On April 25, we visited the Roosevelt Island to appreciate cherry blossom. Our students had an outdoor history lesson. Everyone enjoyed the trip!
“In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn. “

-Phil Collins

Our Beginner class student—ZhenGeng is working at a daycare center in Chinatown placed by NYC Department for the Aging. ZhenGeng’s hard work in learning English is recognized by the department and they want him to be a model for other senior workers who can't speak English. This makes ZhenGeng more motivated at both his work and our classroom, as he feels his efforts are valued and appreciated. We should all learn from this diligent student.

-Jihan, ESL Instructor
ASK YOUR NAWC

Q: What classes do you offer?

A: Currently, we offer Beginner level, Intermediate level, Advanced level, and Workplace ESL classes, Computer literacy class and Citizenship class. However, you can check for a more updated schedule on our website or stop by our office to find out more information!

Q: How much does each class cost?

A: All of our classes are completely FREE!

My greatest challenge as an instructor in entering into the English language teaching program at the New Americans Welcome Center / Chinatown YMCA a little more than one year ago was having zero level bilingual skills in Mandarin/Cantonese. Although I felt fully ready to face this challenge I admit to feeling apprehensive at times as to how best to reach my new students. Jie Ling Chen, my supervisor, and Oi Ying Yuen, the program coordinator, have never been less than encouraging and supportive of my efforts. I'm grateful that they've always had my back. In one short year, I've grown to be quite fond of my adult education students. Every week I've risen to the challenge of how to maintain their interest and hard work. And I've learned as much from them — if not more — about their lives, their cultures, their New York experiences as they've learned English from me.

—Noel Shaw, ESL Instructor
On our Annual Arts Celebration this year, we have invited our participants to perform the traditional Chinese dance. We would like to encourage everyone to show their talent, express their culture and enjoy the moments that we all come together to appreciate each others!