

# LOCAL WISDOM BASED TOEFL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR THE STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITAS JANABADRA

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## ABSTRACT

This Community Service Program (PPM) aims to improve the English proficiency of students at the University of Janabadra. Its activity is in the form of an online training program to improve English proficiency when tested by using a TOEFL or TOEFL-like test, one of the English proficiency tests that is indispensable in various fields, including when they are looking for work after they graduate. In this PPM, the devotees innovate to teach the TOEFL by integrating local wisdom which is reflected in the material and also the delivery of the material of the training. This PPM is intended for semester 1-5 students from the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Janabadra. A total of 74 students registered voluntarily in this activity, more than the initial quota determined by the service team, which was 50 students. During the training process, the participants studied material in the form of 8 (eight) theoretical packages of listening comprehension, structure and written expression, and reading comprehension, along with exercises in each training session. Participants were also given special time to reflect on what they have learned through the study journal at the end of each material package. In addition, participants were given the freedom to apply, develop, and ask the instructors for unknown training materials through the WhatsApp virtual communication forum. The final evaluation of the program in the form of a post-test is carried out with the ProTEFL test equivalent to the TOEFL® to see their accumulated knowledge and skills gained during the training. From the learning journals and the final evaluation written by the participants, it is known that this program possibly helps participants in increasing their knowledge of English and that local wisdom can be integrated more optimally for learning TOEFL material.

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