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English and French Conversation Circles in Ottawa

September – December 2026

Ottawa Public Library

- *Program Type: Open to all, in-person.*
- *More information: bibliootawalibrary.ca*

English Conversation Groups

• Main	Wednesday10:15AM/Wednesday 6:30PM Thursday 6:00 PM/ Friday 3:00 PM
• Rideau	Wednesday 6:30 PM/ Friday 4:00 PM
• Ruth E. Dickinson	Wednesday 6:30 PM/ Wednesday 6:00 PM
• Nepean Centrepointe	Tuesday 6:30 PM/ Wednesday 10:30 AM
• Cumberland	Monday 1:30 PM/ Wednesday 6:30 PM
• Greenboro	Thursday 10:30 AM/Wednesday 6:30 PM
• Rosemount	Wednesday 6:00 PM
• Emerald Plaza	Thursday 5:30 PM
• Elmvale Acres	Monday 5:30 PM
• St-Laurent	Thursday 6:30 PM
• Orléans	Friday 4:00 PM
• Stittsville	Wednesday 5:15 PM
• Vanier	Wednesday 6:30 PM
• Beaverbrook	Tuesday 7:00 PM
• Carlingwood	Tuesday 6:15 PM
• Sunnyside	Tuesday 6:45 PM

French Conversation Groups

• Main	Monday 12:30PM/Tuesday 10:15AM/ Wednesday 2:00 PM
• Rideau	Wednesday 10:30 AM
• Alta Vista	Wednesday 6:30 PM
• Carlingwood	Tuesday 6:00 PM
• St-Laurent	Tuesday 6:30 PM
• Cumberland	Tuesday 6:30 PM
• Greenboro	Tuesday 6:30 PM
• Manotick	Wednesday 7:00 PM
• Orleans	Monday 6:00 PM
• Ruth E. Dickenson	Wednesday 7:00 PM
• Beaverbrook	Wednesday 6:30 PM
• Rosemount	Monday 7:00 PM
• Elmvale Acres	Saturday 1:00 PM

Settlement Agencies

Catholic Centre for Immigrants (CCI)

- ***Program Type:*** *English and French Conversation Circles. Online and in-person.*
- ***Registration Process*****:** *New clients must register with CCI reception (by phone or in person) for a needs assessment and settlement counsellor assignment.*
- ***Location:*** *219 Argyle Avenue.*
- ***Contact:*** *info@cciottawa.ca*

CICan (Coopération Intégration Canada)

- ***Program Type:*** *Small Group French Conversation Circle for Permanent Residents*
- ***Contact:*** *contact@cican.ca*
- ***More Information:*** *CICan – French Conversation Circle*

Conseil Économique et Social d'Ottawa Carleton (CESOC)

- ***Program Type:*** *In-person English and French Conversation Circles*
  - English Conversation Table *(Intermediate) –Tuesday, 6:00–7:00 PM*
  - French Conversation Table *(Advanced) –Thursdays, 6:00–7:15 PM*
- ***Location:*** *815 St-Laurent Blvd, Ottawa*
- ***Contact:*** *info@cesoc.ca or njackson@cesoc.ca or evelyne@cesoc.ca*

ELTOC English Language Tutoring

- ***Program Type:*** *English as a Second Language (ESL) small-group tutoring for newcomers.*
- ***Contact:*** *admin@eltoc.ca*

Immigrant Women Services Ottawa (IWSO)

- ***Program Type:*** *English and French Conversation Circles*
- ***Format:*** *Online and in-person, Various levels, ISAP eligible*
- ***More Information:*** *English Conversation Circles immigrantwomenservices.com*

Jewish Family Services (JFS)

- ***Program Type*** *English Conversation Groups for Permanent Residents*
- ***Format:*** *In-Person and Online (CLB 1-4)*
- ***More Information:*** *Jewish Family Services Settlement Support page*
- ***Contact:*** *abarabash@jfsottawa.com*

Somali Centre for Family Services

- ***Program Type:*** *In-person English and French Conversation Circle*
- ***More Information:*** *https://scfsottawa.org/settlement-programs/*

Service Centres

St. Joseph's Parish

- ***Program Type:*** *Free English conversation circle for all.*
- ***Format:*** *In-person: Monday, 7:00–8:30 PM Online: Wednesday, 7:00–8:30 PM*
- ***Contact:*** *michaelrichard2008@hotmail.com*

Ottawa ESL4 Ukraine

- ***Program Type:*** *In-person ESL classes for Ukrainian newcomers.*
- ***Location:*** *Cafe Ukraine. Hub for Ukrainian newcomers*
- ***Contact:*** *ottawaesl4ukraine@gmail.com*

Vanier Community Association (VCA)

- ***Program Type:*** *English Conversation Group*
- ***Format:*** *In-person, Ottawa Public Library (St-Laurent) – Claude B. Aubry Room*

  Every Thursdays 6:30 Pm
- ***More Information:*** *Vanier Community Association - English Conversation Group*

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  Every Thursdays 6:30-08:00 PM
- ***More Information:*** *Vanier Community Association - English Conversation Group*

Volunteer ***Format:***

- ***Program Type:*** *Online and in-person Conversation Circles.*
- ***Contact:*** *rachelm@seochc.on.ca*

College & Universities

Algonquin College

- ***Program Type:*** *English Conversation Circle*
  - ***On Campus:*** *Wednesday – 12:30 PM*
  - ***Online:*** *Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**,** Beginner – 10:00 AM,*
    Intermediate – 1:00 PM
- ***More Information:*** *Algonquin College Conversation Circles*

Carleton University

- ***Program Type:*** *In-person and online English Conversation Groups*
- ***More Information:*** *Carleton University Language Learning Resource Centre.*

Ottawa University

- ***Program Type:*** *Online English Conversation Groups*
- ***English Programs:***
  - *The English Intensive Program*
  - *Accelerated Academic Bridging in English*
  - *uOttawa English Experience Program*
- ***More Information:***
  - *University of Ottawa – Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute*
  - *uOttawa Centre for Language Learning – Choose Your Program*

University of Ottawa – Discover French with uOttawa

- ***Program Type:*** *Free online French course for beginners- Open to everyone*
- ***Format:*** *Self-paced, asynchronous and non-credit*
- ***Information:*** *Discover French with uOttawa*
- ***Registration:*** *Sign up for Discover French with uOttawa*

St. Paul university

- ***Program Type:*** *English Conversation circles*
  - *In-Person: Monday, 7:00–8:30 PM at University Saint Paul, 223 Main Street in room Gigues 1139*
  - *Online: Wednesday 7:00- 8:30 PM*
- ***Contact:*** *guibinlee@foxmail.com*

Newcomer Hubs

Language Exchange in Ottawa

- ***Program Type:*** *Online Language Exchange for Various Levels.*
- ***More Information:*** *Language Exchange in Ottawa page.*

OneHub Growth

- ***Program Type:*** *Online Everyday English for Beginners.*
- ***More Information:*** *OneHub Growth Everyday English for Beginners page.*

Ottawa Newcomers Club

- ***Program Type:*** *Walk & Talk.*
- ***More Information:*** *Ottawa Newcomers Club Activities page.*

Other Conversation Circles in Ontario

Newcomer Information Centre - YMCA of Greater Toronto Area

- ***Program Type:*** *English Conversation Circles- Steps to English Fluency*
- ***Format:*** *Online. Every Tuesday, 3:30pm – 5:00PM*
- ***More Information:*** *Event Calendar - YMCA Newcomer Information Centre*
- ***Contact:*** *yenny.aguilera@ymcagta.org*

Achēv

- ***Program Type:*** *English Conversation Circle for Newcomer Women (Online)*
- ***Schedule: More Information & Registration:***
  August 27, 2026 *October 27, 2026* *November 10, 2026*
  November 24, 2026 *December 8, 2026*
- ***Contact:*** *ayakovenko@achev.ca* *Phone: 289-544-8579*

Woodgreen Community Services

- ***Program Type:*** *Online English Conversation (Beginner to Advanced Level)*
- ***Contact:*** *ttao@woodgreen.org*

Catholic Community Services of York Region (CCSYR)

- ***Program Type:*** *Online English Conversation Circle*
- ***Contact:*** *ccsyr@ccsyr.org*
