OUR MISSION: Quinte Immigration Services will assist newcomers isolated by cultural and language barriers in the Quinte region through the process of orientation and settlement while encouraging public respect for the diversity of immigrants, the promotion and recognition of the value of racial and cultural differences, and the facilitation of integration and participation of newcomers in the social, economic and cultural aspects of the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 21, 2016—Information Session on Belleville and Quinte West Community Health Centre, 11 am-12 noon, Common Room, 41 Octavia St.
- September 24, 2016—Annual Moore’s Suit Drive event, 10 am-1 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia St.
- October 1, 2016—QUIS Fall Wine Tour
- October 19, 2016—Information Session on Volunteer and Information Quinte, 11 am-12 noon, Common Room, 41 Octavia St.
- October 25, 2016—Hallowe’en Party and Movie Night—6-7:30 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia St.
- November 18, 2016—Christmas Bazaar, 12 pm-7 pm, 41 Octavia St.

QUIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

In order to keep up with all the ongoing changes around immigration and refugee resettlement, QUIS has created a Twitter account. You can find us at @QImmigration. Hope to hear from you there!

Don’t forget we also have a Facebook page where we post all of our latest information! Find us on Facebook by typing in “Quinte Immigration Services” in the search function.

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FARMERS FEED THE WORLD

Farmers Feed the World is a new pilot program being developed by Quinte Immigration Services and funded by the Canadian Red Cross.

The program aims to provide information, training and facilitate Syrian newcomers currently in Ontario to access work in agriculture or a pathway to ownership of agricultural land and farming businesses in Ontario.

With the support from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), information sessions will take place early in the fall.

To be eligible for this program, one must be a Syrian refugee living in Ontario.

The pilot project will last for 12 months and will respond the needs of refugees from Syria who have a background working in agriculture or who are willing to work in this field in Canada.

Lavinia Pureveen has been hired to coordinate the program and she can be contacted at QUIS for additional information.

Lavinia (Liv) had the following to say about her own family’s background in agriculture:

“My Dutch grandparents settled in Ontario, Canada shortly after the 2nd World War with five of their children.

My grandparents and their children farmed beef cattle in Hastings County, Ontario for many years and owned close to 1000 acres of land. To date many of my family members still farm on large pieces of my grandfather’s land, they farm beef cattle, raise horses, and grow and harvest hay.”

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn about the new Farmer’s Feed the World Program for refu
QUIS held its first Games and Craft Night on Tuesday, May 10, 2016! This was an event to bring out families who wanted to learn how to play Canadian games or do crafts with the kids! There were a large range of games available to play including Battleship, Bingo, Checkers, playing cards, Rummikub, Trouble, and several other board games!

The crafts were fun and unique including paper chain dolls and hearts, origami, paper fortune tellers (or “Cootie Catchers”), and clothes peg “parachutes”! There was also impromptu origami gift bags!

For added entertainment QUIS played the movie “Norm of the North” in the background while the games continued!

Thank you to all staff, volunteers and clients who came out for this night! Don’t miss it next time! It was a lot of fun!

On June 7, a group of QUIS clients and staff gathered in the Common Room at 41 Octavia Street to eat some delicious food, chat with friends and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of Quinte Immigration Services. The people who attended had a good time and got to talk with old friends and meet some new ones.

QUIS would like to thank all who attended and brought such great food. As well, we’d like to thank Debbie of Confetti Occasions for the incredible cake!

We hope to see you soon at the next QUIS event. Have a great summer!
QUIS WINE TOUR

Quinte Immigration Services hosted our semi-annual Wine and Tast Tour on Saturday April 30th, 2016. This event took place throughout Prince Edward County with stops including Hinterland Wine Company, Sugarbush Vineyards, Waupoos Estates Winery, County Cider Company, Barely Days Brewery, and Slickers Ice Cream. Participants enjoyed all of their tastings, a lunch at Waupoos Gazebo restaurant, silent action door prizes and goody bags (all included in their ticket price). This event was very successful thanks to community support, donations & the individuals who attended! This tour raised QUIS $1,300.00!

Local sponsors of the event included: 237 Studio and Spa, A Mane Affair, Ali’s Scarves, Barbers Flowers, Campbell’s Orchard, Chapters, Confetti Occasions, Donini Chocolates, Hawkins Cheezies, Loyalist Veterinary Hospital, Manny’s Cookies, Colangelos Wine, Mindful Movements, No Frills, North China Buffet, Pampered Pooch, Parmelat, Personal Service Coffee, Quinte Bowl, Sans Souci, Shoppers Drug Mart, Stirling Festival Theatre, That Special Touch, The Empire Theatre, Therapeutic Massage Centre, The United Way of Quinte & Urban Escape.

This event was organized by placement students in the Social Service Worker Program through Loyalist College under the guidance of QUIS staff. Without the community businesses and support from volunteers, events and fundraising ventures like this could not take place.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and we hope to see you on the next tour October 1st, 2016!

SUMMER STAFF AT QUIS

Meghan Beatty has been working as an Administrative Assistant for QUIS as part of the Canada Summer Jobs Program since May 2016. She has been staffing the reception desk, organizing files, assisting with special events, and acting as administrative support to the rest of the QUIS team. She hopes to use the experience gained through the Canada Summer Jobs Program to enhance her professional skills and prepare her for full-time employment in the field.

Meghan previously completed one of her placements at QUIS and graduated from the Loyalist College Social Service Worker Program in June 2016. She plans on taking an Office Administration Program in the fall.

On July 4th, Hunter Hannah will join the QUIS team as the Central Eastern Ontario Translation and Interpretation Services Assistant for 8 weeks. In addition to his main duties, renewing service agreements, intake of translation requests, and booking interpreters, Hunter will also be assisting at the front desk, answering the phone and booking client appointments, so look for him! Hunter is currently enrolled in the SSW program at Loyalist College returning in September for his 2nd and final year. At that time, he will also return to QUIS from September to December as our placement student!

QUIS is happy to have both Meghan and Hunter as part of our staff!

MOVIE NIGHT

On Tuesday, April 26, QUIS clients were treated to a showing of the movie, “The Good Dinosaur”. The movie is a heartwarming story of a friendship between a dinosaur named Arlo and a young boy and their adventures. The families who came enjoyed the film and the snacks provided by QUIS. QUIS thanks everyone for their participation.

In the fall of 2016, QUIS plans to show another family movie. Pick up a copy of the fall newsletter for details.

HONOURED AS VOLUNTEE

QUIS Board Chair, Paul Osborne, was recently presented with a cheque for $500 from CEO Carrie Gregoire of Quintessential Credit Union.

The award was in recognition of Paul’s designation as the top community volunteer at Quintessential in 2015.

QUIS congratulates Paul on this honour.
SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Are you looking for something fun to do during the summer? There are many different events and activities happening in Belleville and the surrounding area to keep your summer days busy and fun!

Events:

- **Outdoor Movies in Downtown Belleville:** On the last Thursdays of June, July, and August there will be a free movie shown at the Empire Square in Belleville. All movies are family-friendly, bring your own chairs and enjoy!

- **Canada Day Celebrations:** Come out and celebrate Canada’s birthday! Enjoy activities and music during the day and fireworks shows at dusk in West Zwick’s Park in Belleville, Centennial Park in Trenton, downtown in Picton, and Wellington Beach in Wellington!

- **Concerts on the Bay:** Free concerts every Sunday and Wednesday at the Lion’s Pavilion in West Zwick’s Park, Belleville. Concerts last from 6:30pm-8:30pm in June and July and from 6pm-8pm in August. Bring your own lawn chairs and enjoy the show!

- **Belleville Waterfront & Ethnic Festival, July 7-10:** A four-day festival in West Zwick’s Park in Belleville including midway rides, a vendor market, children’s activities, an ethnic food village, and much more. Admission is free!

- **Festival on the Bay, July 15-17:** A three-day festival in downtown Trenton featuring a vendor market, dragon boat races, pancake breakfasts, fireworks and more. Free admission!

- **Belleville Pride in the Park, July 23:** Belleville’s very own LGBTQ+ Pride event! Featuring a parade beginning at the Belleville Fairgrounds, continuing along Sidney Street and ending in West Zwick’s Park, where activities and a barbeque will run throughout the day.

Activities

- **Sandbanks Provincial Park:** A large provincial park in Prince Edward County with many fun summer activities available, including swimming, hiking, camping, fishing, boating, birding, cycling, and more. Costs may vary.

- **Tyendinaga Cavern & Caves:** Natural, beautiful caves open for exploration located on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. Open from 10am-5pm every day after July 1st until Labour Day. Washrooms and picnic areas available. Affordable admission prices. Sensible shoes and flashlights required to enter the caves.

- **Splash Pads:** Family-friendly water playgrounds are located throughout the area to help everyone stay cool on hot days. In Belleville, there are three located at 373 Moira Street East, 119 Birch Street, and 151 Dundas Street East. In Quinte West, there are two located in Centennial Park in Trenton and at the corner of River Drive and Riverside Parkway in Frankford. All are free of charge and open till 8pm, weather permitting.

- **Quinte Conservation:** 23 conservation areas located throughout the Belleville, Prince Edward, and Napanee regions with a variety of beautiful trails and activities available at each one. All are open from dawn to dusk. Call 613 968-3434 to find out more about what activities are available at your local conservation area.

- **National Air Force Museum of Canada:** Located on 220 RCAF Road in Trenton and featuring exhibits from all across the history of Canada’s air force. Also features an outdoor airpark and a gift shop. Admission is free to everyone.

Volunteering Information Session

Learn how to become a volunteer, what volunteer opportunities are available in the community, and what services Volunteer & Information Quinte has to offer!

11am-12pm  
Wednesday, October 19th  
Common Room, 41 Octavia Street

Guest Speaker:  
Amanda Witty

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Suit Up For Success

Get a Free Formal Suit!

QUIS clients are welcome to pick out gently used men’s business clothing. Also enjoy a presentation by a successful QUIS client as he shares his insight into the challenges and opportunities for newcomers in the Belleville area.

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Belleville and Quinte West Community Health Centre
Information Session

Learn all about the services offered by the Community Health Centre and how you can benefit from them!

11am-12pm
Wednesday, September 21st
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- **16** Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev-Sikh
- **24** St. Jean Baptiste Day- Quebec

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