

FREE EAL CONVERSATION CIRCLES & INFORMAL LANGUAGE TRAINING – WINNIPEG

*Please note that conversation circles and informal language classes have varying levels of expertise in instruction, curriculum, and content.

*No referral from WELARC is required to attend these classes.

*Many informal language classes change times and dates regularly; always phone ahead to confirm details.

*Unless otherwise indicated, all organizations serve IRCC-ineligible clients (refugee claimants, Canadian citizens, temporary foreign workers, international students) as well as permanent residents.

If you know of a conversation circle or informal language program that is missing from this list (or want to update your information), please contact Teresa Burke at t.burke@mansomanitoba.ca

MANSO MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Access English Centre at Immigrant Centre

Tuesday to Thursday

8:30 am to 8:30 pm

Friday and Saturday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

100 Adelaide Street, 943-9969 extension 222

Barbara Mitchell Family Resource Centre – English Cafe

Tuesday 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

51 Morrow Avenue, 204-946-9152

One-on-one, flexible

Conversational English Class – Welcome Place

Tuesday and Thursday

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Adults who are learning English language skills for living and working in the community.

Peaceful Village**Tuesday and Thursday****1:30pm to 3:30 pm****Saturday****9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

357 Bannatyne Avenue, 204-949-1858

NEIGHBOURHOOD IMMIGRANT SETTLEMENT**WORKERS** *(Contact a local NISW to inquire about conversation circles. Please also note that some NISWs may only serve Permanent Residents; call to confirm)***Elmwood** – Elmwood Community Resource Centre

204-982-1720 ext 205

200 Levis Street

nisw.elmwood@elmwoodcrc.com**Fort Garry/Fort Richmond** – Dalhousie School

204-261-0163

262 Dalhousie Drive

(NISW) Unit 1-225 Doncaster Street (204) 771-7475

nisw1@pembinatrails.ca**Fort Rouge/River Heights/ Tuxedo** – Tuxedo Family Resource Centre

204-489-9141, 204-771-7475

#1-225 Doncaster Street

nisw.tuxedo@hotmail.com**Inkster** – NorWest Co-op Community Health

204-793-3120

785 Keewatin Street

nisw.inkster@norwestcoop.ca**River East/ Transcona** – Bernie Wolfe Community School

204-669-9412 ext 2968

Vera Schroeder

95 Bournais Drive

vschroeder@retsd.mb.ca**St. James – Assiniboia** – Jameswood Community School

204-831-7405

1 Braintree Crescent

st.james-diversity@hotmail.com**St. Vital** – Rene Deleurme Centre

204-253-7944 ext. 417; 204-292-8229.

511 St. Anne's Road

iftu.ibrahim@lrsd.net; melanie.gonzalez@lrsd.net

Seven Oaks – Seven Oaks Adult Learning & Settlement Services

204-632-1716

950 Jefferson Avenue

settlement@7oaks.org

West Central – West Central Women's Resource Centre

Saturday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (April 22nd to June 17th)

Tuesday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (April 18th to July 4th)

Bus Tickets and Childminding available

204-774-8975 ext 225 or ext 219

640 Ellice Avenue

Erika and Molly

nisw2@wcwrc.ca; nisw@wcwrc.ca

LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Millennium Library

Saturday Mornings

No childcare

Meeting Room 3, 251 Donald Street

To register, call 204-986-6689.

Pre-registration is required for 8 week sessions

Groups are for adults who can understand basic English spoken at an almost normal rate and who can speak in short sentences.

The groups will be limited to 10 people so that everyone has a chance to speak. Attending each week is expected.

St. James-Assiniboia Library

Saturday Mornings

No childcare

1910 Portage Avenue

To register, call 204-986-3424.

Pre-registration is required for 8 week sessions.

Groups are for adults who can understand basic English spoken at an almost normal rate and who can speak in short sentences.

The groups will be limited to 10 people so that everyone has a chance to speak. Attending each week is expected.

St. Vital Library

Saturday Mornings

No childcare

6 Fermor Avenue

To register, call 204-986-5628

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Henderson Library

Saturday 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

No childcare

1-1050 Henderson Hwy.

Call 204-986-4314 to register.

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The groups will be limited to 10 people so that everyone has a chance to speak. Attending each week is expected.

West End Library

Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

No childcare

999 Sargent Avenue

Call 204-986-4677 to register

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KidBridge

A weekly English language conversation/play group for mothers & children new to Canada and their neighbours

North End:

Turtle Island Community Centre (510 King Street)

Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am*

*(featuring *First Nations, All Nations* collaborative art project opportunity)

Downtown:

Calvary Temple (400 Hargrave - Room 130)

Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am*

*(featuring "BookBridge" book exchange project and used clothing & household items sale the 1st Wednesday of every month)

email kidbridgewinnipeg@hotmail.ca or call 204-918-9297

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Central Mosque Women's Conversation Circle

Monday and Saturday 10:00am -12:00pm

715 Ellice Avenue

204-783-6797

Bethesda Church

Tuesday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

No childcare provided

1350 Grant Avenue

Contact: Patti Poirier

Phone: 204-487-3569

Email: patti.poirier@gmail.com

Enter at the east door and look for the sign.

Student/s can just drop by from Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3pm for inquiries or just come during class **to register** and to join right away.

For registration, name and contact number/email address are required.

Registration is ongoing. Everyday English Conversation

- Bible Study
- Grammar
- Pronunciation

All levels - Group setting and one-on-one.

Central Church of Christ**Wednesday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm****Children welcome**

170 St. Mary's Road

Contact: Betty-Jean Johnson

bettyjean27@gmail.com or friendspeak@winnipegchurch.ca

Enter through the door by the parking lot. The parking lot is next to the school.

Registration is ongoing.

- English conversation with a Bible story as the conversation starter.
- develop Canadian friendships
- learn about Canadian cultural events
- practical conversations
- Open to all, international students, & visitors too

All levels. One-on-one. If not possible, then a conversation circle.

Church of the Rock**Classes for all levels & ages****Conversation****Basic English****IELTS****Wednesday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm****Friday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm****Childcare provided**

1397 Buffalo Place

Contact: Kendra

204-794-7864

eal.cotr@gmail.com

- If language learners take the bus, free bus tickets can be provided.
- Pick-up and drop-off for people who take the bus can be arranged.
- Childcare, activities and some English lessons.
- Program is offered year round with a few breaks

There is no registration process. Participants fill out one page of information on name, country of origin, language, CLB, children (if attending) and contact information (email and phone) once they attend.

Waverley Church**Saturdays 9:30 am to 11:30 am****No childcare**

2171 Waverley Street (at Bison Drive)

Contact Bob at bgdewbury@shaw.ca or call 204-421-7765

Please note that there is no bus service to our location.

For registration dates please e-mail.

- Only open to College or University students or individuals who are trying to learn enough English to pass the entry exam to enter University
- Held each Saturday – January, February, March
- English class taught by EAL teacher 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- English conversation with volunteers 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Holy Trinity Anglican Church**Wednesday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm****Children welcome but no childcare provided**

256 Smith Street (Across from Millennium Library)

Contact: Jenny Chudley

204-261-4215

Enter by the Smith Street door. Ring the doorbell. Go downstairs.

Ten-week sessions in the fall and in the spring.

- Registration: Ongoing
- Everyday English Conversation All levels. Group settings.

Whyte Ridge Baptist Church**Wednesdays 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm****Childcare provided (register in advance)**

201 Scurfield Blvd.

Contact: To register, contact Kathy at the Church office

204-489-3875

Held in lower auditorium.

Six-week sessions offered in the Spring and in the Fall.

- Practice conversational English
- Develop new friendships
- Share your experience with others.
- All levels. Group setting.

Fort Garry MB Church

Thursday afternoon, 1:15 - 3:00 p.m.

1771 Pembina Hwy.

Contact: Carla Kehler

204 269-5940

crc.kehler@gmail.com

- Conversation circles in small groups
- Canadian living and cultural topics
- Registration is ongoing
- All are welcome

Classes meet from September - May