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 8, 2016 QUIS Fall Wine Tour, Prince Edward County
- October 19, 2016 Information Session on Volunteer and Information Centre, 11 am-12 noon, Common Room, 41 Octavia St.
- October 25, 2016– Hallowe'en Costume and Movie Night– 6-7:30 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia St.
- November 15, 2016—Information session on Farmer's Feed the World
- November 16, 2016—Information session on Community Advocacy and Legal Centre
- November 18, 2016- Christmas Bazaar, 12 pm-7 pm, 41 Octavia St.
- December 2, 2016—QUIS Children's Holiday Party, 5:30-7:30pm, Eastminster United Church, 462 Bridge St. East, Belleville
- December 7, 2016—Information session on IRCC changes

QUIS IS ON SKYPE!

QUIS settlement workers are now available on Skype to assist clients who live in remote areas or clients of the Farmer's Feed the World Program! If you wish to Skype a settlement worker, please contact us by e-mail or phone first, and we will set up a Skype appointment for you!







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FARMER'S FEED THE WORLD OFFICIAL LAUNCH

On Friday August 26, 2016, Quinte Immigration Services held a very special event to celebrate the launch of the pilot project known as Farmers Feed the World (FFTW) (see page 13). The event was held at the Ontario Agri-Food Venture Centre in Colborne. Our appreciation goes out to Joe Mullin, Operations Manager of the centre, for the use of the event location and for the tour of this amazing facility.



The project, funded by the Canadian Red Cross, is focused on providing Syrian refugees settling in Ontario with a path to self-sustainability through employment in agriculture. Syrian refugees who have an interest in working in agriculture, have farming experience, or have a desire to start their own agri-business should contact the QUIS office at 613-968-7723 to book an appointment and enrol in the program. Skype appointments are also available. The project covers Peterborough, Northumberland, Hastings and Prince Edward Counties.

Orlando Ferro, Executive Director of QUIS, hosted the event organized by Liv Pureveen, the Project Coordinator for Farmers Feed the World. All those attending the event were officially welcomed by Paul Osborne, President of the QUIS Board of Directors.



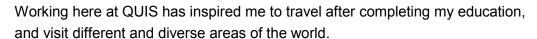
Many thanks to our very special guest speakers who included councillors and mayors, MP and MPP representatives of Northumberland and Quinte regions, and our funder, the Canadian Red Cross.

In addition, we would like to thank all the community and government agencies that attended and made this event a very special celebration.

SUMMER STUDENT AT QUIS

My name is Hunter Hannah. I am a 19 year old student studying Social Service Work at Loyalist College and in my second and final year. I am currently working as a summer student here at QUIS as the CEOTIS assistant.

After my summer employment here, I will be returning in the fall as a placement student for my course at Loyalist. I plan to continue with my studies in the Social Work field and further my education. I enjoy all aspects of the Social Service Work field, as I tend to be an outgoing, sociable person.

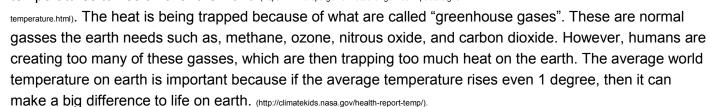




GLOBAL WARMING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This summer in Ontario was really hot. It was hotter than it is normally. But the heat wave didn't just happen in Ontario, Canada. It was all over the world. The earth has been getting warmer faster than ever before. Scientists know that human beings are the cause of this climate change. (http://climatekids.nasa.gov/health-report-temp/).

Why are humans the cause? The main reason is that heat is being trapped in the Earth's atmosphere, which is causing average temperatures to rise all over the world (https://www3.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/impacts/signs/





The build up of gasses is caused by human actions such as factory farming, deforestation and the production and use of fossil fuels (like gasoline and coal).

What can we do? Try to support the use of renewable fuels such as solar power and learn more about the problems caused by cutting down forests and factory farming (huge farms with 1000's of animals). We can also learn to support only companies and industries that are good for the earth!

Immigration, Refugee, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Information and Changes

Up-to-date information on:

- Express Entry Program
- New information and tools on the IRCC website
- Programs related to Syrian refugees



Guest Speaker: John Mark Robertson

Wednesday, December 7th

11am-12pm

Common Room, 2nd Floor

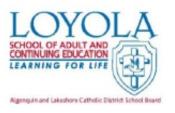
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QUIS Children's Holiday Celebration



Friday December 2, 2016



Time

5:30 pm To 7:30pm

Eastminster United Church

462 Bridge Street East, Belleville, ON

RSVP by November 21 at 613-968-7723 ex. 26

Cost \$2 per person, \$5 for a family,

1/2 price for all QUIS sponsors

Raffle Tickets for Gift Baskets—Tickets 1 for \$1 or 3 for \$2



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- * INTERPRETATION ONLY
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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 Thursday, September 29th Common Room, 2nd Floor 41 Octavia Street



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FREQUENTLY ASKED IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS



Here are a few of the frequently asked questions we get from clients who visit QUIS!

Come see us for more answers to all your immigration questions!



Permanent Residence

Q: I am a permanent resident. Can I get a Canadian passport?

A: Permanent residents have the right to live in Canada permanently but they are **not yet Canadian citizens** and therefore cannot get a Canadian passport. Permanent residents are still citizens of their home country (except for Convention Refugees, who can get a Canadian Travel document).

Q: Do I have to renew my permanent resident card?

A: Yes, you must renew your permanent resident card **every five years**. The cost is currently \$50.00. You must send in an application to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to make the renewal. Make sure you do your **income taxes every year** in Canada because they will ask you to provide proof of that!

Citizenship

Q: I am a permanent resident and I want to become a citizen. What do I have to do?

A: First you must have lived in Canada as a permanent resident for 4 years in the 6 years before your application date. You must also prove your language abilities in English or French with an IRCC designated test or schooling. You must make sure you have renewed your home country passport. You must not have a criminal record. You must have filed your Canadian income taxes for the last 4 to 6 years. Lastly you must take a test in Ottawa about Canada's history, politics and economics if you are between 14 and 65 years old.

Q: Is the Citizenship test difficult and do I have to study?

A: It is hard to answer whether or not the Citizenship test is difficult because it depends on the person writing it. However, IRCC supplies you with a free study booklet that you can get on-line and download and read, or listen to as an MP3. You can also order a hard copy of the booklet. So, yes, it is a good idea to study and you can start studying right away before you even apply for Citizenship! Come see us at QUIS to find out how to get the study guide and to make sure you have the newest version!

Sponsorship

Q: I want to sponsor my spouse/common-law partner and children. Do I have to have a certain amount of money?

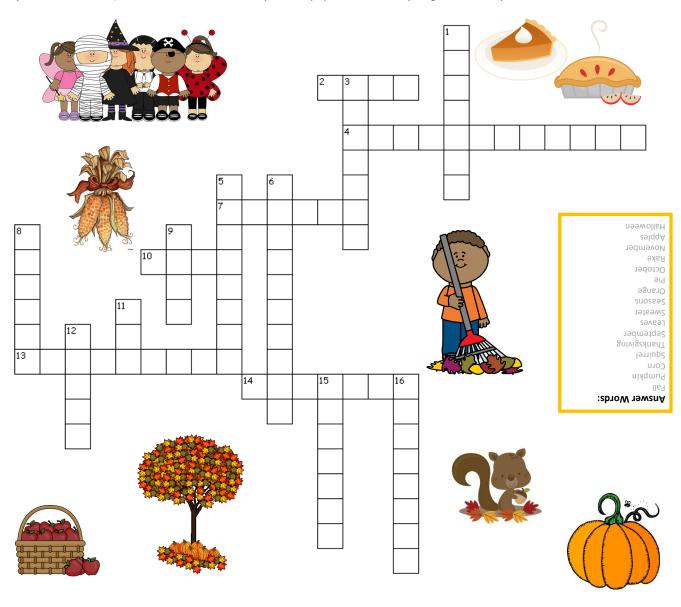
A: There is no set income you need to sponsor a spouse/common-law partner or your children. Your application will have a better chance of succeeding if you are working and have some income, however, you can be on unemployment (EI) or disability and still be eligible to sponsor. You are **not** eligible to sponsor if you are receiving social assistance (Ontario Works).

Q: Can I sponsor my brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nephews or nieces to come to Canada permanently?

A: Generally you are **not able** to sponsor any relatives other than spouses/common-law partners, your children or your parents or grandparents. However, if you have **no other living relatives in the world** that you can sponsor, then you may sponsor another type of relative.

AUTUMN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Instructions: Look at the clues below and figure out the answers. The answer will only be one word. Write the word in the corresponding number on the crossword puzzle! The words you are trying to find are given in the upside down yellow box (They are not in order!). Cover the answers with a piece of paper at first to try to get them on your own!



Across

- 2. Yellow vegetable with kernels that
- 4. Holiday where you gather with family and give thanks
- 7. The colour of a pumpkin
- 10. You can gather fallen leaves with this
- 13. First month of Autumn
- 14. Spring, summer, winter, fall are the four....

Dow

- 1. Big orange vegetable that we use on $\operatorname{Hallowe'en}$
- 3. The month of Hallowe'en
- 5. Last month of autumn
- 6. Scary holiday where you wear a costume
- 8. What falls from a tree in Autumn
- 9. Another name for Autumn
- 11. Traditional Thanksgiving dessert in flavours like apple and pumpkin
- 12. Fruit that grows on trees and goes in pie
- 15. Knitted clothing you wear when it gets cooler



Visit QUIS:

Saturday, September 24, 2016

10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 41 Octavia St. 3rd Floor

Suit Up For Success



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GUEST SPEAKERS AT 10:30AM:

Jorge Pinzon and Maria Ruiz

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Wine & Taste Tour



Of Prince Edward County

Saturday October 8, 2016

Quinte Immigration Services is proud to present a wine and taste tour of our local Prince Edward County. There are many locations to stop at and enjoy in the county, but we have narrowed it down to 6, which will allow you to taste local wines, spirits and various foods.

We will be stopping at:

Fifth Town Artisan Cheese Co., Del-Gatto Estates, Huff Estates, Karlo Estates, 66 Gilead Distillery, Broken Stone Winery.

This tour includes a comfortable bus with washroom, a lunch, door prizes and a silent auction over the lunch hour.

Seats are limited so be sure to get your tickets as soon as possible **TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

Tour Starts: 41 Octavia St - 9:30am LCBO Rossmore - 9:45am Tour Ends: LCBO Rossmore -5:40pm 41 Octavia St - 5:55pm

Cost: \$95.00/person or \$180.00 for 2

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Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling our office or coming into our location. Quinte Immigration Services - 301-41 Octavia St. Belleville, ON, 613-968-7723 x0

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

VENDORS NEEDED

Bazaar Organizer Contact Information:

Nancy Sayeau

Email: ceotis@quinteimmigration.ca

Phone: 613-968-7723 Ext 25

Register in Advance Only 20—6ft Tables Available

Additional space is available if you have your own table

Date: Friday November 18, 2016

When: Bazaar Hours: 12:00pm—7:00pm

Where: Community Resource Centre Quinte

41 Octavia Street, Belleville

Vendor Set up at 10:00am—12:00pm

Vendor Tear down: 7:00pm—8:00pm

Cost: \$15.00 per table space

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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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Halloween Costume and Movie Night

TUESDAY OCTOBER 25

Doors Open 5:30pm

The movie being played is Hotel Transylvania 2, Starts at 6pm—7:30pm.

Common Room, 2nd floor. 41 Octavia Street

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 20th

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FARMER'S FEED THE WORLD—NEXT STEPS

QUIS is excited to announce that we have started a new initiative for Syrian Refugees that we hope will be the next step in a movement that started about a year ago, when many people in Canada opened their hearts to Syrian families fleeing a brutal war in their home country of Syria.



The Canadian government and private sponsorship groups took action by accepting thousands of refugees into Canada. QUIS also began to formulate a plan of community engagement to respond to the crisis.

Together with the Quinte Local Immigration Partnership (QLIP), we organized two Refugee Task Forums in our region with the participation of many community stakeholders and the Federal and Provincial governments. Over 400 people attended the two forums that served not only as a community consultation, but also as the initial steps to a long term plan for settlement and integration of Syrian refugees in the Quinte Region.

There are about 17,000 Syrian refugees already in Ontario, and the support they are currently receiving from the Federal Government and private sponsorship groups is soon coming to an end. To help extend the much needed support to integrate Syrian refugees into our communities over the long term, QUIS has been fortunate enough to receive funding from the Canadian Red Cross, for a project called **Farmers Feed the World (FFTW)**. The 12 month pilot project that runs to May, 2017, will help provide Syrian refugee newcomers with access to agricultural work or a pathway to ownership of agricultural land and farming businesses in Ontario.

After the initial 12 months of the FFTW project, the aim is to assist families with a pathway to self-sustainability and to facilitate a settlement and integration model that will not only benefit many Syrian families but also regional agriculture and rural economies in Ontario.

The concept for this project was based on the knowledge that many Syrian refugees bring with them a background in agriculture, as well as the will to work, and to rebuild their lives in Canada.

Thanks to the Ontario Agri-Food Venture Centre in Colborne, QUIS hosted the FFTW official launch on August 26th, 2016 (see page 1). The next step is to provide an information session in November, 2016 in both English and Arabic about agricultural jobs and land acquisition specifically for Syrian refugees (see poster page 12).

Also in November, we will be introducing this pilot project at the OCASI Executive Directors Forum in Toronto, which will provide information to settlement service organizations assisting the majority of refugees throughout the province.

For refugees in remote areas, we are trying to collaborate with some of our partners to produce a webinar based on the information session, with content to be provided in Arabic. Our settlement staff will also begin providing intake and information to refugees in remote locations using video conferencing that has a built-in translation feature.

We are hoping to register at least 215 refugees for this program by the end of this year.

It is our expectation that these next steps will be a bridge to a new beginning for many families who have been through so much grief in recent years.

At the end of this pilot project we will have the tools and a model for integration that will allow families to support themselves while helping to feed Canada and the world in times of a growing demographic population. Thank you to all who support this new project.

Farmers Feed the World Information Session

Hosted by: Quinte Immigration Services (QUIS)





QUIS will be hosting the Farmers Feed the World information session, which will allow participants to gain knowledge about agriculture in Ontario and offers a pathway to successful employment.

Speakers from federal, provincial, and community agencies will provide information and availability to answer questions with the assistance of an Arabic interpreter.

Date: Tuesday November 15th, 2016

Registration at 8:00 AM & Closing remarks at 4:00 PM

Location: Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre - Minor Sports Room,

265 Cannifton Rd, Belleville, ON K8N 4V8

Session Facilitator: Orlando Ferro Executive Director of QUIS

Lunch and light refreshments will be provided

Guest Speakers: Cat Fisher Andrews, Settlement Worker at QUIS, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA), Barry van Zoeren; Realtor, Richard L. Wright; Real Estate lawyer, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre (CALC), Small Business Centre, TRENVAL, Farm Credit Canada (FCC), Canadian Agricultural Loans Act Program (CALA), Loyola School of Adult and Continuing Education, Prince Edward Learning Centre (PELC), and Sandy

Novroski PLAR from Loyalist College

This event is for Syrian refugees and space is limited.

Please contact the QUIS office to register at 613-968-7723 x 0

or by email at reception@quinteimmigration.ca

Tenant Rights Information Session



Community Advocacy & Legal Centre

Learn all about:

- Your rights and responsibilities as a tenant
- The rights and responsibilities of a landlord
- What to do in case of eviction
- Available online resources

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Wednesday, November 16th 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Common Room, Second Floor 41 Octavia Street, Belleville







UPCOMING QUIS EVENTS, HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

= Observances and Holidays
= QUIS events

September 2016

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labour Day- QUIS office closed	6 Paryushana Parava -Jain (until 15th)	7	8 International Literacy Day	9 the Hajj begins (5 days) –Muslim pilgrimage	10
11	12	13 Eid al Adha - Islam	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Fall Equinox	23	24 Moore's Suit Drive Event 10 am-1 pm, 41 Octavia Street
25	26	27	28	29 Community Health Centre Info session, 11am-12 pm 41 Octavia Street	30	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown- Jewish	3 Islamic New Year—Muslim	4	5	6	7	8 QUIS Wine and Taste Tour fundraiser
9	10 Thanksgiving Canada, QUIS office closed	11 Yom Kippur begins at sundown- Jewish	12	13	14	15
16 World Food Day, United Nations	17	18	19 Volunteer and Information Centre Info Session, 11am, 41 Octavia St.	20 Deadline to RSVP for Hallowe'en Costume and Movie Night	21	22
23 30	24 31 Hallowe'en - Christian/Pagan	25 Hallowe'en Costume and Movie Night, 5:30-7:30pm, 41 Octavia Street	26	27	28	29 Diwali begins (5 days)—Hindu

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Time ends, (turn clocks back one hour)	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day — Observance, QUIS OFFICE Closed	12
13	14	15 Farmer's Feed the World Info Session, 8am- 4pm, QSW Centre, Belleville (RSVP required)	16 CALC Info Session, 11am - 12pm, 41 Octavia St.	17	18 QUIS Christmas Bazaar, 12-7pm, 41 Octavia St.	19
20 Universal Children's Day, United Nations	21 Deadline to RSVP for Children's Holiday Party	22	23	24	25 International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women	26
27 First Sunday of Advent—Christian	28	29	30			

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Children's Holiday Party, 5:30-7:30 pm, 462 Bridge St. East	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations
4	5	6	7 IRCC Information Session, 11am-12pm, 41 Octavia Street	8	9	10 Human Rights Day, United Nations
11	12 Prophet's Birthday—Muslim	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 December Solstice – Season change	22	23	24 Christmas Eve— Christian
25 Christmas Day—Christian, First day of Hanukkah— Jewish	26 Boxing Day— observance, QUIS OFFICE closed	27 QUIS OFFICE closed for statutory holiday	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve—observance