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Our mission at Quinte United Immigrant Services is to guide those newcomers isolated by culture and language in the Quinte area through the process of settlement and adjustment, encourage the community to respect the diversity of immigrants by promoting recognition of the value of racial and cultural differences, and facilitate the integration and participation of newcomers into the social, economic, and cultural life of the community.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 12, 2013- QUIS Annual Open House and Pot Luck -Join us for some food and fun. 5-7 p.m, 41 Octavia Street, Common Room (2nd floor)

June 16, 2013- Father's Day- A day to honour all fathers

June 21, 2013- Summer Solstice- First official day of summer

June 25, 2013- Graduation for Loyola ESL classes- 6:30 p.m, 135 Palmer Road

July 1, 2013-Canada Day-146th anniversary of the founding of Canada. QUIS office closed

July 11-14, 2013- Belleville Water-front and Ethnic Festival, Zwick's Park

August 5, 2013- Civic Holiday. QUIS office closed.

August 9,10,11, 2013- Quinte Ribfest for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Zwick's Park, www.quinteribfest.com

Sunday and Wednesday evenings throughout summer- free concerts at Lions' Bandshell, Zwick's Park, Belleville

July or August, 2013- QUIS Potluck Barbecue, 41 Octavia Street. Details to be announced

September, 2013- Annual Moore's Suit Drive. Details to be announced



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QUIS Newsletter



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SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



Summertime and the living is easy! These are words from an old song about the joys of summer. During the summer, people go camping, go to cottages, go swimming and generally take advantage of the nice weather to get outside, play sports and travel.

In summer, there are a few holidays in Canada:



CANADA DAY

On July 1, Canadians celebrate Canada Day. It is a federal statutory (legal) holiday. The day commemorates July 1, 1867, when three colonies were brought together into one country as part of the British Empire. The colonies were Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Province of Canada, which was split into what is now Quebec and Ontario.

The day is celebrated with many outdoor public events such as festivals, parades and barbecues, concerts and fireworks. Citizenship ceremonies are often held on Canada Day. For information about activities in Belleville, check www.bellevillecanadaday.com

For Quinte West, you can find information here:
<http://www.city.quintewest.on.ca/en/visitors/communityeventsfestivals.asp>

CIVIC HOLIDAY

This holiday is celebrated in parts of Canada on the first Monday in August. It is not a statutory holiday in Ontario, but federal and municipal (city) government workers usually get a work holiday.

In Ontario, this holiday is known by several names in different cities. In Toronto, it is called Simcoe Day, after Sir John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant-Governor (Queen's representative) of Upper Canada (Ontario). In our region, we just call it the Civic holiday!



Whatever you do this summer, enjoy it! The Quinte area has a lot to offer, including day trips to beaches and other natural places.



Quinte United Immigrant Services

Annual Pot Luck and Open House

Wednesday June 12 — 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Common Room—2nd Floor, 41 Octavia Street, Belleville

Join us for some Summer fun and food! See old friends, meet new people and chat with the staff and volunteers!

Please bring your favourite food from your home country to share!

Pot Luck Begins at 5:30pm

Please let us know by Wednesday June 5, if you will be attending: Please Call 613-968-7723



WHAT DOES QUIS DO?

Sometimes when people come to see us at QUIS, they are not exactly sure who we are or what our organization does. Here is a short explanation.

Quinte United Immigrant Services receives its funding from the federal and provincial governments, and also from the United Way of Quinte. However, QUIS is **not** the government. We are a non-profit agency that helps newcomers. The main services we offer are:

Settlement Services:

QUIS assists newcomers by providing information and referrals to assist people in settling in Canada. For example, we help with applying for social insurance numbers, child tax benefits, health cards, driver's licences and other similar documents. We host volunteer income tax clinics, and help people to find doctors and other medical services as well. In addition, QUIS helps with the immigration process by providing information about how to correctly complete immigration paperwork.

QUIS presents information sessions on topics of interest to newcomers such as budgeting, housing issues, health, and dealing with bullying and discrimination. All settlement services are **FREE!**

Translation and Interpretation

QUIS houses **Central Eastern Ontario Translation and Interpretation Service (CEOTIS)**. CEOTIS arranges professional interpreters and translators for a variety of situations including medical and social service agency appointments, court interpretation, and driver's licensing translation and appointments. A fee is required for these services.

Partnerships within the Community:

The **Quinte Local Immigration Partnership (QLIP)** is also funded by the federal government and based at QUIS. The QLIP is a group of employers, non-profit organizations, schools, government and health care institutions who work together to make the Quinte area a more welcoming community for newcomers. Members of the QLIP meet regularly to discuss services that best fit the needs of newcomers and to learn about the value of newcomers to our community.





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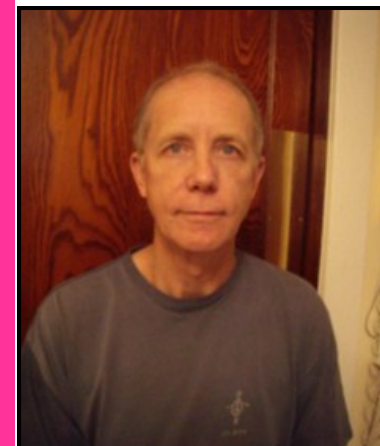
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QUIS VOLUNTEER HELPS MAKE TAX PROGRAM A SUCCESS!



Ken Palmer, QUIS Volunteer

QUIS would like to thank Ken Palmer, our **CVITP** (Community Volunteer Income Tax Program) volunteer. This year, Ken was our only volunteer and went out of his way to assist clients with the completion of their tax returns.

This is the 12th year QUIS has partnered with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to provide the CVITP program. The program is always successful. Many of our clients need help with understanding how to do taxes.

With Ken volunteering, QUIS was able to help over 50 clients complete their 2012 taxes. Ken worked for over 50 hours and also volunteered to come in after tax season was over! Thanks for your efforts, Ken!

If you are a newcomer to Canada and would like to know more about taxes in Canada, please visit our office or call us!



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Today is a good day to learn more, so let's talk.
Este es un buen momento para informarse mejor, así que hablemos.



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YUK YUK'S FUNDRAISER A BIG HIT!

The First Annual Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night Fundraiser exceeded our expectations! Thank you to the following sponsors. We greatly appreciate your generosity that allowed QUIS to provide a fun, entertaining and successful evening!



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NEW "COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS" EVENTS AT QUIS



This year, QUIS is excited to be offering some new programs that will allow some of our volunteers to get together with our newcomer clients to socialize, have fun and learn new things about life in Canada.

We are planning on having several activities over the coming 2013-2014 year, so please stay tuned into QUIS for announcements about new events. Events that we are still planning (but are not ready yet!) are:

Conversation Circles throughout the year, Coffee Groups for Women and Men Newcomers, a Youth Homework Club, a Family Movie Night and a fall Barbeque for clients and our Canadian friends of QUIS!

We will keep you updated as to when these events will start! To find out more, in the next few months, check your e-mail and our Facebook Page, come in and see us or call us at 613-968-7723!

UPDATE ON THE QUINTE LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

The Quinte Local Immigration Partnership (QLIP) is focused on making it easier for newcomers to access services in the greater Quinte area. This program aims to close gaps in services, and is taking steps to raise awareness and encourage a welcoming and inclusive community.



The event, "Inclusive Community and Economic Development", held March 21, 2013 at Albert College was a very successful example of a "cultural event" that can bring newcomers, the business community, service providers, and local leaders together under one roof. For more information on the QLIP Council please visit the QLIP website: www.quintelip.ca

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