



BECOME A MIGRATEFUL CHEF [LONDON]

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Hello, we're Migrateful!

We are Migrateful, an award-winning UK charity with a mission to celebrate asylum seekers, refugees and migrants on their journey towards employment, independence, and integration.



We do this by supporting them to teach cookery classes, where they share their cuisine and culture with the public.

Since 2017, we've supported 110 Migrateful chefs to run over 4,500 classes to 52,000+ participants.

How we can help

Integration in the UK can be hard when you are not legally allowed to work, your qualifications aren't recognised, your access to English language skills may be limited, and your family and friends might be far away.

This is why we exist - to support you in your efforts in building a happy, fulfilling future here in the UK.



Become a Migrateful chef

Do you love to cook and are keen to share your recipes and culture with others?

Our cookery class teacher training programme supports passionate home cooks to become confident Migrateful cookery class teachers!

Our classes offer a welcome opportunity to build connections, develop your language skills and confidence, and, if you have the right to work, earn an income.



About the programme

Our two-three year cookery class teacher training programme starts with a 12-14 week training period, where you will develop your recipes, hone your storytelling skills, gain the necessary food hygiene qualifications and learn how to teach a successful cookery class.

During this time, you will work as part of a group of other Migrateful chefs-in-training. You will also be paired with a mentor, who will provide you with ongoing support.



About the programme

Once you have completed the training, you will start teaching cookery classes to the public. At every class, you will be supported by a facilitator and four volunteers.

Alongside teaching classes, you will have access to holistic support, signposting and a welcoming community.

Our cookery class teacher training is free of charge. We will also reimburse your travel and ingredients costs.



Benefits

- Learn how to teach others to cook dishes from your cuisine
- Improve your well-being, confidence & self-esteem
- Practice English regularly through preparing for and teaching your classes
- Join a supportive community and build a professional network
- Earn £75-£80 for every class you teach if you have the right to work
- Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate (upon completion)
- Gain valuable work experience, receive personalized 1:1 support, and get connected to opportunities and organizations within our network.



Hear from some Migrateful chefs!



“Migrateful has changed a lot in my life and helped me to speak better in English by building a relationship with the participants and sharing our stories.”

**URMILA FROM NEPAL
MIGRATEFUL CHEF**

“Migrateful helped me to develop my confidence and motivation to become a chef, which has always been my dream. The financial support all through the time I sought asylum was really very helpful. Now that I have got my status I can start to get paid for jobs and build my career as a chef by going to college and getting employment. Migrateful has made me a strong successful woman in my work and personal life.”

**SEREH FROM GAMBIA,
MIGRATEFUL CHEF**





“Migrateful taught me skills and helped me to build confidence to move on to become a proper chef in other establishments. They also helped me improve my English and communication skills when teaching my classes online and in-person.”

**YOGI FROM SRI LANKA,
MIGRATEFUL ALUMNI**

“The social experience of teaching the cookery classes was a really great way to address my loneliness. Migrateful has been like a family to me, it filled me with love, it was a place where I could belong and people made me feel valued and trusted. I had to leave behind my family so it was important for me to find a new one.”

**HABIB FROM AFGHANISTAN,
FORMER MIGRATEFUL CHEF,
NOW A MIGRATEFUL TRUSTEE**



Eligibility Criteria

- Must be London based
- Must be over 18 years old
- Must be an asylum seeker, refugee or migrant facing significant barriers to integration in UK* ([See statement on our eligibility criteria here](#))
- English Entry Level 2
- Passion for cooking (no formal qualifications required)
- Availability to attend the course dates and teach cookery classes in the evenings following completion of training



What We Expect From You

- Must be punctual, accurate in time-keeping & able to attend at least 90% of training sessions
- Has reliable communication and organisation skills
- Must be respectful, kind, and open to meeting new people and learning new cuisines
- Committed to complying with food hygiene and health and safety laws (you will receive training in how to do this)



FAQs

Q. I am worried about speaking publicly because my English is not good.

Lots of chefs struggled with English before they started with Migrateful but have been able to build their language skills with us. We will help you practise during training and public classes will always have a facilitator - a member of staff who supports the chef. However, we do ask that our chefs have Entry Level 2 English.

Q. Will I be able to teach classes if I don't have the legal right to work?

Yes, if you do not have the legal right to work, you can teach classes. Migrateful will pay for ingredients and travel costs and you may also be eligible for our Solidarity Fund of £30 per week.

FAQs

Q. I am concerned about protecting my identity.

Migrateful understands that some chefs-in-training may need to protect their identity. We can use different names to advertise your classes and ensure no photos or videos are used publicly.

Q. Will I become a professional chef after my training with Migrateful?

Migrateful chefs are already passionate home cooks when they join us. Our program is designed to equip you with the skills you need to share your amazing dishes with the public through teaching Migrateful cookery classes. Some Migrateful chefs do go on to work in the food industry, others go on to study or work in different industries, and for some its about meeting new people through their classes and connecting with their community.

How to apply

To apply for our next cookery class teacher training programme, fill out our online application form and send us a video introducing yourself, your cuisine and how to prepare your favourite dish

You can find this and information about the next application deadline [on our website](#). We will review all applications and if you have been successful, we will invite you for an interview.

If you have any questions about your application, please email chefapplications@migrateful.org.

We hope to welcome you into our Migrateful family soon!

