

INFORMAL LANGUAGE RESOURCE GUIDE

WINNIPEG

*The programs listed below are confirmed for **Fall/Winter 2024**
(unless otherwise noted) - *updates being made for **Spring/Summer 2025***

These programs offer **free** conversation circles and informal language classes, of various types of content and levels of expertise in instruction. They **do not** require a WELARC assessment or referral, and **do not** provide certificates of completion.

Eligibility: Please check each program's eligibility. **Some welcome all newcomers** (refugee claimants, Canadian citizens, temporary foreign workers, international students, permanent residents). **Others can only serve permanent residents.**

 **NOTE** - *Class times, dates and availability may change; always [contact the organizations](#) to confirm details.*

 **NOTE** - **do not print this guide**, as it is subject to change. Instead, you can [click here to print and distribute this poster](#).

To add a conversation circle or informal language program to this list, or to update your information, please contact Cristina Dreyer at c.dreyer@mansomanitoba.ca or the MANSO team at info@mansomanitoba.ca

Labels:

Online

In person

Open to all immigration statuses

Only for permanent residents

MANSO MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Accueil francophone - English Club **Online classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

English conversation classes on Zoom

- Résidents Permanents (Permanent Residents), Étudiants Internationaux (International Students), Travailleurs (Skilled Workers), Demandeurs d'asile (Asylum Seekers), Nouveaux Citoyens Canadiens (New Canadian Citizens)
- Tuesday and Thursday:
 - Beginner 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 - Intermediate 6:00pm to 8:00pm
 - Advanced 6:00pm to 8:00pm

For more information, contact Gilbert at 204-975-4259, gweeh@sfm.mb.ca or visit [their website](#) to register.

A & O: Support Services for Older Adults **In-person or online classes**

Senior Immigrant Settlement Services

English conversation classes for newcomers 55 years of age and over

- Mornings, afternoons, evenings and Saturday classes available
- Online, phone and in-person classes available
- You will need a computer/laptop, iPad or cell phone to participate in online classes

Contact: 204-956-6440 or SISS@aosupportservices.ca

Computers for Life at Altered Minds Inc **In-person or online classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

406 Edmonton St, 2nd floor

- 2 levels: 4 weeks each level, 2 or 3 classes per week
- No prior computer experience or a certain level of English is required
- Accept all immigration categories of Manitobans
- Interpreters provided if needed
- Morning, afternoon, and evening classes available
- In person and online available
- Clients receive a free desktop computer after 4 weeks

- [Click here](#) to see the poster

To register and for information, send an email to computers@alteredminds.ca or 204-560-4400

English Online **Online classes and one-on-one e-Tutoring**

Eligibility: Permanent residents, refugees and protected persons

Improve your:

- Speaking skills in our Virtual Coffee Chat
- Listening skills in our Language Circles
- Writing skills in our Writing Workshop
- Reading skills in our Reading Club

And join our Citizenship Workshop to prepare for the Citizenship Test!

You can join the morning class at 10:00am, the midday class at 12:00pm, the afternoon class at 2:00pm or the evening class at 7:00pm (join as many classes as you want). All our classes are online!

Registration: english-online.ca

For more information, email pjtoews@english-online.ca or mehreteab@english-online.ca or call 204-946-5140

e-Tutoring: English Online offers informal One-on-One e-Tutoring sessions through its e-Volunteer program. Learners are matched with a certified EAL/ESL e-Tutor or a qualified Settlement e-Coach and receive a minimum of 10 hours up to a maximum of 20 hours of personalized sessions.

Registration: If interested, please contact Pam Elalfy, e-Volunteer Supervisor to sign up. email: pelalfy@english-online.ca

Family Dynamics - Conversation classes **In-person or online classes** [Permanent Residents only]

CUAET visa holders until March 31, 2025

Open to all Permanent Residents living in postal codes: R3E, R3G, R3J, R3K, R2Y, R3H, R3M, R3L, R3R, R3P, R3S, R3Y, R3T and R3V

- Curriculum tailored to capture IRCC's Welcome to Canada package
- Experienced facilitators

- Weekly online and in-person classes
- English benchmarks up to CLB 5

To register: email registercsp@familydynamics.ca or text/call Patricia at 204-894-8421

IRCOM ****In-person**** [Open to all immigration statuses]
 95 Ellen St.

Summer English Circle - Speak and listen in English. Everyone's welcome!

- No child care
- July 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025

Wednesdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm

- [Click here](#) to see the poster

Immigrant Centre's Access English Centre ****In-person or online classes*** [Open to all immigration statuses]
 100 Adelaide St.

- Weekly online classes covering all CLB levels
- Offered in person, with a few online options
- Trained teachers
- Can serve all immigration categories of newcomers

To register, contact the Access English Centre at aec@icmanitoba.com, or visit them in person at 100 Adelaide Street (basement level). For more information, [click here](#) to visit their website, or contact Access English Centre at aec@icmanitoba.com or at 204-943-9969 ext. 222

Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council - Welcome Place ****In-person classes****
[Permanent Residents and Refugee claimants]

CUAET visa holders until March 31, 2025

Conversational **beginner level** English Classes for Newcomer Refugees to Canada including reading, speaking, basic writing, and reading via Zoom.

Conversational English Classes (In-Person):

- January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025
- February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2025

- March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2025

Tuesdays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Eligible clients: Clients who are registered with Welcome Place and eligible for Welcome Place's services can participate. Please contact Welcome Place to confirm eligibility.

Registration is required. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Program at volunteerprogram@miic.ca

Mount Carmel Clinic - English Conversation Circles **Online classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

888 Main St.

- For Stage 1 learners (CLB 2 - 4)
- Permanent residents (PR) and non-PR welcome
- Priority will be given to those living in the R2W R2X catchment
- Online classes; participants will receive a Zoom link after registering
- Schedule: Tuesdays, 12:30pm -2:30pm
- Dates: Nov 05, 2024 - Dec 10, 2024
- Location: St John's Library, 500 Salter Street
- [Click here](#) to see the poster

To register, send an email to hamare@mountcarmel.ca or a WhatsApp message to 431-866-2430

LRSD - René Deleurme Centre **In-person classes** [Permanent Residents only]

René Deleurme Centre, 511 St. Anne's Road

A great chance to practice your English! This program is to help newcomers overcome language barriers. We provide a safe and pleasant learning environment, along with great mentors to help participants practice English.

English Conversation Circle schedules:

- Current session: Every Friday from May 9th - May 30th, from 10:00-11:30 am at Rene Deleurme Centre (RDC) - 511 St. Anne's Road
- [Click here](#) to see the poster

For Registration: Call 204 257 7308 x2 , or email settlement@lrsd.net

Seven Oaks Immigrant Services **In-person classes** [Permanent Residents only] and [Open to all immigration statuses] (eligibility varies depending on classes)
 930 Jefferson Avenue and other locations

Holds **English Classes** to help clients learn official language skills, build their confidence, and gain knowledge to adapt to Canadian society and Manitoba labour market.

Everyday English - Conversation Classes

- Saturdays, April 26th - June 21st, 2025, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at ALC (950 Jefferson Avenue). [Click here for more information.](#)
 - **To register:** email kateryna.kashchak@7oaks.org or call 204-697-5967
 - **Eligibility:** Permanent residents

Sing! - Conversation Classes, Learn English through music!

- Tuesdays, May 6th - May 27th, 2025, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at 202-930 Jefferson Avenue). [Click here for more information.](#)
 - **To register:** email yaryna.chepiha@7oaks.org or call 204-697-5967
 - **Eligibility:** Permanent residents

Effective Workplace Communication

- Tuesdays, May 6th - June 26th, 2025, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at ALC (950 Jefferson Avenue - room 6). [Click here for more information.](#)
 - **To register:** email monique.cruz@7oaks.org or call 204-697-5967
 - **Eligibility:** Permanent residents

CELPPIP - Tips & Tricks for Citizenship

- Wednesdays, May 7th - June 18th, 2025, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at Ecole Seven Oaks Middle School (800 Salter Street). [Click here for more information.](#)
 - **To register:** email kateryna.kashchak@7oaks.org or call 204-697-5967
 - **Eligibility:** Permanent residents

West Central Women's Resource Centre **In-person or Online classes** [Open to all immigration statuses] *Priority given to: Refugee claimants, work permit and student permit holders, and naturalized citizens*

Eligibility: Open to all individuals identified as **women** and **non-binary** regardless of immigration status. *Priority given to: Refugee claimants, work permit and student permit holders, and naturalized citizens*

Two programs available:

- **English Conversation Circle - Thursday evening** (Online classes): 6 PM - 8 PM
 - Starting April 10, 2025
 - Virtual sessions on Zoom - register online to receive Zoom link
 - Different topics each week!
 - [Click here](#) to see the poster
 - To register, contact Halima at: 204-774-8975 ext. 216 or at halima@wcwrc.ca
- **Coffee & Chat - Tuesdays** (In-person): 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 - Where: at the Boardroom 640 Ellice ave Winnipeg
 - Starting April 15, 2025
 - This group meets weekly to bring together newcomers over warm drinks, snacks, and good conversation. Please register to participate!
 - [Click here](#) to see the poster
 - Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/7g4EKmt3LF> or contact Haidee at : 204-774-8975 ext. 225 or at haidee@wcwrc.ca

WCWRC service hours:

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday & Thursday 12:30 PM – 6:00 PM
- Saturday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Closed Sundays and Holidays

LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Winnipeg Public Library **In-person** for CLB 4+ [Open to all immigration statuses]

Practice your English speaking and listening skills and meet new friends.

- This program is for EAL learners who can speak English in short sentences (CLB 4+).
- Attending every weekend is expected.
- Childcare is **not provided**.
- Sessions available at various dates, locations, and times.
- [Click here to see the poster](#) for more information.

Locations for in person classes:

- Millennium Library (Anhang Room), Tuesdays, April 8 - May 13 (5pm - 6:30pm) AND Saturdays, April 26 - June 14 (1:30pm - 3pm)
- Charleswood Library, Saturdays, April 12 - May 17 (10:30am - 12pm)
- St. James-Assiniboia Library, Wednesdays, April 16 - June 4 (1:30pm - 3pm)
- Transcona Library, Fridays, April 25 - May 30 (1:30pm - 3pm)
- Bill and Helen Norrie Library, Mondays, May 26 - June 30 (6pm - 7:30pm)

For details, and to register, go to: [Library Programs & Events - LibCal - Winnipeg Public Library](#)

Go to our *English as an Additional Language Info Guide* for free online resources:
<https://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/eal>

Naomi House **In-person** [Open to all immigration statuses]

- English classes and English conversation circles

NOTE: Not taking any new clients at the moment. This entry will be updated if more spaces become available.

NON-MANSO MEMBERS

Please contact organizations directly for more information on their courses and course content

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Bethesda Church Conversational English **In-person classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

1350 Grant Avenue

Holds English Conversation Classes to help clients learn official language skills, build their confidence, and gain knowledge to adapt to Canadian society and Manitoba labor market.

- Wednesdays, starting January 13, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, at Bethesda Church, 1350 Grant Ave. off Cambridge St.
- **Eligibility:** Permanent and temporary residents.
- **To register:** Come on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
 - bethesdachurch.ca
 - Email: office@bethesdachurch.ca

Church of the Rock: EAL Conversation classes **In-person classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

Multiple locations, visit our website for more details and links to register
[EAL - Church of The Rock](#)

Winnipeg South Location - 1397 Buffalo Place, Wpg R3T 1L6

EAL Conversation using the Bible

- It is for Christians or for people who want to learn about Christianity.
- Sunday morning, 9:30 am - 10:30 am (beginner, intermediate)
- Wednesday evening, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (beginner, intermediate)
- **Registration:** <https://churchoftherock.ca/eal>
- In the Summer months some programs will take a break, but in the Fall we will have revised schedules of classes available (including Alpha ESOL). Please check our website for the most current details.

Bronx Park Location - 570 Sharron Bay S in the Basement Hall

EAL Conversation Groups

- Mondays, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (all levels + small groups with one volunteer who speaks English at an advanced level)
- **Email:** bronxpark@churchoftherock.ca

North End Location- 239 Selkirk Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R2W 2L5

Basic Conversational English

- Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
- Registration is requested: <https://brushfire.com/churchoftherock/eal/595710>

Fort Garry Evangelical Mennonite Church ****In-person classes**** [Open to all immigration statuses]

602 Pasadena Avenue

Registration begins on **September 6**. Classes begin September 16, 2024 and end May 30, 2025. [Registration online](#) is **required** before students can attend. Classes have a limited capacity. A Waitlist is available for classes that are full, and students will be placed in the order they registered.

E4NC (English for New Canadians) teaches English and Canadian culture using various sources including the Christian Bible.

- Several levels of instruction are available - please visit <http://fortgarryemc.ca/e4nc-registration.php> to see all available options and to register.
- Pronunciation, conversation, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary, idioms, Canadian culture, and passages from the Bible.
- Classes offer an opportunity for relationship building, and all are welcome to attend other programs and church services at Fort Garry Evangelical Mennonite Church.
- Classes are free.
- Please do not bring children.

For more information and to register for classes, go to: <http://fortgarryemc.ca>
Questions? Contact: E4NC@fortgarryemc.ca

Fort Garry Mennonite Brethren Church **In-person classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

1771 Pembina Highway (Use back door)

Registrations are required to attend these classes. We cannot accept drop ins. There is no fee for these classes.

- Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Classes run January 9 to May 15, 2025
- Classes include lessons on Canadian Culture, functional English, and some Bible content.
- Students must be able to conduct a basic English conversation
- There is a limit to the number of students who can attend classes.
- There is no childcare provided.

Learn more at <https://fgmb.ca/ministries/conversational-english-classes/>

Contact Joyce Kroeker at englishclass.fgmb@gmail.com for further information

Mary Mother of the Church Parish **In-person classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

85 Kirkbridge Drive

English Conversation Groups - current session will **start** on October 28, 2024 (end May 12th, 2025).

- When: Mondays, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
- Open to all levels
- Small groups
- **Drop-in classes. No registration required**
- [Click here](#) to see poster

For more information, send an email to english@mmoc.ca or visit Mary Mother of the Church Parish (85 Kirkbridge Dr.)

Portage Avenue Church **In-person classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

1420 Portage Avenue

Free in-person **English conversation club** every Friday at 6:00 PM

- Basic, intermediate, high levels, and writing support
- No childcare available during classes

Free in-person **Basic English class** every Friday at 6:00 PM

- Basic level formal class - listening, speaking, reading and writing
- No childcare available during classes

To register: You can register online, by email, walk-in, or call:

- Online registration at <https://pac.churchtrac.com/em?pi=EACBV43Q>
- Email: jchoi@pachurch.ca
- Phone number: 204-774-4414
- Address: 1420 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3G 0W2

(No class during spring break, winter break, summer break AND holidays)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints **In-person classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

809 Setter St.

Free in-person English classes every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

- One-hour classes, with class workbook provided
- Classes based on the English Connect courses from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- No childcare available during classes, but parents can bring their children to join the class
- Class topics will include pronunciation, conversation, reading, writing, grammar, Canadian Culture, spiritual messages, and content from the scriptures (Bible)
- Time: Every Tuesday at 7 PM

To register for in-person classes: You can register by SMS, by email, or call:

- Email: 9159560@missionary.org
- Phone: 204-290-9684
- Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is preferred - please register in advance if possible

Free online English classes: For those who can't attend in person.

- One-hour classes
- Classes based on the English Connect courses from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Class topics will include pronunciation, conversation, reading, writing, grammar, Canadian Culture, spiritual messages, and content from the scriptures (Bible)

To register for online classes: Visit their Facebook profile at
<https://www.facebook.com/ESLCentralCanada>

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