

ESL Cooperative Empowers Calgarians to Reach Out in Love

Cooperative ESL Ministries' ESL Training for Church Volunteers starts on September 30th. It will equip participants to use ESL to reach out to their new neighbors.

Calgary, AB (September 12, 2011) – Starting on September 30th, Cooperative ESL Ministries' *ESL Training for Church Volunteers* will once again equip ordinary Calgarians with a heart to reach out to new immigrants. This comprehensive 30 hour course will prepare Christians with the tools they need to use ESL to reach their new neighbors.

Participants will discover how to show Christ's love across cultural boundaries, learn to plan and deliver conversation-style lessons, and receive a comprehensive training manual, textbook and resource CD. Held over three weekends in September and October, there are only 25 spots available. Early bird cost is \$200 (\$220 after September 15th).

Calgarians sense a growing need to connect with the changing face of our communities. The ESL Cooperative has been meeting this need through offering intercultural and ESL training courses in Calgary for 10 years. "So many of our students are amazed at how quickly the training can equip them and their church for mission work in their own backyards," explains Colleen Klatt, Communications Coordinator.

For more information visit eslcooperative.ca, look up Cooperative ESL Ministries on Facebook, call 403 668-7783 or email register@eslcooperative.ca.

The Cooperative believes 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? They have been hosting training events and workshops throughout the year since 2001 to empower churches to reach out in love to newcomers in our community. To find out more visit www.eslcooperative.ca.

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