SENS School of English for Engaged Social Service

January 4 - April 24, 2027
Wongsanit Ashram, Thailand



Theme for SENS 2027 :

Starting Fresh – Learning to Rely on Each Other as We Build Something New

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) under the umbrella of the Sathirakoses-Nagapradipa Foundation, registered in Thailand.

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Our Mission

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 4 - April 24, 2027

January 4 – 8

- Introductory Week (Online) – Group Classes and Individual Meetings

January 24 – February 24

- Term 1 (In-Person) – Begins Jan. 24th. Students should arrive Jan. 22nd or 23rd.

February 25 – March 1

- Students may rest or travel during the Five-Day Midterm Break.

March 2 – April 3

- Term 2 (In-Person), culminating in the Graduation Ceremony on April 3, 2027

April 19 – 24

- Follow-up Week (Online) – Group Classes and Meetings by Tutoring Groups



Tuition Fees & Living Expenses

5,000 USD or 170,000 Baht*

This fee covers tuition, fieldtrips, Internet access, private tutoring, group excursions, insurance, three healthy meals per day, snacks, and simple but comfortable and safe lodging.**

In most cases students or their organizations will need to contribute some or all of the living expenses and tuition fees.

A limited number of partial and full scholarships will be available.

*Partial and full scholarships are available, based on merit and need.
**Travel from home country to Thailand and visa fees, as well as other costs outside the course dates, are not included in the total $5,000 fee.

Home Campus

Wongsanit Ashram Nakhon Nayok, Thailand

Our students are inspired through SENS to change the world. Change theirs by donating to our scholarship fund! They (and all of us) will be forever grateful!
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Who Would Benefit as a Student?

We encourage you to apply if

- Your English is already intermediate level or better.
- 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 lots of energy.



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. We extend a special invitation to English and other teachers with an interest in new methods, especially how we combine language skills training with encouragement of personal growth and social and ecological awareness.

We welcome students from any country, regardless of age, occupation, and social or religious status. (But minimum age is 18!) We are happy to accept laypeopl as well as those who have chosen a religious vocation. We aim to form a diverse cohort of students who identify with Buddhism,Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, or an indigenous tradition—or who follow secular or other forms of self-cultivation, ethical orientation, and spiritual practice.

We encourage you to apply even if you do not have the funds to pay for the program. Priority given to applications received by November 9th.

Places open for up to 18 students.

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 leadership, effective listening, meditation, climate justice, Thailand, Buddhism, and transformative teaching methods.
- You want to practice teaching and leading others.

We are seeking volunteer tutors who will assist the primary teachers in the class room and lead small-group and one-on-one conversations outside of class. Some applicants who are English teachers may qualify as tutors. Volunteer tutors will receive free room and board, and free travel on group excursions.



How to Apply as a Student or Tutor :

Students & English Teacher Participants

- You should download and fill out the application form from http://inebinstitute.org/apply/
- Save the completed application as a new file that includes your name and the program in the title of the document. For example: Sam-SENS2023 Application
- Send an email with your application attached to director@inebinstitute.org

Tutors

- Tutors should send us a cover letter, a sample of your writing, and a CV, including two unrelated references at director@inebinstitute.org.

For those passing the first selection we will make an appointment with you for an interview online.

Starting Fresh – Learning to Rely on Each Other as We Build Something New

The years 2021 through 2026 have seen devastating wars in Myanmar, Sudan, Ukraine, West Asia, and beyond. Evidence of the climate crisis continues to mount: heat waves, wildfires, floods, and the extinction of species. The world has become more unequal, and those preaching hatred have become louder, if not more powerful. In the midst of this can we still live beautiful and meaningful lives? Yes! Never were the possibilities greater. But how will we do that? One step is to live a life that responds meaningfully, that works to resolve these problems rather than merely seeking a place of personal comfort. Another simple but powerful step is to bridge the gaps that exist between us, whether they be generation or wealth gaps, the gaps created by racism, sexism, ethnic discrimination, Islamophobia, or by any exclusion of those who live or believe differently.

The wisest among us—spiritual leaders, writers, artists, historians, activists, and others—have seen the underlying unity of all humans and cherished the web of existence that binds us. Our theme for SENS 2027 is "Starting Fresh – Learning to Rely on Each Other as We Build Something New." We were not born to live, act, or suffer alone. We need a bold and fresh new beginning, and together we can do much! The challenges are at the planetary scale, and this is yet another reason that we need each other. Let us learn together how to accept, and then take on the global situation we face, each in our own way. Let us rediscover the joy of learning and working together. Strengthening our ability to communicate, learning to listen with genuine attention, growing in our understanding of the contemporary social and ecological world can be small parts of a bigger solution. This is what we intend in SENS 2027.









What Participants Say about SENS

I'm really grateful to Sayar Ted and Au for trying their best to teach and guide us on what we need. And the work team, too. You had to struggle a lot because of financial shortfalls. But you all did your best, and I am really thankful for that. This program has changed me a lot, especially pulling out the English hiding inside me. I had a chance to read many English books that I could not buy in my daily life. And I did not need to hesitate to practice my religion here. I fasted during Ramadan. When I needed to pray, I didn't have to worry about other things because everyone prioritized me and waited for me. I didn't get this kind of respect in my own country. I learned how to support and give respect to other religions from you all. In Islamic teaching, helping in education is considered a supreme form of worship and one of the most effective ways to secure ongoing blessings in this life and the hereafter. So I am so thankful for the people who support this program both financially and spiritually. May peace be upon all of you. Thank you.

Waso ~ Myanmar

This place became a safe space for me. I felt support-ed by all of you. I could express my vulnerability with-out fear, and that is something very rare and valuable. Because of that, I feel stronger, but also softer and more open. The field trips were also memorable for me. I learned that leadership is not about control, but about connection and collective actions. Real change in a community happens when people come together, listen to each other, and take small steps together. During the trips this really opened my view about how communities can grow in a positive way.

Mee Mee ~ Myanmar

When I came here, I was always afraid of making mistakes. I thought that making mistakes was wrong, and that not being perfect was also wrong. But in the classroom, when I made a mistake, Ted and everyone clapped and celebrated me. It was the first time in my life. I will never forget that moment. After that, I started to feel that I was not afraid of making mistakes anymore. I learned that I can try again and again. Because mistakes are part of being human. I will keep this in my heart and try many things.

Haruka Oyaizu ~ Japan

I have seen the realities of inequality even before coming here. But what this journey gave me was some-thing more. Experiences like Co-Counseling, reflection, and living in a shared space taught me how to stay with my emotions, how to have control over them, and how to be patient. Because many times it is not just the outside challenges that stop us, it is our own fears, distress patterns, and self-doubt that make us step back from our goals. And maybe this is where this journey truly shaped me; it didn't change my aim, but it prepared me to stay committed to it. It taught me how to listen without judgment, how to understand people beyond labels, and how to stay emotionally grounded.

Anshika ~ Haryana, India