

Westman Immigrant Services

“Assisting People from Around the World”



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Did you know?

Immigration, Refugee, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) projects 280,000 to 305,000 permanent residents (including refugees) to settle nationwide in 2016.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/>

Do you have a culturally diverse staff?

We offer Cultural Diversity Training for organizations and businesses all year! Take advantage of this by calling our office at 204 727-6031



Family Programs

A new program was launched by the Family Program this summer! For one and a half hours, every Friday for the whole month of August, more than 20 parents and children from different countries like China, Taiwan, Sudan, Eritrea, Colombia, Indonesia, and Ukraine, gathered to attend Pop-In-Playtime (PIP). PIP is a physical-literacy based program for parents and their children ages 0-5. Fun activities were prepared for the participants to help them master fundamental movements that permit children to read their environment and make appropriate decisions, allowing them to move confidently and with control in a wide range of physically active situations. Fit Kids Healthy Kids generously donated supplies such as balls, foam noodles, and a parachute, amounting to about \$500. Healthy snacks, language support and transportation were also provided to the newcomer families.



Upcoming Programs:

Westman Immigrant Services' Family Program will be at the Elspeth Reid Family Resource Centre facilitating Handle with Care – a program for parents and caregivers of children 0-6 years to promote the children’s mental health. The program will run Tuesdays, September 13th - November 1st, from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. For more information, or to register, please contact Ana at 204 727-6031 Ext. 2234.

Family Cooking Time will be Thursdays, October 6th - November 24th, from 1:00-3:00pm. For more information, or to register, please contact Gui Ping at 204 727-6031 Ext. 2236.

Watch our facebook page for information about Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting returning this fall! For questions, and more information about Family Programs, please contact Joy Escalera, Settlement Services Manager, at 204-727-6031 ext. 2225.



2016-2017 ESL Programs

The Welcome Here Program

This program is for newcomer families with young children who do not have childcare to enable them to attend daytime classes. This program provides a basic English class for one hour while the children learn through supervised play activities. The second hour is devoted to family literacy activities to engage parents and children in early learning activities in English. Newcomer parents learn about their new community and build new friendships and relationships by participating in this program

This class meets from 1:00 to 3:00, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, at Central United Church, located at 8th Street and Lorne Avenue. Transportation is provided for clients. This program is provided in partnership with Westman Immigrant Services and Elspeth Reid Family Resource Centre.



Register for ESL programs and classes at Westman Immigrant Services, 1001 Pacific Avenue, or call 204 727-6031 Ext. 2.

***All of our classes and programs are for Permanent Residents.**

Registration for Fall Classes is now open:

Classes for levels Pre-1 to 4+ Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking

Morning Class Time—Monday to Thursday 9:00—11:30 am.

Levels Pre-1 to 4+ four skill classes plus an ESL Literacy class available

Afternoon Class Time—Monday to Thursday 12:00—2:30 pm.

*Students may take two afternoon classes to attend all four days a week.

Monday and Wednesday Classes

Level 1-2 Listening and Speaking

Level 2-3 Listening and Speaking

Level 3-4 Listening and Speaking

Level 4C+ Conversation and Pronunciation

Tuesday and Thursday Classes

*New ESL Literacy—Reading and Writing

Level 2-3 Reading and Writing

Level 3-4 Reading and Writing

Level 4C+ Grammar and Writing

*New Basic English for Seniors

Evening Class times: 7:00—9:00 pm.

Monday and Wednesday and/or Tuesday and Thursday

Saturday Classes: 9:00 am—12:00 pm

New ESL Classes

English for Seniors - A new class for the many grandparents who are arriving in Brandon is available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This class is a slower-paced class than our regular classes and is focused on topics of interest to the older generation. Topics like small talk for social interaction, family, and healthcare will provide the context of this class. Seniors may take this class on Tuesday/Thursday afternoons along with our Monday and Wednesday listening/speaking classes to attend four days a week if they wish.



ESL Literacy – A special Reading and Writing class is planned for individuals with higher level speaking skills but limited literacy in Reading and Writing. It is ideal for those with Listening and Speaking benchmark levels of 4 or higher, but Reading and Writing levels of 2 or 3. It may be taken by students who are also registered in morning classes to strengthen their literacy skills in English.

English for Citizenship Class - Starting Saturday, September 24th, a new Saturday morning class is available to Level 4+ or higher students. This class will be an English class with the content being about what you need to know for Canadian Citizenship. Students who are thinking about applying for Canadian Citizenship in the future will find this class beneficial. Improve your English and learn about Canada and citizenship at the same time.



Youth Summer Camp 2016

Youth Programs

by Mia Bastien and Jayme Van de Mosselaer

As the new youth program facilitators at Westman Immigrant Services, we are excited to be running all of our wonderful programs:

- Our Youth Committee continued their volunteer work throughout the summer and were able to make a food donation to Samaritan House from the community garden.
- Thanks to the Manitoba Coalition for Safer Water and the Lifesaving Society of Manitoba, we were also able to have an Introduction to Swimming program this summer for the kids.
- Our Learn to Play Hockey program was also a huge success.
- The After School Program will begin in early October at Meadows, Betty Gibson, J.R. Reid, King George, New Era, Riverview, and George Fitton Schools
- Our Conversation Groups will run every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm, October 12th to December 14th at Vincent Massey High School.
- In collaboration with the Red Cross, we will also be offering a Babysitting Course on October 1 in our building.
- As an extension to our employment assistance services for immigrant youth, we are excited to be hosting a job fair this fall. It will be a prime opportunity for youth to get advice from local businesses, as well as a chance to practice interview skills.
- Our Youth Leadership Committee is always looking for new members between the ages of 13- 18 years old to get involved in the community.

We are excited to see all these programs in place and look forward to meeting more of our community members!

Please contact the Youth Facilitators at 204 727-6031 Ext. 2233 to learn how to get involved.



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Meet our new Facilitators and Managers

Jayne Van de Mosselaer

Previously, I was working as the After School Program Teacher with Westman Immigrant Services. I have now moved into the Youth Program Facilitator position. I am excited about working on the already existing programs and have plans to add more programs for our immigrant youth. I can be contacted at jaymev@westmanimmigrantservices.ca or at 204 727-6031 Ext. 2233.



Mia Bastien

Before starting at Westman Immigrant Services, I was working at Starbucks as a shift-supervisor. I am now a Youth Program Facilitator. What I'm most excited about is adding new programs to an already amazing list of thriving programs that Westman Immigrant Services is offering to the youth population. For any questions, please feel free to contact me at miab@westmanimmigrantservices.ca or call me at (204) 727-6031 Ext. 2233.

Joy Escalera

I've worked as the Family Program Facilitator for about 3 years and am now the Manager of Settlement Services. I am excited to work with the amazing, talented settlement program staff, and for the opportunity to be part of strengthening the programs and services that we offer to clients. I am also excited to create more connections with community partners and make our team stronger. I can be reached at 204 727-6031 Ext. 2225 or joye@westmanimmigrantservices.ca



Wendy Petersen

Wendy has worked as the Settlement Services Manager for the past 3 years and has now moved into the role of Resettlement Assistance Program Manager. She will be leading this new program that helps government sponsored refugees settle in our community. Wendy can be reached at 204 727-6031 Ext. 2226 or wendyp@westmanimmigrantservices.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

Westman Immigrant Services depends on volunteers to enhance its services to newcomers. With your help, newcomers can take steps to settle in our community.

Volunteering is also a great way for newcomers to gain experience in a Canadian workplace, network, and gain references for future job applications.

Apply online: westmanimmigrantservices.ca



Elena Santin and Naty Delbridge led the staff and Board of Directors in a Drums Alive Performance at the Westman Immigrant Services Annual General Meeting 2016.



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