School of English for Engaged Social Service

January 6 - April 3, 2019
Wongsanit Ashram, Thailand

Theme for 2019:
Interfaith Understanding towards Peace & Sustainability

The INEB Institute
The School of English for Engaged Social Service (SENS) is a project of the Institute for Transformative Learning of the International Network of Engaged Buddhists (The INEB Institute)

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To develop an English language program as a model to be shared:

- of socially conscious language learning
- that allows for rapid, enjoyable, and successful mastery of language skills
- in a rich, cooperative learning environment
- that fosters personal growth and social engagement
- as a contribution to peace, justice, understanding, and sustainability worldwide.

**Term Dates**
January 6 - April 3, 2019
This includes 12 weeks of intensive instruction and one week of holiday at midterm.

**Tuition & Fees**
3,600 USD, or 116,000 Baht
This fee covers tuition, fieldtrips, Internet access, private tutoring, group excursions, and insurance.

**Living Expenses**
2,400 USD, or 77,000 Baht
This fee covers three healthy meals per day, snacks, and simple but comfortable and safe lodging.

**Home Campus**
Wongsanit Ashram
Nakhon Nayok, Thailand

Travel from home country to Thailand and visa fees are not included in the total $6,000 fee. Partial and full scholarships are available, based on merit and need.

If you wish to sponsor a student for the 2019 program, please visit: [www.inebinstitute.org/donation/](http://www.inebinstitute.org/donation/)
Who Would Benefit as a Student?

We encourage you to apply if

- Your English is already intermediate level or better.
- You want to improve your English dramatically.
- You want to use your mind and your skills to work for personal growth and for the good of everyone.
- You love learning, especially in the company of others.
- You are committed to doing the work necessary to learn English well.
- You are adaptable and have a lot of energy.

We welcome students from any country, regardless of age, occupation, and social or religious status. We are happy to accept laypeople as well as those who have chosen a religious vocation.

The SENS program seeks students who are committed to working for the larger good, who are able to listen attentively to others, and who can think independently.

To support our theme for 2019—Interfaith Understanding towards Peace and Sustainability—we hope to bring together a diverse group of students. Prospective students may identify with one of the major world traditions (Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, or others) or with an indigenous tradition or smaller sect. Or they may follow secular forms of self-cultivation, ethical orientation, and personal practice.

We welcome your application even if you do not have the funds to pay for the program.

Volunteer Tutor Program

We encourage you to apply if

- You are a native or near native English speaker.
- You like people and are highly conscientious and responsible.
- You would like to learn about Thailand, religious traditions, meditation, counseling, social issues, and transformative teaching methods.
- You want to practice teaching and leading others.
- You are ready for a life change.

We are seeking volunteer tutors who will assist the primary teachers in the classroom and lead small group and one-on-one conversations outside of class.

Volunteer tutors will receive free room and board, and free travel on group excursions.

Places Open for Up to 20 Students

How to Apply as a Student or Tutor:

- Students should download and fill out the application form from [http://inebinstitute.org/apply/](http://inebinstitute.org/apply/)
- Save the completed application as a new file that includes your name or nickname, and the program (SENS 2019) in the name of the document. For example: Sammy-SENS2019Application
- Send an email to registrar@inebinstitute.org and attach the completed application,
- Tutors should send us a cover letter, a sample of your writing, and a CV or resume, including unrelated references.
- For those passing the first selection we will make an appointment with you for an interview online.
Through this course I have discovered my strengths and my weaknesses at the same time. And I know where I should work hard, and where I should concentrate more.

For myself and for my organization I want to practice deep listening. In my place there is no time for listening; people just talk and go. And that’s why I want to cultivate listening skills, so that we create a space where everyone has adequate chances for talking and understanding each other.

Sabin Rongpipi, Healing Hearts Project, Karbi Anglong, Assam, India

My long-term goals include organizing a non-profit organization with a broad mission. It would be an organization including medical personnel, researchers, anthropologists, and local officials, all committed to the health of the Himalayan communities. I also want to create an academic and clinical practice and offer trainings integrated with medical institutions in our region. Finally, I want to apply meditation and co-counseling in these medical institutions. In this way, the relationship between the medical staff and patients will be more harmonious.

I want to do these things not only to improve hygiene conditions and disease prevention, but more importantly so that people in my community can see the power of education and realize their own value to the whole society.

This student wishes to remain anonymous.

Thanks to an opportunity that I got from my social work, and thanks to my own life difficulties that I have been through in recent years, I came to know about SENS. I appreciate the combined learning process that helped me to reflect more about self-awareness, my limitations, and my family. Friends [fellow students], as you are youth and young at heart, you fulfill my energy and hope and you are a part of my life from now on.

Wipawadee Panyangnoi, Independent Researcher and Activist, Thailand

The attitudes I learnt from the SENS program are really helping me to get along with people better: "sincerity, appreciation, listening more." Now, it’s like I have "new rules" in my life. Practicing these attitudes also gives me a more peaceful and clearer mind. Thank you for helping me grow these good habits during the program.


Thanks to this course, SENS, I’ve met engaged Buddhist practitioners, grassroots movement leaders, and learned about many social activities in Thailand. It is very hopeful that there are so many social changers—more than I expected. For a long time, I’ve concentrated on domestic social issues, but now I’ve changed. I want to work for more international or global issues. SENS gave me a chance to have a wider perspective and to be confident to communicate with international workers. We are not separated, but connected, so that we can cooperate in many ways. This is my great experience here.

Sae Rob Lee – Jungto Society, South Korea

Previously, I stood for my Myanmar people; now I realize I need to stand for all living things. Because we have the same problems and we need to solve them all together.

Phoo Pwint – Kalyana Mitta Development Foundation (KMF), Myanmar

After completing this program, I got a lot of ideas about how to change myself, my family, my organization, and my society. …

To achieve my goals, I will:

• Share and respect other ethnic groups’ beauty, culture, traditional beliefs, and strengths.
• Use power sharing, support others, pay attention and offer deep listening and practice co-counseling with my organization, with my coworkers, and with my communities.
• English is a key to the world; that’s why I will practice English half an hour daily.

Myint Myint Htay, Metta Development Foundation, Myanmar