

South Central Immigrant Services

April 2013 Newsletter

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Altona International Coffee Night



The first International Coffee Night in Altona was a huge success!

The warm and cozy atmosphere at Jasmines Tea Room made us all feel like we were in someone's home!

We had 10 countries represented and shared lots of laughs, stories and felt we all shared a common bond despite the various backgrounds we all came from.

It was an opportunity to practice English as well as meet new friends and hear featured speakers share their success and challenges of moving to Canada.

There was an overwhelming interest expressed that this event should happen again!

So with that we are following up with an International Potluck Dinner on April 4.

It is always very exciting when events like this lead to more awareness and acceptance of the diversity in our community!



Upcoming Events

Winkler

April - Watch for upcoming information sessions starting in April. Contact Julie Nickel for more details

Altona

April 4 - International Potluck Dinner at the Altona United Church. See attached poster for more details



Celebrating Diversity with Young People

On March 8th about 120 youth and those young at heart gathered for an evening of celebration with music and food at The Bunker.

Local talents Nat Toews and Tirell Thomas were getting the audience excited with their Rap and Hip Hop music. Tom Dee performed some pop covers; Elessar Thiessen performed soulful music and the highlight of the night was The Lytics from Winnipeg.

Local speakers talked about their own immigration experiences that included struggles and successes. We were reminded that when we use our differences and work together the outcome will be something beautiful. Everyone was challenged to reach out to those who are new and accept one another.

Many thanks go out to Jonny's Java for their generous donation of coffee, to Sunny Day Products and Winkler Co-op for the donation of cold drinks. We are also grateful to Central Station and their volunteers who helped in preparing the cultural snacks which included Indian Samosas, Cantonese Egg Rolls, Mexican Taquitos, German cookies, Polish Waffle Cake and Belgian Cream Puffs.



This program is supported by the
Government of Canada and the Manitoba Government.

International Potluck Dinner

Thursday April 4
From 6:00 until
food is gone.

Spring

Celebrate Spring (hopefully) with an
INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER.

Location: Altona United Church Basement
45-3rd Ave SE., Altona

FREE TO ATTEND

Bring your family and friends!

(Potluck = bring enough food to feed your family, then we
all 'share')

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English at Work

What did we do this year?



Workplace Program Delivery



E@W delivered 1671 hours of classroom training for 198 learners in 17 classes hosted by 8 regional employers.



258 hours of one-on-one "floor visit" tutorials proved eye opening for instructors and learners alike.



Our custom-built picture dictionaries, learning materials, and web activities were featured at a provincial EAL conference.



E@W coordinated cultural skills training and provided support for implementing integration best-practices.

Training Content = English for...



LANGUAGE BASICS



WORKING WITH OTHERS



CANADIAN CULTURE



TOOLS + MATERIALS



HEALTH AND SAFETY



PRODUCT QUALITY

"They could understand many more instructions in English."

"I can do an incident report form."

"They can describe quality problems in English."

"I learned many new words. I want to learn more English!"

"The pictures helped me learn."

"They can ask for help and tell me when they don't understand."

"I can pronounce some more words now."

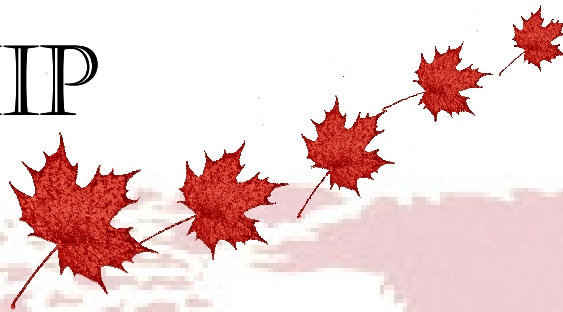
English Skills Program

We initiated several new workplace language classes at our own facilities this year. Regional Connections classes included English in the Workplace, English for Customer Service, English for Leaders in Manufacturing, Workplace Speaking Skills, Workplace Writing Skills [x2], and English for Potential Health Care Aides [x2].



At Regional Connections, our mission is to empower immigrants and facilitate integration. English at Work targets workplace integration through language training, cultural skill-building, and integration activities such as "Hot Seat" guest interviews and English lunch tables.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES



**Have You Applied To
Become a
Canadian Citizen?**

We can help you study for your citizenship test!

Classes will be held Wednesdays

6:30PM – 9:00PM

At Regional Connections

725 Main Street

Winkler

Starting April 3, 2013

Apr 3

Apr 10

Apr 17

Apr 24

May 1

May 8

May 15

May 22

**To register, please call Julie at (204)325-4059 or
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