



PAROLES DE FEMMES WORDS FOR WOMEN



TUTOR TALK

November/December 2008

NEWS

Words for Women is featured in the newspaper

An article on *Words for Women* was published September 23rd by the Gazette.

To read the article, go to:

<http://www.canada.com/montrealgazette/news/Story.html?id=8c66c8a0-4a30-4599-a81b-3af27e330c3b>

Welcome to the new tutors

Words for Women is pleased to welcome 14 new tutors to the program this fall!

We wish them every success in their work!



Fall 2008 tutor training

You will have the chance to meet them at the next tutor workshop... come share your tips and tricks with them!

Upcoming events

1- **IMPORTANT!**

Tutor workshop: November 20th 5:30pm-7:30pm, room 200. Please confirm your presence to Celina by November 17th at 514-866-9941, ext. # 278

A review of lesson planning and how to reinforce teachings from one lesson to the next. This will also be an opportunity for tutors to exchange their experiences and ideas.

2- **Volunteers' party:** December 11th at 5:00pm, Holden Fisher room.

This party is exclusively reserved for volunteers.

3- **Pot-luck to celebrate the New Year:** mid-January (the place and date will be determined).

All tutors and learners are invited! Come celebrate with us!

WORDS FOR WOMEN MESSAGES

Volunteer opportunities

Facilitators :

Words for Women is looking for tutors to facilitate our weekly computer classes and conversation workshops in January 2009. The position requires a commitment of 4 months.

If you are interested, contact Celina before December 12th, 2008 at 514-866-9941, ext. # 278!

Trainers :

Do you enjoy teaching others? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge and capacities? If yes, then become a tutor trainer!

The next tutor training session will be held in April 2009. Contact us for more information!

Classes and workshops

Words for Women computer classes and conversations workshops have successfully continued this Fall.

Encourage your learner to participate!



English conversation workshop

New this Fall: we are now offering English conversation workshops. They are held every Thursday from 11:30am-12:30pm.

TUTORS' CORNER

A little word from one of our computer class facilitators!

By Madeleine Thomas

We have started the computer classes. In a short time, a group of women have learned how to manoeuvre a mouse, create a document, correct the document, save and reopen it as well. We have learned what different icons mean. They have learned the keys of keyboard, the numbers, the letters, capital letters, how to move around with the arrow keys. Hurray to copy/past, it's so much easier! We have worked on the style of our text: the font, the size, the colours, the layout (alignment, margins, going between lines). Internet is fantastic! We searched for recipes and checked the lowest prices at Metro. What temperature will it be next Sunday? Let's go look on the Weather Network. What's a hyperlink? A search engine? An URL? So many things to learn!

Share your experiences with other tutors

We would like to reserve a space in *TUTOR TALK* for tutors to share their experiences with other tutors. If you have any stories or thoughts that you would like to share (a special experience, anecdotes, advice and tips, success and difficulties, etc), please send us your texts (max 350 words).

LITERACY RESOURCES

Internet resources

French:

“Le point du Fle”: It's a great website for all learners of all levels. There is also a section specifically designed for literacy learners; the games are easy to understand and there is audio help. It's clear and easy to use!

<http://www.lepointdufle.net/>

“Imagiers”: A website where you can download a free program that allows you to create your own quizzes. You can then use the quizzes as learning material.

<http://www.imagiers.net/>

“Accroche”: A great site for intermediate learners to practice their French. It is very simple to sign up and there are a lot of exercises online to complete.

<http://www.accroche.qc.ca/>

English:

The BBC's Skillswise website has literacy activities and lesson plans, as well as practical math activities.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/>

The BBC also has a computer tutor to help learn basic computer skills.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/computertutor/computertutorone/index.shtml?survey=no&url=www.bbc.co.uk/computertutor/computertutorone/index.shtml&site=computertutor&js=yes>

The Goodwill Community Foundation™ has supported a literacy learning site called GCF LearnFree.org. “This is an **excellent** site with practical activities that are free and high quality to help adult learners.”

<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/>