



The English-Speaking Union
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GREETINGS!

This newsletter

This is a monthly newsletter of the ESU Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center to help you keep up with ARNIC happenings and stay connected to our community. Happy reading!

What is ARNIC?

ARNIC helps newly arrived immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers practice English in pairs with fluent English speakers and in group ESL classes. ARNIC also offers workshops, training sessions, and cultural events to provide new Americans with information and hands-on experience with the culture, society, services and everyday life of New York.

In this city I have
discovered who I
am and what I want
to do.

I have learned how
to be happy and
how to smile.

- Elena
Adasheva-Klein,
ARNIC Grad



Social media posting to announce the Immigrant Stories platform

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Natalia Omelchenko (artistic name Natalka Barvinok) has created these line drawings you see above. She drew ARNIC members Saran Doumbouya, Max Quinde, Andrew Romay and Hanmi Lim.

Immigrant Stories Platform

We are launching a new website where we will collect immigrant stories. Every human, every New Yorker, every new American has a story about New York or how they came to New York. On this website, you can experience some of these stories for yourself.

Each story and video is written or filmed from the perspective of one member of the English-Speaking Union Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center. Stories, essays, and poems were created in our special English as a Second Language classes: Writing Skills class, taught by Angela Wilkins, and English Through Printed Media, taught by Robert Speziale.

All video submissions were filmed, edited, and produced by ARNIC members who have experience in documentary filmmaking. Our volunteer, a freelance videographer, Scott Luxor provided support for all video projects.

See the teaser campaign on our social media channels, [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Please Like and Follow us and Share with friends. Email us your story and a photo too if you want to be featured on this platform!

www.stories.esuus.org



Since I was a child I had been saying that there was a free and amazing country called America where all dreams come true. Some people were proud of being there, and the rest were eager to go there. I think that's what we call the American dream.



- Name withheld

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Professional Networking Event in March 2016

Steps to Success Professional Networking

Afraid of networking? In English?! Don't be! Come to the Steps to Success Networking Event, Monday, April 17, at 6:30 pm! You will meet American professionals in a safe, welcoming environment. The event will take place at the New York Junior League at 130 East 80th Street in Manhattan. [Register here!](#)

ARNIC Upcoming Events

English "Tune-Up" Classes

The new season of classes will take place between April 24 and June 30. Please email Karl Hart khart@esuus.org for details. The classes are open to active ARNIC members. There are only a few spots left in this program.

Call for Volunteers!

ESU National Shakespeare Competition at the Lincoln Center Theater is looking for volunteer greeters and ushers for May 1. Please email Cecily Griesser cgriesser@esuus.org if you want to volunteer that day.

ARNIC Graduation Save the Date!

On Monday, June 1, we will hold our annual graduation event to honor ARNIC members who graduated between September 2016 and June 2017. This time we will celebrate the legacy of Andrew Romay who passed away in February. Details to follow by email.

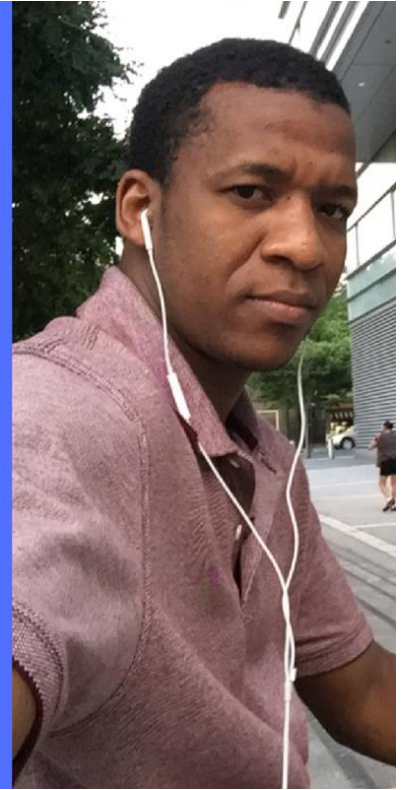
Useful Resources

Links to selected organizations and programs serving immigrants in the New York area:

[Business Center for New Americans](#)
[Catholic Charities](#)
[Chinese-American Planning Council](#)
[Community Impact at Columbia University](#)
[Cooper Union Re-training Program at CAMBA](#)
[Institute for Immigrant Concerns](#)
[Medical Interpreting Training](#)
[Rennert School Free ESL](#)
[Riverside Language Program](#)
[Shorefront Y](#)
[StreetWise Partners](#)
[UpwardlyGlobal](#)
[Welcome Back Center](#)
[World Education Services](#)

As an immigrant, I found that people don't recognize your skills or your qualifications. You don't have connections. For a few months, I felt very isolated and despondent.

**-Mamadou Bah,
ARNIC Grad**



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