

## Calgarians Unite to Welcome Immigrant Neighbors

*On February 26<sup>th</sup> Cooperative ESL Ministries will bring together Calgarians with a desire to reach out to Calgary's growing number of newcomers.*

**Calgary, AB** (February 7, 2011) – Cooperative ESL Ministries' Annual Networking Breakfast on February 26, 2011 will unite Christians in Calgary with a desire is to reach out to immigrants and fill the gap in society's integration of our new neighbors.

The ESL Cooperative regularly speaks to Christians who express a growing need to connect with the changing face of our communities. As Calgary welcomes more immigrants each year our need to equip our churches for vibrant, intercultural ministry continues to increase.

With the theme of *Weaving a Tapestry: Welcoming Newcomers into the Fabric of our Lives*, this year's Networking Breakfast will address this growing need by focusing on developing vibrant, inclusive communities.

The event starts at 8:45am at Marlborough Park Community Centre. ESL teachers, conversation club leaders, pastors and immigrant serving agencies are invited to take part in this morning of inspiring speakers and valuable networking opportunities.

If you are currently working with or considering being involved with immigrants, this event is not to be missed. You'll have a chance to hear from others who have discovered the keys to providing a warm welcome to Calgary's newcomers. Plus, there will be opportunities to interact with immigrant-serving agencies and learn how they can enrich the lives of the newcomers in your group.

The Cooperative was founded on the belief that ordinary, open-hearted Calgarians, with training in cross-cultural communication and good principles of adult education, can make a difference. Who better to lead the way in providing this warm welcome than Calgary's churches? In addition to the Annual Networking Breakfast the Cooperative has been hosting other training events and workshops throughout the year since 2001 to empower churches to reach out in love to newcomers in our community.

To register for the Networking event or find out more information visit [www.eslcooperative.ca](http://www.eslcooperative.ca).

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