

INFORMAL LANGUAGE RESOURCE GUIDE

WINNIPEG

*The programs listed below are confirmed for **Winter 2026**
(unless otherwise noted) - *updates will be made for **Spring/Summer 2026***

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 Karen Loeb at k.loeb@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 (Tuesday) / 6:15pm-8:15pm (Thursday)
 - 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** [Permanent Residents and Refugees and protected persons]

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

Winter schedule

In-person at 200-207 Donald Street: Monday to Friday 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Online: Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Monday to Thursday 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Friday 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Telephone: Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

For more information and to register, 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** [Permanent Residents and 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 rmehreteab@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 and People in Canada under the Gaza special measures]

Open to all Permanent Residents and people in Canada under the Gaza special measures living in south Winnipeg with the following postal codes: R2H, R2J, R2M, R2N, R2Y, R3E, R3G, R3H, R3J, R3K, R3L, R3M, R3P, R3R, R3S, R3T, R3V, R3X and R3Y

- Curriculum tailored to capture IRCC's Welcome to Canada package
- Experienced facilitators
- Weekly online and in-person classes
- English benchmarks up to CLB 5 (Foundational and Intermediate)

To register: email registercsp@familydynamics.ca or text/call/Whatsapp to Sharon at 431-334-5607

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

- No informal opportunities in fall/winter. Check back in summer for more conversation classes.

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
- 2026 Winter Term: January 19 - March 21, 2026
 - Registration time: January 5 - 16 (in person), Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

To register, visit 100 Adelaide St. with your Immigrant Centre client number;
 You can email us at aec@icmanitoba.com for any information.

To register as a client, come to 100 Adelaide Street with your immigration documents (PR card; confirmation of permanent residence; study permit; work permit; visitor visa; or citizenship certificate)

Schedule changes are expected based on volunteer facilitators' availability and updates are published on a weekly basis. For more information, email us: aec@icmanitoba.com

LRSD - Provencher School **In-person classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

**You must have a child between the ages of 0-5 that you bring with you to the program.
Child minding is available.**

Beginner English Conversation Circle

Every Thursday from 9:30-10:30am

See poster here: [English Conversation Circle - Provencher School](#)

Program begins April 9 and ends mid June.

Located at École Provencher: 320 De La Cathédrale. Buzz École Provencher to enter.

Registration at any point in the program preferred. Contact Renée at renee.hill@lrds.net

LRSD - René Deleurme Centre **In-person classes** [Permanent Residents and Refugee claimants]

René Deleurme Centre, 511 St. Anne's Road

English Conversation Circle

Every Friday, January 16 - March 6; Time: 10 - 11:30 am

See poster and QR code to register here: [English Conversation Circle LRSD](#)

Smartphones for Life

Every Wednesday & Thursday, January 14 - February 5; Time 9 am - 12 pm

See poster and QR code to register here: [Smartphones for Life LRSD](#)

Email yana.zheleva@lrds.net for more information.

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

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

See class schedule on the Events page: <https://www.miic.ca/events>

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 or call 204-977-1000 ext. 280

Seven Oaks Immigrant Services **In-person classes** **Online** [Open to all immigration statuses] (eligibility varies depending on classes)

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:** Saturdays, 10am - 12pm, January 10 - March 21, 2026 at Seven Oaks Adult Learning Centre (ALC) - 950 Jefferson Avenue
 - In-person
 - 3 levels of classes
 - [Register here](#)
- **Online Conversation Club:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm - 7:30pm, January 20 - February 19, 2026
 - [Register here](#)
- **Newcomer Conversation Circle:** Thursdays, 2pm - 3:15pm, February 5 - March 12, 2026, at Tyndall Park Community School 2221 King Edward Street
 - [Register here](#)

West Central Women's Resource Centre **In-person** [Open to all immigration statuses]

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

Coffee & Chat: Tuesday, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

- Where: 640 Ellice Ave., Winnipeg, in the Boardroom
- 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** **Online** [Open to all immigration statuses]

Practice your English skills and meet new friends! Groups are small and you will learn while having fun. For EAL learners who can speak English in short sentences (CLB 4 to 6). Please attend all meetings.

For a complete list of classes with locations, schedules and registration dates, visit:
[Winnipeg Public Library English Conversation Groups](#)

Consult 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 accepting 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 Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints **In-person classes** **Online** [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)
- For registration and more information, text or call 204-291-1994
- 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>

Church of the Rock: EAL Conversation classes **In-person classes** **Online** [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 **IN PERSON**

Would you like to improve your English skills? Our EAL Conversation classes provide a warm and welcoming environment where learners can practice speaking, listening, and understanding English through guided conversations based on the Bible.

- It is for Christians or for people who want to learn about Christianity.
- **Sundays, 9:20 – 10:30 AM** → Beginners / Intermediate (starts Sept. 28, 2025)
 - To register: <https://brushfire.com/churchoftherock/eal/606979>
- **Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM** → Intermediate (starts Oct. 1, 2025)
 - To register: <https://brushfire.com/churchoftherock/eal/606983>

- Email: ealbible@churchoftherock.ca

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

Alpha ESOL – Advanced Conversation Using the Bible for English Speakers of Other Languages **IN PERSON**

Would you like to learn about Christianity while practicing your English conversational skills? The Alpha course is a great place to discuss questions like: Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? How can I resist evil? We will explore these questions and many more in a relaxed atmosphere where we can discuss any questions you may have about the Christian faith. We will also be serving refreshments and snacks in each class.

- Sundays, 9:20-10:45 AM (starts Sept. 28, 2025 in room A5)
- To register for Alpha ESOL: <https://brushfire.com/churchoftherock/eal/607141>
- Email: ealalpha@churchoftherock.ca

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

Living Stones Bible Study Fellowship **IN PERSON**

We are the Living Stone Bible Study Fellowship, walking side by side as we search for life's answers. We share, we learn, we encourage, we grow. Here, we seek Jesus, the cornerstone of our faith.

- **Every Thursday, 7:00–9:00 PM**
- Have questions about the Bible? Here, you can ask freely.
- Seeking faith? Here, you can explore openly.
- Unsure about God? Here, you can speak your mind honestly.
- Email: livingstones@churchoftherock.ca

Online

Zoom EAL for Mothers **ONLINE**

Zoom EAL is designed for mothers who want to practice speaking English at the beginner level but are unable to attend an English class in person at Church of the Rock. This is an English conversation class where you can practice speaking English while learning about community resources for you and your family. This is not a grammar class.

- **Saturday mornings: 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM** (meeting online using Zoom)
- Class begins: October 4, 2025
- Registration required: <https://form.jotform.com/252534989162063>
- You are eligible to participate in this free English class if you are a newcomer to Canada, you are a mother (you have children), and you do not have transportation to get to an in-person English class at Church of the Rock.
- You do not need to be a Christian to participate. Newcomers who are of another religious background, or no religious background are welcome! All you need to participate is a computer. This class will take place using Zoom.
- Please email Vicki with any questions at ealzoom@churchoftherock.ca

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

EAL Conversational English **IN PERSON**

- Tuesday afternoons, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM
- Recommended for beginners
- Registration is requested: <https://brushfire.com/churchoftherock/eal/613902>

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

EAL Conversation Groups **IN PERSON88

- Monday evenings, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM
- Conversation groups for all levels of English, plus small groups with one volunteer who speaks English at an advanced level.
- **Email:** bronxpark@churchoftherock.ca

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

602 Pasadena Avenue

Classes begin the week of September 14, 2025 and end the week of May 24, 2026.

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)

Classes resume on January 8, 2026.

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 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.

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

1420 Portage Avenue

Fall/winter session starting September 26, 2025.

Two programs offered:

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

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

Free in-person **Beginner English class**, Friday at 6:00 PM

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

No registration necessary. Meet in lower auditorium at 1420 Portage Avenue.

- For more information, email: jchoi@pachurch.ca
- Address: 1420 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3G 0W2

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

Whyte Ridge Baptist Church English Conversation Circles **In-person classes** [Open to all immigration statuses]

- 2405 McGillivray Blvd.
- English Conversation Circles offer English practice on topics which help learners build confidence and gain knowledge to adapt to Canadian society and life in Manitoba. We also have a basic level and Bible classes for those interested.
- Wednesday evenings, October to December and January to April, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
- Eligibility: Permanent and temporary residents.
- To register:
<https://whyteridgebaptist.breezechms.com/form/721b7a26835196381967325952322377093821103975726316484788818989259311814>
- Email: ecc@whyteridgebaptist.ca

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