



Immigrant Centre

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Highlights at AEC

- **The Fall session** ends Saturday, December 17, 2011. The new winter sessions will start on January 10, 2012. Let's celebrate - a year of hard work, a year of friendship, a year of successes, a year with you – our wonderful volunteer facilitators. **AEC Volunteer Appreciation Party will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. at AEC.** Walter has contacted you all and the he has more than 30 of you confirmed.
- **The Fall Workshops for Volunteers** who are new to EAL in Manitoba was successfully accomplished. More than 170 participants attended the seven- themed workshops on either Wednesday nights or Saturday mornings. A quite big number of AEC volunteers attended all the workshops. The feedback was very positive and appreciative. The attendees found that all the

workshops were very practical and informative. A lot of hand-on tips were shared at the workshops, plus a lot of activities.

- Seven of our Volunteer team will leave us this month for career changes and personal commitments. Please join us to extend our best wishes to **Ulla, Mary, Sheila, Jon, Gemma, Gabriela, and Sem.** We can't thank you enough for what you have done for the clients and the ways you have touched people's lives. Thank you very much and you will be truly missed by your clients and all the staff here.

Thank you so much for all your hard work and your kindness!

What Is New at AEC?

- **Five of our previous volunteers came back to join us again this winter: Linda Solomon, John Allen, John Schwandt, Mark Barker, and Locus Skelton.**
- There will be 26 Conversation Circles ready to go for the winter term but more will be open as soon as Volunteer Services Department confirms new candidates to volunteer with us and based on Clients' demand.
- More activity plans have been uploaded on our site for your references. All you need do is to download the worksheets for the activities and have fun.

- Shanshan was very impressed by all the groups that she visited in November and December. She has seen the great improvement that clients have achieved since the beginning of the sessions. Some of the clients have shared with Shanshan that they were so thankful for all of your dedication and contributions in helping them learning English.
- The term end feedback is still in action. From what has been collected, clients' satisfaction to the services we provided and their volunteers is very positive and appreciative.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful holiday season!



New Year's Greetings from AEC Staff



***Enjoy this beautiful
winter! See you in 2012!***