

# Leading Teams in ESOL Education: Motivating Teachers for Adult Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers in North London

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## Abstract

*This study explores the critical role of effective educational leadership in enhancing teacher motivation and fostering collaboration among ESOL educators working with adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in North London. Through a comprehensive analysis of various dimensions including team cohesion, empowerment, continuous improvement, work-life balance, and alignment of vision and values, the study identifies key strategies for educational leaders to cultivate a supportive environment conducive to the success of ESOL programs. Recommendations emphasize the importance of prioritizing team cohesion, empowering team members, promoting continuous improvement, supporting work-life balance, and aligning vision and values. By implementing these strategies, educational leaders can create an environment where ESOL educators feel motivated, empowered, and equipped to positively impact the lives of adult learners in North London.*

## 1. Introduction

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) education is essential in North London's multicultural environment, especially for adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. This introduction lays the groundwork for understanding the importance of team leadership in ESOL instruction, with a particular emphasis on teacher motivation in this setting. ESOL instruction greatly aids the integration, social mobility, and empowerment of immigrant groups (Simpson & Hunter, 2023). Adult learners frequently encounter a variety of difficulties when adjusting to a new language and culture, particularly those who are immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers. There is a strong need for high-quality ESOL instruction in North London, where diverse cultures coexist in harmony [1].

The existing body of research underlines how essential motivated teachers are to developing excellent learning outcomes in ESOL instruction. Motivated teachers raise student involvement and foster classroom settings that are favourable to language learning. Nonetheless, more knowledge is needed about inspiring teachers working with adult immigrant groups in North London [2]. Although motivating strategies in education have been the subject of many studies, there is a lack of research explicitly focused on ESOL education in North London. Comprehending the distinct obstacles and cultural nuances of the area is vital to formulate contextually appropriate tactics that inspire educators and, in turn,

elevate the standard of ESOL teaching [3].

It is impossible to overstate the importance of motivated teachers in this field and managing teams in ESOL teaching. Effective leadership and teacher motivation are essential cornerstones to guarantee that adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in North London receive high-quality ESOL training that suits their requirements. Stakeholders may promote an inclusive and equitable educational environment by addressing this issue, ultimately enabling people to succeed in their new communities [4]. This study provides the foundation for investigating the crucial intersection of teacher motivation, leadership, and ESOL education within the distinct sociocultural setting of North London. Through analysing this subject, the study intends to bridge current gaps in the literature, offer practical advice for teachers, and effective ESOL education in North London [5].

Therefore, this study investigates the relevant factors that drive the motivation of ESOL teachers engaged with adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in North London [6]. For this purpose, the study exclusively looked into the divergent leadership strategies to lead the teams of ESOL teachers while outlining their job satisfaction. It is anticipated that the outcomes of the study would be useful to identify various practices and approaches to motivate ESOL teachers in the landscape of North London [7]. By doing so the study would provide a value addition to engage

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ESOL teachers with better commitment and effectiveness for adult immigrants' refugees and asylum seekers that require special help in the classrooms [8].

## 2. Literature Review

There exists a clear distinction between the conventional and contemporary school of thoughts regarding the ESOL learning. Leading teams in ESOL instruction has many important and varied ramifications in the present day, especially when considering North London [9]. Globalization and migration patterns continue to influence the demographics of metropolitan areas like North London in today's interconnected world. The need for quality ESOL instruction is rising as more and more immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers settle in the area [10]. To guarantee that all students have fair access to high-quality learning opportunities, leaders in ESOL education must successfully negotiate the challenges posed by socioeconomic gaps, language obstacles, and cultural diversity. Good ESOL instruction is essential for fostering social cohesion and integration in a variety of communities; it goes beyond teaching language skills alone [11].

ESOL programs help adult learners feel like they belong and make it easier for them to participate actively in society by providing them with language skills and cultural competencies. In order to create inclusive workplaces that celebrate variety and advance intercultural awareness among educators and students alike, leaders are essential [12]. English language proficiency is frequently required to obtain jobs, postsecondary education, and socioeconomic possibilities. Leaders in ESOL education need to put a high priority on giving students the language proficiency and career preparation they need to join the workforce and make a significant economic contribution [10].

ESOL programs act as catalysts for economic self-sufficiency and upward mobility by providing adult immigrants with the necessary skills to support themselves [13]. The introduction of digital technologies has completely changed the educational landscape, posing both opportunities and difficulties for ESOL programs. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, remote learning systems have grown in popularity because they give students freedom and accessibility [14]. To guarantee the success of virtual ESOL instruction, leaders must adopt cutting-edge teaching approaches, make use of digital resources, and give educators continual professional development opportunities [15,16].

Beyond the confines of specific institutions, ESOL education leadership promotes resource allocation and policy changes at the local, state, and federal levels (Ford, 2021). To address the concerns of adult immigrants and advance fair access to ESOL services, leaders must actively collaborate with legislators, community stakeholders, and advocacy organizations (Kallenbach, & Nash, 2020). Leaders may create systemic change and remove obstacles to educational equity by elevating the perspectives of marginalized communities. Managing adult learners' changing requirements and difficulties in North London and elsewhere requires strong

team leadership in ESOL teaching [17]. Leaders can empower educators, motivate learners, and create a more inclusive and equitable society by adopting new ways, promoting inclusive workplaces, and advocating for structural reforms [18].

Chamorro et al. (2023) examined the perceptions of ESOL teachers on the experiences, difficulties, and reasons that refugees and asylum seekers have when learning the language of the host economy. For this purpose, an online survey was used to gather the data, and 72 English language instructors who work in various UK institutions and instruct refugees and asylum seekers filled it out. The findings unveiled the viewpoints of educators regarding the primary obstacles to language acquisition (e.g., inadequate literacy in the target language) and the driving forces behind these learners' pursuit of education and employment, in addition to the primary difficulties encountered (e.g., inadequate resources) and strategies employed (e.g., customized materials/approaches) by our participants. The study suggested that the implications for language teachers, teacher educators, and policy makers to better support refugee students' language learning. It also presents these findings and any correlations discovered between the teachers' responses and their background or the profile of their students. During the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic in the academic year 2020–2021, data were gathered in two phases: online interviews with ESOL teachers and longitudinal interview research that included survey responses and weekly text messages from student participants.

Students were invited to participate in the analysis using a dialogic approach, wherein narratives were created during the academic year. Self-Determination Theory [19]. Specifically, the Organismic and Basic Psychological Needs sub-theories, was employed as a theoretical framework, and the transdisciplinary framework developed by the Douglas Fir Group (2016) was used as a conceptual framework [20]. The results imply that recovering former identities and growing self-assurance when conversing in English with locals are significant motivators. Sidaway, (2022) noted that the majority of research on the motivation for language acquisition still employ a quantitative methodology and focus on the experiences of children and adolescents learning English as a second language. The primary focus of this research, however, is on the factors that drive persons with histories of both forced and voluntary migration to enroll in intermediate English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) lessons in England. By integrating the views of cross-sectional teachers and longitudinal students, the study provides a thorough examination of the factors that could affect the motivation of language acquisition in this specific context.

These are inextricably linked to the need for competence (having faith in one's language skills), relatedness (with classmates and locals), and autonomy (taking charge of one's education and becoming less dependent on others) [21]. Along with the cosmopolitan city in which they lived and the options they believed were available to them, the influence of classmates and teachers

was also significant [22]. This thesis presents new methods of remote data collection with a population that is frequently difficult to reach and questions the idea that the "migrant" experience is the same in all circumstances.

### 3. Materials and Methods

This study employs a rigorous survey approach in an effort to promote ESOL education and teacher motivation in the North London area by offering insightful information about the experiences, viewpoints, and practices of ESOL educators [23]. The purpose of the survey was to get feedback from ESOL teachers in North London on a range of topics related to ESOL instruction, such as the value of ESOL, difficulties encountered, methods for motivation, and use of interactive teaching resources. Four sections make up the questionnaire: General Questions, Interactive Learning Activities, Specific Questions, and Demographic Details of Respondents. A convenience sample technique was utilized to enlist respondents for the study [24,25,26]. Professional networks, social media, and email were used to extend invitations to ESOL teachers in North London. The sample was designed to encompass a broad spectrum of educators with different demographics, educational backgrounds, and years of experience instructing ESOL students [27]. A secure survey platform was used to administer the survey online. A link to the questionnaire was sent to the participants, and they received assurances regarding the privacy and anonymity of their answers. Participants could complete the survey whenever it was convenient for them throughout the designated period of data collection.

Statistical software was utilized to analyze the quantitative data obtained from the survey and produce descriptive statistics, including means, frequencies, percentages, and standard deviations. To determine the degree of agreement or disagreement with each statement, the Likert scale responses in Section IV were examined. In order to find recurrent themes and patterns, the research procedure was conducted with adherence to ethical norms. Before taking part in the survey, participants gave their informed consent, and during the data gathering and analysis process, their confidentiality and identity were protected.

The study was conducted in compliance with laws and ethical standards about human subject's research. Measures were implemented to guarantee the reliability and validity of the survey tool. To evaluate the questionnaire's content validity, specialists in survey design and ESOL instruction examined it. A small sample of ESOL educators participated in a pilot study to find and fix any unclear or poorly understood parts of the questionnaire. To evaluate the survey instrument's reliability, metrics like Likert scale items' internal consistency (Cronbach's alpha) were used.

### 4. Results

Using the material and methods, the study performed a comprehensive analysis with the help of gathered information from survey questionnaire. The entire analysis has been performed with the help of SPSS software whereas results were interpreted as per the standard criteria.

Variable	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Gender		
Female	86	31.7
Male	185	68.3
Age		
18-25	19	7.0
26-35	15	5.5
36-45	91	33.6
46-55	68	25.1
Above 55	78	28.8
Educational Background		
High School/GED	16	5.9
Bachelor's Degree	20	7.4
Master's Degree	81	29.9
Doctorate or Professional Degree	76	28.0
Other	78	28.8
Years of Teaching Experience in ESOL Education		
Less than 1 year	18	6.6
1-5 years	37	13.7
6-10 years	114	42.1

More than 10 years	102	37.6
Current Position		
ESOL Teacher	108	39.9
ESOL Program Coordinator	109	40.2
Administrator/Manager	37	13.7
Other	17	6.3

**Table 1: Summary of Demographic Indicators**

A set of respondents' demographic data is summarized in the Table 1. According to the gender breakdown, 86 respondents (31.7%) identify as female, and 185 respondents (68.3%) identify as male. In terms of age, the bulk of responders (91 respondents, 33.6%) are between the ages of 36 and 45, with those over 55 coming in second (78 respondents, 28.8%). A varied group is indicated by the respondents' educational backgrounds; 81 respondents, or 29.9%, have a master's degree, while 76 respondents, or 28.0%, have a doctoral or professional degree. The majority of respondents (114, or 42.1%) have 6–10 years of experience teaching ESOL, followed by those with more than 10 years of experience (102, or 37.6%). ESOL teachers and Program coordinator make up the largest group of respondents (108, or 39.9%) and (109, 40.2%) when it comes to their current employment. The data offers valuable insights into the demographic makeup of the surveyed population. It displays variations in gender, age, educational background, teaching experience, and present jobs in the field of English as a Second Language (ESOL) instruction [28].

#### 4.1 Graphical Analysis

The graphical analysis has been performed to figure out that perceptions of teachers regarding different associated aspects of ESOL teaching. As per Figure 1 (See appendix), out of 271 respondents, 232 thought that ESOL education was very important (116) or extremely important (116). This represents a substantial majority of the respondents. A minuscule minority of eight respondents thought it was unimportant. This demonstrates how universally accepted the benefits of ESOL training are for adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. ESOL training can be very helpful for adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers to successfully integrate into their new communities and lead fulfilling lives. People are satisfied with the ESOL resources and programs that are currently provided in North London, as shown in Figure 2. The graph shows that a greater number of respondents (81 + 87 = 168) are happy with the ESOL program and resources

offered by North London. Figure 3 demonstrates that individuals are happy with the ESOL resources and programs that are now offered in North London. Figure 4 shows that compared to those who are unsatisfied (23 + 10 = 33), a greater proportion of persons are satisfied (81 + 87 = 168) with the availability of ESOL programs and resources in North London. On the other hand, a sizable portion of respondents (59) have no opinion. Given the variance of language ability among their pupils, Figure 4 reveals that ESOL teachers have a number of issues, chief among them being project management in the classroom and making sure every student can participate and benefit. Figure 5 indicates that in order to overcome obstacles, ESOL teachers mostly rely on teamwork with peers and outside resources. They also have success putting tactics centered on goal-setting and student achievement into practice. Figure 5 shows that, at least periodically, a sizable majority of teachers (239 out of 260) use interactive language games into their ESOL lessons. Using them frequently was the most frequently reported frequency (109 teachers). Based on data from 264 out of 270 teachers, Figure 7 indicates that a sizable majority of them use real-life simulations into their ESOL lessons at least periodically. Always (126 teachers) and frequently (116 teachers) were the most frequently reported uses. This implies that ESOL teachers frequently use real-life simulations as a teaching method. Figure 8 indicates that although actual materials and internet resources are used considerably less frequently, teachers still largely rely on coursebooks and teacher-made materials. According to the graph, ESOL teachers think that the best ways to keep their own motivation and passion levels up are through academically challenging tasks that also provide students a sense of success.

#### 4.2 Correlation Analysis

Table 2 demonstrates the Spearman's rho correlations between variables that are related to different aspects of the ESOL learning environment.

		CD	PRC	OI	AS	PC	RA	SPS	FE	AD	WLB	IVMA
Classroom Diversity (CD)	Correlation Coefficient	1.000	.153*	.179**	.222**	.157**	.232**	.181**	.220**	.247**	.167**	.146*
	Sig. (2-tailed)		0.011	0.003	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.006	0.016
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
Professional Collaboration (PRC)	Correlation Coefficient	.153*	1.000	.227**	.188**	.134*	.221**	0.101	0.087	.205**	.152*	.165**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.011		0.000	0.002	0.028	0.000	0.098	0.155	0.001	0.012	0.006
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
Opportunities for Innovation (OI)	Correlation Coefficient	.179**	.227**	1.000	.168**	.121*	.233**	.229**	0.116	.130*	.138*	.134*
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.003	0.000		0.006	0.047	0.000	0.000	0.056	0.033	0.024	0.027
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
Administrative Support (AS)	Correlation Coefficient	.222**	.188**	.168**	1.000	.230**	.217**	.236**	.210**	0.106	.240**	0.079
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.002	0.006		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.080	0.000	0.197
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
Peer Collaboration (PC)	Correlation Coefficient	.157**	.134*	.121*	.230**	1.000	.198**	.259**	.145*	.253**	.122*	.277**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.010	0.028	0.047	0.000		0.001	0.000	0.017	0.000	0.045	0.000
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
Recognition and Appreciation (RA)	Correlation Coefficient	.232**	.221**	.233**	.217**	.198**	1.000	.227**	0.043	.227**	.239**	.229**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.001		0.000	0.485	0.000	0.000	0.000
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
Student Progress and Success (SPS)	Correlation Coefficient	.181**	0.101	.229**	.236**	.259**	.227**	1.000	.132*	.160**	0.115	.208**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.003	0.098	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		0.029	0.008	0.059	0.001
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
Feedback and Evaluation (FE)	Correlation Coefficient	.220**	0.087	0.116	.210**	.145*	0.043	.132*	1.000	.167**	.187**	-0.015
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.155	0.056	0.001	0.017	0.485	0.029		0.006	0.002	0.810
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
Autonomy and Decision-making (AD)	Correlation Coefficient	.247**	.205**	.130*	0.106	.253**	.227**	.160**	.167**	1.000	.134*	.264**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.001	0.033	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.006		0.028	0.000
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271

Work-Life Balance (WLB)	Correlation Coefficient	.167**	.152*	.138*	.240**	.122*	.239**	0.115	.187**	.134*	1.000	0.050
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.006	0.012	0.024	0.000	0.045	0.000	0.059	0.002	0.028		0.414
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
Institutional Values and Mission Alignment (IVMA)	Correlation Coefficient	.146*	.165**	.134*	0.079	.277**	.229**	.208**	-0.015	.264**	0.050	1.000
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.016	0.006	0.027	0.197	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.810	0.000	0.414	
	N	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271	271
**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).												
*. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).												

**Table 2: Spearman’s Rho Correlation Analysis**

According to the table, Classroom Diversity (CD) exhibits a weak relationship with Work-Life Balance (WLB), Administrative Support (AS), PC, Recognition and Appreciation (RA), Student Progress and Success (SPS), Feedback and Evaluation (FE), Professional Collaboration (PRC), Opportunities for Innovation (OI), and Autonomy and Decision-making (AD). However, this weak association is (significant at the 0.05 level). On the other side, the variable had a strong relationship with Autonomy and Decision-making (AD) and Work-Life Balance (WLB). A similar assessment can be observed for rest of the related variable with both weak and strong relationship with each other. The correlation analysis affirmed that there exists an intricate relationship between

elements of the learning environment, emphasizing the role of elements like autonomy, work-life balance, acknowledgment, support, creativity, and teamwork in promoting successful academic achievements [29, 30,31].

#### 4.3 Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

The ANOVA (Analysis of Variance) statistical method for comparing different groups' means and identifying statistically significant differences between them. Table 3 portrays the statistical significance of the variations in how different demographic and professional groups of ESOL.

Variable	Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F Value	Sig.
Gender	Between Groups	6.281	1	6.281	8.502	.004
	Within Groups	286.841	269	1.066		
	Total	293.122	270			
Age	Between Groups	30.173	4	7.543	10.160	.000
	Within Groups	169.325	266	0.636		
	Total	199.498	270			
Educational Background	Between Groups	22.963	4	5.741	7.760	.000
	Within Groups	153.159	266	0.576		
	Total	176.122	270			
Years of Teaching Experience in ESOL Education	Between Groups	42.569	3	14.190	30.416	.000
	Within Groups	98.553	267	0.369		
	Total	141.122	270			
Current Position	Between Groups	45.062	3	15.021	30.758	.000
	Within Groups	228.672	267	0.856		
	Total	273.734	270			

**Table 3: ANOVA Estimates**

The ANOVA estimates for Gender suggests that there is a substantial difference in the opinions of male and female respondents about the significance of ESOL education (Q6) and its role in promoting empowerment and integration (Q7). The F-statistic values for gender are 6.590 for Q7 (contribute to integration and empowerment) and 8.502 for Q6 (importance). For Q6, the corresponding p-value is .004, while for Q7, it is .000. On the other side, a notable variation has been assessed in how different age groups view ESOL instruction for both questions. In particular, respondents' opinions on the value of ESOL instruction (Q6) and how it promotes empowerment and integration (Q7) vary significantly depending on their age group. The F-statistics values for Age are 9.789 for Q7 and 10.160 for Q6, and the corresponding p-values are 0.000. The F-statistic values for Educational Background are 2.256 for Q7 and 7.760 for Q6. The corresponding p-values for Q6 and Q7 are .000 and .063, respectively. These findings show that, with regard to Q6 (importance), there are notable disparities in how ESOL education is seen by people from various educational backgrounds. Even if there are variations for Q7 (contribute to integration and empowerment), they are not statistically significant at the traditional significance level of 0.05. Referring to the Years of Teaching experience in ESOL education, for both questions, these results show that there are notable

disparities in how ESOL instruction is perceived at various levels of teaching experience. Particularly, respondents' opinions on the significance of ESOL education (Q6) and its role in promoting integration and empowerment (Q7) varies considerably depending on how long they had taught ESOL. The F-statistic values are 9.543 for Q7 and 30.416 for Q6 corresponding p-values of .000.

According to these findings, there are notable disparities in how various present position's view ESOL education in relation to Q6 (importance), Q7 (contribution to integration and empowerment), and Q8 (satisfaction with availability). In particular, individuals who occupy disparate roles in the educational system have remarkably divergent opinions about certain ESOL education-related topics. The F-statistic values for Current Position (satisfied with availability) are 6.515 for Q6, 9.789 for Q7, and 5.403 for Q8. The corresponding p-values are .000 and .001, respectively.

#### 4.4 Hierarchical Regression Analysis

With each new predictor increasing the model's predictive power, the hierarchical regression analysis shows how different factors explain the perceived impact and satisfaction with ESOL education and services in North London.

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	Change Statistics					Durbin-Watson
					R Square Change	F Change	df1	df2	Sig. F Change	
1	.443a	.197	.194	.89801722	.197	65.807	1	269	.000	
2	.454b	.206	.201	.89413440	.010	3.341	1	268	.069	
3	.479c	.230	.221	.88260878	.023	8.045	1	267	.005	
4	.488d	.239	.227	.87912346	.009	3.121	1	266	.078	
5	.524e	.274	.261	.85981382	.036	13.082	1	265	.000	
6	.532f	.283	.266	.85655449	.008	3.021	1	264	.083	
7	.533g	.284	.265	.85734293	.001	.515	1	263	.474	
8	.543h	.295	.274	.85230369	.011	4.119	1	262	.043	
9	.558i	.312	.288	.84373700	.017	6.347	1	261	.012	1.797
a. Predictors: (Constant), CD										
b. Predictors: (Constant), CD, ProC										
c. Predictors: (Constant), CD, ProC, OI										
d. Predictors: (Constant), CD, ProC, OI, AS										
e. Predictors: (Constant), CD, ProC, OI, AS, PC										
f. Predictors: (Constant), CD, ProC, OI, AS, PC, RA										
g. Predictors: (Constant), CD, ProC, OI, AS, PC, RA, SPS										
h. Predictors: (Constant), CD, ProC, OI, AS, PC, RA, SPS, FE										
i. Predictors: (Constant), CD, ProC, OI, AS, PC, RA, SPS, FE, AD										
j. Dependent Variable: Overall Perceived Impact and Satisfaction with ESOL Education and Resources in North London										

Table 4: Hierarchical Regression Analysis

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Classroom Diversity (CD) is the only predictor included in the overall model at first, and in later steps, other factors are progressively added. Overall perceived impact and satisfaction with ESOL education and resources in North London are explained by the predictors in a cumulative manner by 31.2%, according to the final model's R Square value, which rises from 0.197 in the first model to 0.312 in the latter. Additionally, the Adjusted R Square rises from 0.194 to 0.288, indicating that the model's fit gets better with each extra predictor. The F Change statistics' p-values show if adding each predictor significantly enhances the model's fit. For example, the final model's p-value of 0.012 shows that the predictor (Autonomy and Decision-making) significantly adds to the explanation of the dependent variable's variance.

The residuals are examined for autocorrelation using the Durbin-Watson statistic. The values in this instance are not stated, but if they were close to 2, that would imply no discernible autocorrelation. The step-by-step contribution of several factors to the overall perceived impact and satisfaction with ESOL education and resources is demonstrated by the hierarchical regression analysis. It emphasizes how crucial it is to consider a variety of aspects when attempting to comprehend and enhance perceptions in the setting of ESOL education.

## 5. Discussion

The findings of this study have important implications for educational leadership in ESOL education. By addressing the identified challenges, promoting collaboration and support, addressing training and development needs, creating a positive work environment, and aligning institutional values, educational leaders can effectively motivate teachers and enhance the quality of ESOL education provided to adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in North London

### 5.1 Enhancing Teacher Motivation

The findings of this study provide valuable insights into the factors influencing teacher motivation in the context of ESOL education. By understanding the challenges and opportunities identified by teachers, educational leaders can develop targeted strategies to enhance teacher motivation [32]. For instance, addressing issues related to project management in the classroom and catering to diverse language abilities can help create a more supportive and empowering teaching environment. Educational leaders can also leverage factors such as professional collaboration, autonomy, and recognition to foster a sense of purpose and fulfilment among teachers.

### 5.2 Promoting Collaboration and Support

The correlation analysis highlights the importance of fostering collaboration and support among ESOL teachers. Educational leaders can play a crucial role in facilitating opportunities for professional collaboration and providing adequate administrative support. By promoting a culture of collaboration, educational leaders can create a supportive community where teachers can share resources, exchange ideas, and learn from one another [33].

Additionally, providing administrative support can help alleviate some of the challenges identified by teachers, such as managing classroom diversity and implementing innovative teaching methods.

### 5.3 Addressing Training and Development Needs

The demographic indicators reveal a diverse workforce with varying levels of educational background and teaching experience. Educational leaders can use this information to identify training and development needs and provide targeted support to teachers [34]. For instance, offering professional development opportunities tailored to the specific needs of different demographic groups can help enhance teaching effectiveness and job satisfaction. Additionally, providing mentorship programs and peer support initiatives can facilitate knowledge sharing and skill development among teachers.

### 5.4 Creating a Positive Work Environment

The hierarchical regression analysis underscores the importance of factors such as autonomy, decision-making, and feedback in shaping teacher perceptions. Educational leaders can create a positive work environment by empowering teachers to make decisions, providing regular feedback and recognition, and fostering a culture of trust and collaboration [35]. By promoting a positive work environment, educational leaders can enhance teacher job satisfaction, retention, and ultimately, the quality of ESOL education provided to adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in North London.

### 5.5 Aligning Institutional Values

Finally, the analysis of variance highlights the importance of aligning institutional values with the needs and expectations of teachers. Educational leaders can play a critical role in articulating and reinforcing institutional values that prioritize the importance of ESOL education and support the professional growth and well-being of teachers [36]. By fostering a sense of shared purpose and mission alignment, educational leaders can create a cohesive and resilient team of teachers dedicated to supporting the integration and empowerment of adult learners in North London.

### 5.6 Implications for Leading Teams in ESOL Education

Educational leaders should prioritize creating a culture of teamwork and shared goals, encouraging regular communication, collaboration, and mutual support among ESOL teachers. Leaders should empower team members by delegating tasks based on individual strengths, providing opportunities for professional growth, and encouraging autonomy and decision-making [37]. It is essential to install a culture of continuous learning and innovation within the team, fostering a growth mindset and encouraging reflection, feedback, and experimentation. Educational leaders must prioritize the well-being and mental health of team members by implementing flexible work arrangements, promoting self-care practices, and fostering a culture of mutual support and empathy. Finally, leaders should articulate a clear vision for the team and communicate shared values that prioritize the importance of ESOL



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education and the empowerment of adult learners, fostering a sense of purpose and alignment among team members [37].

By focusing on these dimensions, educational leaders can create a positive and supportive environment where ESOL teachers feel motivated, empowered, and equipped to make a meaningful difference in the lives of adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in North London [38].

## 6. Conclusion and Recommendations

The findings from the study "Leading Teams in ESOL Education: Motivating Teachers for Adult Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers in North London" underscore the critical role of effective leadership in fostering collaboration, motivation, and professional growth among ESOL educators. By examining various dimensions such as team cohesion, empowerment, continuous improvement, work-life balance, and alignment of vision and values, educational leaders can cultivate a supportive environment conducive to the success of ESOL programs. Firstly, prioritizing team cohesion and collaboration is essential for creating a positive and inclusive work culture. Encouraging regular communication, collaborative decision-making, and mutual support can enhance teamwork and promote a sense of belonging among team members. Additionally, fostering a culture of trust and respect lays the foundation for effective collaboration and collective goal achievement. Secondly, empowering team members through delegation of responsibilities, professional development opportunities, and autonomy in decision-making is crucial for fostering a sense of ownership and investment in the team's success. By recognizing and leveraging individual strengths and expertise, leaders can harness the full potential of their team members and promote a culture of innovation and initiative.

Furthermore, promoting a culture of continuous improvement is essential for ensuring the ongoing relevance and effectiveness of ESOL programs. Encouraging reflection, feedback, and experimentation allows teams to identify areas for growth and innovation, driving continuous learning and development. Supporting work-life balance is also paramount for maintaining the well-being and job satisfaction of ESOL educators. Providing resources, support services, and flexible work arrangements can help mitigate stress and burnout, ensuring that team members feel valued and supported both personally and professionally. Lastly, aligning the team's vision and values with the overarching goals and mission of the organization is essential for fostering a shared sense of purpose and direction. By articulating a compelling vision and communicating shared values that prioritize the importance of ESOL education and the empowerment of adult learners, leaders can inspire and motivate their team members to work towards common objectives.

In light of these findings, I recommend that educational leaders in ESOL education prioritize the development of strategies and initiatives aimed at fostering team cohesion, empowering team members, promoting continuous improvement, supporting work-life balance, and aligning vision and values. By implementing these

recommendations, leaders can create a supportive and conducive environment where ESOL educators feel motivated, empowered, and equipped to make a meaningful impact in the lives of adult immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in North London [39-43].

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