

...NASHVILLE'S FIRST MOBILE ESL CLASSROOM

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Unveiling of the country's first English as a second language (ESL) classroom on wheels!

The Tennessee Foreign Language Institute (TFLI) will introduce the first ESL mobile classroom on June 22 at the East-Centric Pavilion in East Nashville, 1006 Fatherland Street, Nashville, TN 37206. The mobile classroom, [ESL to Go](http://eslto go.org), is the first of its kind in the nation – its mission is to take quality English classes to refugees in their neighborhoods.

From 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm, the celebration takes place on the weekend of World Refugee Day, recognizing the 45 million people around the world who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and political violence.

The hosts expect nearly 300 guests throughout the night. Beginning at 6:40, the event will officially kick-off with remarks from the *ESL to Go* creators, Angela Harris and Leah Hashinger, Nashville's Mayor Karl Dean, as well as Gatluack Ter Thach, the Executive Director of Nashville International Center for Empowerment (NICE). The mobile classroom's inauguration will be in honor of Dr. Julia Lydon, Refugee & Immigrant Community Liaison for MNPS's Office of English Learners.

From dolmas to pad thai, ethnic food representing Asia, Cuba, Jamaica, the Middle East and Africa is being donated by restaurants and cooked by refugee families. Burmese dancers and the well-known local salsa band, Revolfusion, are the evening's entertainment. The event boasts a silent auction with items from Eclectic Nashville, Eastwood Restaurants, Pangea, Bmerin Salon, Fat Bottom Brewery and more! Tickets are \$15 and can be bought at the door or on-line: eslto go.eventbrite.com

Thank you, and please contact me with any questions.
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