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To any prospective IELC teachers,

First of all, good choice! I couldn't imagine a more welcoming, nurturing (for both teachers and students), and professionally-run environment for a teacher, especially one who is just starting out, as I was at the beginning of 2017. Coming into the teaching profession, I was nervous about the challenge of teaching my first Real Life Classes with Real Life Human People, but with such understanding and encouraging bosses, supportive and dedicated resource and admin staff, and an army of strong, skilled and kind teachers to back me up when I needed help, I had absolutely nothing to worry about. On the contrary, having the opportunity to teach students from primary school level to adult professionals allowed me to rapidly expand my skillset and my confidence in the classroom.

IELC takes the needs of its students seriously, and the facilities and resources available make it easy for us to focus on preparing for classes, and feel like we are making a real difference for our students. The progress of each class is routinely discussed and monitored among the teachers to ensure that each student is being taken care of and getting the support that they need. Teachers are also given every opportunity to improve, through development workshops, peer observation, performance reviews and student feedback.

For the school itself, as well as my wonderful fellow teachers, my gorgeous students, and all of the staff who do an excellent job keeping the school working as a well-oiled machine. This all made my experience an absolute delight and something I will remember fondly. From the HR who deal with immigration so we don't have to (truly a blessing), to the maintenance team who keep on top of any issues in the office and the teachers' houses, and the bapak-bapak satpam who offer a cheerful greeting each morning. The dynamic in the teacher's room is also a source of daily entertainment, involving a lot of humour and frequent light-hearted cross-cultural debates among the diverse group of both foreign and local teachers.

I couldn't recommend IELC more highly to anyone looking for a job where you will be valued and appreciated for your work. Working at IELC really was like being part of a family, and it has helped me to grow and discover the kind of teacher I want to be, and how to become that teacher.

I want to give special thanks to Nina and Anthony who helped me in every way they could during my time in Solo.

Sincerely,

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