sessions**

- **Curated linked** in *YouTube,* etc.

- **Activities**

- **Reading**

- **Quizzes**
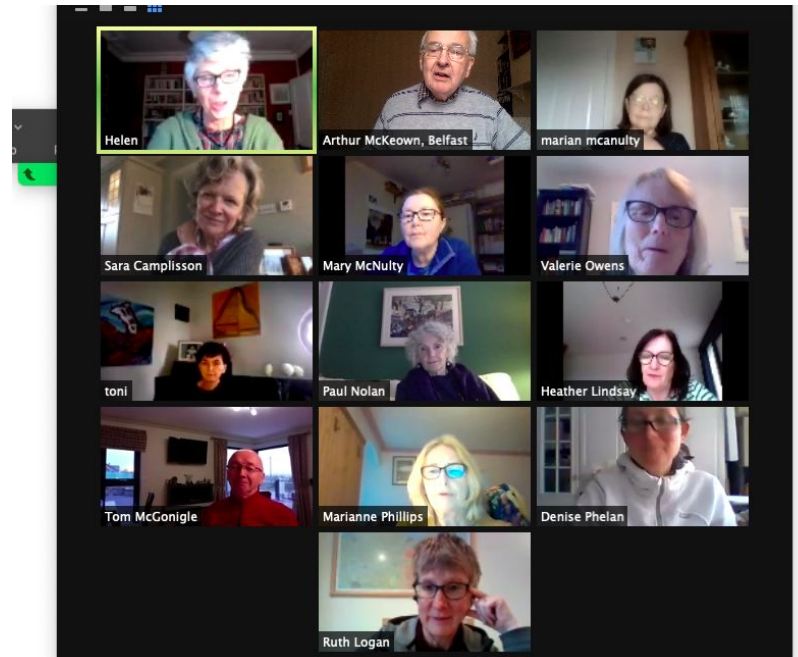
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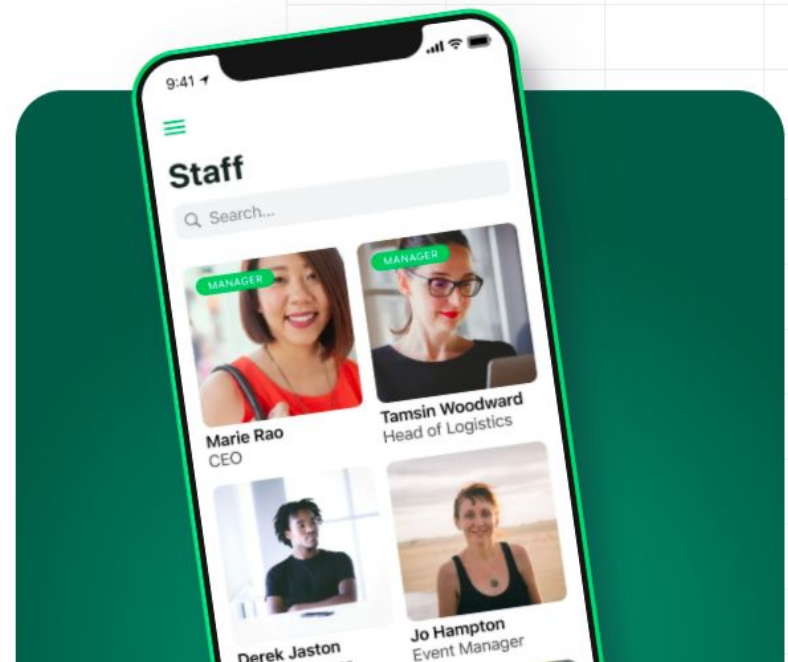
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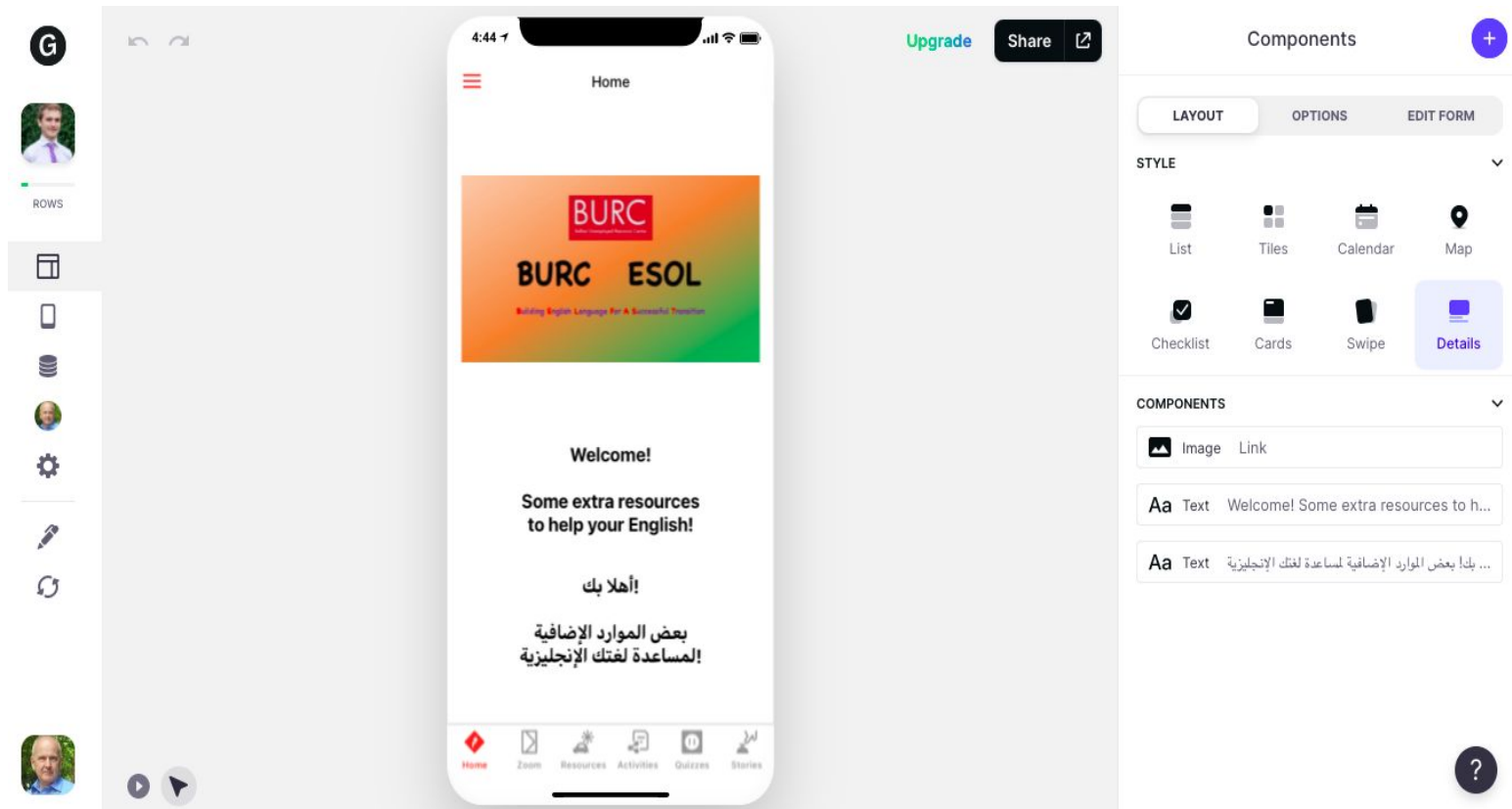
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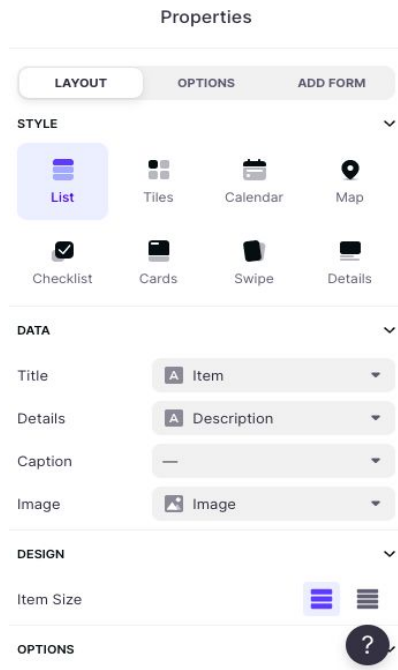
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Sources and Resources

Nik Peachey

Russell Stannard

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Over to You

- Explore the sample app at glide.io

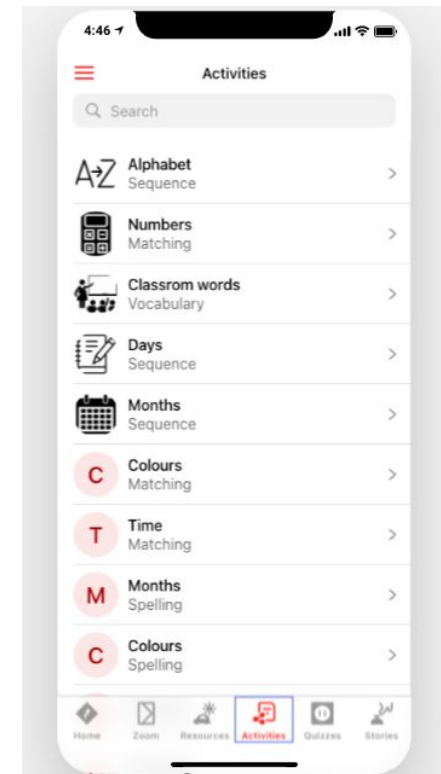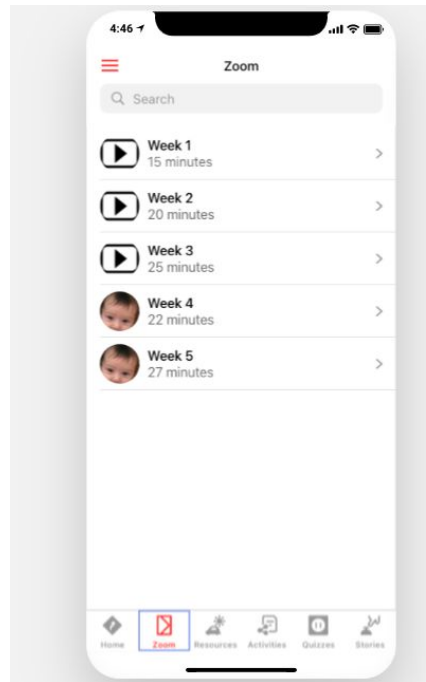- Look at Russell Stannard's FREE guide to searching YouTube and identify some resources you might use with your Learners.
  - https://youtu.be/rk_jlSd8YOO

- Create some activities in LearningApps.org.

Further Developments

- Progressors / Elementary Learners and Learners at higher levels in General English

- English for Academic Purposes, etc.

- *Volunteer Induction and Training,* for continuing professional

Migration Yorkshire

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strategic leadership, local support

ESOL for refugees

A toolkit for commissioners and practitioners

Home Office   Migration Yorkshire

https://www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/

Thank You!

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