

# INFORMAL LANGUAGE TRAINING RESOURCE (WINNIPEG)

During the pandemic there are limited options for informal language classes. The programs listed in this edition are available during winter and spring of 2021

\*Please note that conversation circles and informal language classes have varying levels of expertise in instruction, curriculum, and content. All classes are free to attend.

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

\*Many informal language classes change times and dates regularly; **always contact the organizations to confirm details.**

\*Unless otherwise indicated, organizations can serve all immigration categories (refugee claimants, Canadian citizens, temporary foreign workers, international students, 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](mailto:t.burke@mansomanitoba.ca)*

## MANSO MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

### Access English Centre at Immigrant Centre **\*\*Online Classes\*\***

100 Adelaide St.

- Weekly online classes covering all levels
- Offered via Zoom
- Trained teachers
- Follow on Twitter @AECprogram
- Can serve all immigration categories of newcomers

Contact [aec@icmanitoba.com](mailto:aec@icmanitoba.com) or 204-943-9969 ext. 222

### Accueil francophone - English Club **\*\*Online Classes\*\***

English conversation classes on Zoom

- Etudiants Internationaux (International Students), Travailleurs (Skilled Workers), Demandeurs d'asile (Asylum Seekers), Nouveaux Citoyens Canadiens (New Canadian Citizens)
- Tuesday and Thursday:
  - Beginner 5:00pm to 7:00pm
  - Intermediate 3:30pm to 5:30 pm

*Current as of January 2021*

-Advanced 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Gilbert, 204-975-4259, [gweeh@sfm.mb.ca](mailto:gweeh@sfm.mb.ca) or [website](#) to register

**A & O: Support Services for Older Adults \*\*Online Classes\*\***

Senior Immigrant Settlement Services

English conversation classes are continuing **online** for newcomers 55 years of age and over:

- Mornings and afternoons available
- All classes begin the week of February 1, 2021
- Online classes using Zoom
- A class invite will be sent to your email
- You will need a computer or laptop or iPad or cell phone to participate

Register: 204-956-6440 or [SISS@aosupportservices.ca](mailto:SISS@aosupportservices.ca)

**Computers for Life at Altered Minds Inc \*\*In-person or Online Classes\*\***

406 Edmonton St, 2nd floor

- 2 levels: 4 weeks each level, 2 or 3 classes per week
- For people with limited language and computer skills
- Accept all immigration categories of Manitobans
- Interpreters provided if needed
- Clients receive a free desktop computer after 4 weeks

Register: Yulia, [yulias@alteredminds.ca](mailto:yulias@alteredminds.ca) 204-898-3769

**Family Dynamics \*\*Online / In-person option will resume when COVID-19 restrictions allow\*\***

**Permanent Residents only**

Conversation Class January-March 2021

Start strong by joining our confidence-building conversation classes:

- Special curriculum tailored to capture IRCC's Welcome to Canada package
- Classes are twice per week with evening and daytime options
- Class options include Mondays - Thursdays 5:30-7:30; Mondays & Wednesdays 9am - 12noon
- English benchmarks Literacy to CLB 5
- We provide activity packages to support your child while you learn
- We use Zoom
- Registration is open to all newcomers with PR status in St James, Fort Rouge, Fort Garry areas

Register: Patricia, [peyamba@familydynamics.ca](mailto:peyamba@familydynamics.ca) or send text/call 204-894-8421

**Friday Night CHAI \*\*Online Classes\*\***

188 Princess Street

- Learn English and make friends
- Fridays from 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Click on this link to join the meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81951178952?pwd=eFV3OG5mZEZHT2Q2b1MzSnZZQkpYZz09>

Devotion, 204-583-0247 or [info@ccwpg.com](mailto:info@ccwpg.com)

**English Online \*\*Online Classes\*\***

Focus on Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening and Grammar for Settlement and Employment

- Virtual Coffee Chats
- Language Circles
- Lunch & Learn
- Drop-in Workshops
- Multi-Week Sessions

Registration: <https://livelearn.ca/register/>

Mounira Ajenkar, 204-946-5140 or [majenkar@myenglishonline.ca](mailto:majenkar@myenglishonline.ca)

**Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council – Welcome Place \*\*Online Classes\*\***

521 Bannatyne Avenue

- Conversational English classes
- Offered via Zoom, one time registration
- You will be emailed the Zoom link to attend
- Accept all immigration categories of newcomers. Contact for more information

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 pm – 5 pm. Beginning **Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Michael Habtom, 204-977-1000 ext.280 or [michaelh@miic.ca](mailto:michaelh@miic.ca)

## **LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

**Winnipeg Public Library \*\*Online Classes\*\***

- Practice your English skills and meet new friends in our online Zoom class! Classes are small and you will learn while having fun
- For EAL learners who can speak English in short sentences (CLB 4+)
- Please attend all 6 classes. You will be emailed the Zoom link to attend.

Registration is open at [winnipeg.ca/library](http://winnipeg.ca/library) for January online English Conversation Groups at Winnipeg Public Library. Classes will run Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6-7:00 for 3 weeks.

- **Tuesday, January 12**
- **Thursday, January 14**
- **Tuesday, January 19**
- **Thursday, January 21**
- **Tuesday, January 26**
- **Thursday, January 28**

February/March online classes will run Monday & Wednesday mornings from 10-11:00 for 3 weeks. Registration will begin Monday, February 8 at 10:00 am.

- **Monday February 22**
- **Wednesday, February 24**
- **Monday, March 1**
- **Wednesday, March 3**
- **Monday, March 8**
- **Wednesday, March 10**

Online registration: <https://wpl.libcal.com/calendar/main/?cid=1677&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=1677&inc=0>

## **FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Church of the Rock \*\*Online Classes\*\***

1397 Buffalo Place

- Free English conversation classes
- Classes from 7:00-8:00pm, Thursday evenings
- Feb-April 2021
- Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97738869294>
- Meeting ID: 977 3886 9294

Online registration <http://www.churchoftherock.ca/eal>  
Sun/Ashley (204) 261-0070, [eal@churchoftherock.ca](mailto:eal@churchoftherock.ca)

### **Fort Garry MB Church \*\*Online Classes\*\***

- Free conversation classes
- Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- January 14 - May 20, 2021
- Small group discussions by English level

Carla (204) 254-7585, [info@fgmb.ca](mailto:info@fgmb.ca)

Online registration: <https://fgmb.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178345>

### **Whyte Ridge Baptist Church \*\*Online Classes\*\***

- Please pre-register
- 2405 MacGillivray Blvd (west of Costco)
- Wednesday 7:00pm-8:30pm, January 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Some volunteers available at other times
- Zoom classes until we can meet in person. Limited spaces

Brenda, 204-489-3875 or [ecc@whyteridgebaptist.ca](mailto:ecc@whyteridgebaptist.ca) to register