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### **LASER project (Language and Academic Skills and E-Learning Resources)**

**Are you between 18 and 30? Have you been studying at university or wish to study at university and have basic English language skills?**

**If so, you might wish to join the LASER programme.**

#### **What is LASER?**

The LASER project delivers English language courses to Syrians and Lebanese students between the ages of 18 and 30 who have been unable to start or continue their higher education due to the current circumstances. The programme aims to enhance students' English skills to facilitate access to higher education.

#### **What is the Language and Academic Skills Course?**

- The programme will consist of 96 hours of English language training.
- Classes will be held twice a week. Each class is 3 hours
- Each student will receive a course book to help them with their studies on the course.
- Students need to achieve 60% or over to pass the course. Students also need to attend 50% of the programme in order to pass
- Each student will receive a certificate, providing information on their attendance and final grade for the course.

#### **What qualifications do I need?**

- You should have completed secondary education in your country
- Potential students will need to take a placement test to show they meet the minimum language requirements (CEFR A2/B1).

#### **Where will the course be held?**

Both the placement tests and the courses will be held in multiple locations across Lebanon (see next page)

Qalamoun (in the north) – classes are every Monday and Wednesday from 1000 to 1300 or from 1430 to 1730

Beirut, Saida and Saadnayel (Bekaa) – classes are every Tuesday and Thursday from 1430 to 1730

#### **What does the course cost?**

The course is funded by the European Union and there will be no cost to those who qualify to attend

#### **After the course - next steps**

Students may take either an IELTS or Aptis test at the end of the course depending on their level.

Students who achieve a level of B1 or above will be able to join a higher education MOOC (massive open online course).

#### **How do I apply to join the LASER courses?**

To join the LASER course you will need to take a placement test. Please see next page for details of how to do this.

## The LASER Placement Tests

The placement tests will take place across Lebanon at the following venues on the following days:

- Qalamoun **Monday 23 May** from 1000 to 1300 and from 1430 to 1730 (last date for booking a test **Friday 20 May**)
- Beirut **Tuesday 24 May** from 1430 to 1730 (last date for booking a test is **Friday 20 May**)
- Saida **Thursday 26 May** from 1430 to 1730 (last date for booking a test **Tuesday 24 May**)
- Zahle **Thursday 26 May** from 1430 to 1730 (last date for booking a test **Tuesday 24 May**)

Tests will be conducted at hourly intervals:

Qalamoun: 1000 to 1100, 1100 to 1200 and 1200 to 1300 in the morning and in the afternoon 1430 to 1530, 1530 to 1630 and from 1630 to 1730

Beirut, Saida and Saadnayel: 1430 to 1530, 1530 to 1630 and 1630 to 1730

You must arrive to the venue at least 15 minutes before the start of the test in order to sit for the test.

To book a time to take a placement test, please call one of the following telephone numbers below **before** the dates indicated in brackets above:

**NRC Education – North Lebanon** Hotline number: 03-009236

**NRC Education – South Lebanon** Hotline number: 03-002278

**NRC Education – Bekaa Valley** Hotline number: 78-801301

**Beirut** Hayfa Farhat [hayfa.farhat@nrc](mailto:hayfa.farhat@nrc) 70808928

You may also get details of the venues and enquire about help with transportation costs, and obtain any other information regarding LASER from these numbers..