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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

September 14, 2013 - QUIS Annual Moore's Suit Drive, 10 am to 2 pm, 41 Octavia Street, Common Room (2nd floor)

September 22, 2013 - Autumn equinox-first official day of fall

October 8, 2013 - QLIP meeting, Quinte West municipal offices, multipurpose room, 9 am-11 am

October 9, 2013 - QUIS information session—Dominion Lending and Sunlife talk about mortgages

October 14, 2013 - Thanksgiving- QUIS office closed

October 15, 2013 - Eid Al Adha, Muslim Festival of Sacrifice

October 31, 2013 - Hallowe'en- Trick or treat!!

November 3, 2013 - Daylight savings time ends (Fall back—put your clocks back one hour)

November 3, 2013 - Diwali, Indian Festival of Lights

November 4, 2013 - First day of Muharram, Islamic New Year

November 11, 2013 - Remembrance Day—QUIS office closed

November 28, 2013 - First day of Hanukkah, Jewish holiday



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FALL HAS ARRIVED!



Summer is slowly coming to an end. Soon, everyone will be back to school and work and regular routines. Fall is a beautiful time in Canada. The heat of the summer begins to fade slowly to be replaced by cooler temperatures and leaves changing colour.

As the summer ends, Canadians celebrate Labour Day. This marks the unofficial end of summer (the real end comes on September 22):



LABOUR DAY:

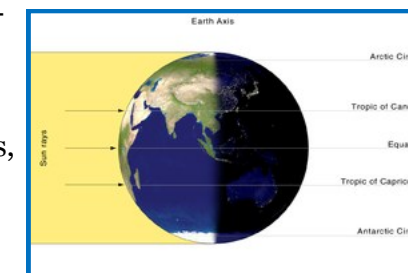
Since the 1880's, Labour Day in Canada has been celebrated on the first Monday in September. In December, 1872, a parade was held in support of the Toronto Typographical Union's strike for a 58-hour work week.

The following year (1873), the government passed the Trade Union Act. After that, unions began seeking a 54-hour work week. On July 23, 1894, Labour Day was made an official holiday in Canada.

Labour Day is usually celebrated by parades and picnics, final trips to the family cottage. As people go back to school and work after Labour Day, it is considered the unofficial end of summer. This year, Labour Day falls on September 2.

AUTUMN EQUINOX:

This year, on September 22, we will experience the autumn (fall) equinox in the northern hemisphere (half of the world). On the equinox, the sun rises directly in the east and sets directly in the west. The day and night are roughly equal in length. In Latin, equinox means "equal night". Even before the equinox, the days appear to be getting shorter, with darkness coming earlier. Also, it is beginning to get a bit cooler.



In September, there are also several Jewish holidays, including Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

Enjoy the fall. Get out and see the fall colours on the trees, go to a fall fair and enjoy the sights of the beautiful Quinte region.

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To register, call QUIIS at 613-968-7723 Ext 26 Before Friday November 22, 2013

NEW IMMIGRATION MINISTER FOR CANADA

In July, Canada got a new Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. He's Chris Alexander, who replaces Jason Kenney. Mr. Kenney held the post of Minister from 2008-2013. and now becomes Minister of Employment and Social Development.

Mr. Alexander worked in the Canadian foreign service as a diplomat for 18 years. Between 2003 and 2005, he was Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan. His involvement in Afghanistan continued until 2009.

Chris Alexander is from Toronto. He studied at McGill University in Montreal and Oxford University in England.

If you want to know more about Chris Alexander or Citizenship and Immigration Canada, visit their website at www.cic.gc.ca.

Mr. Alexander and his family live in Ajax, Ontario.



English Conversation Circles

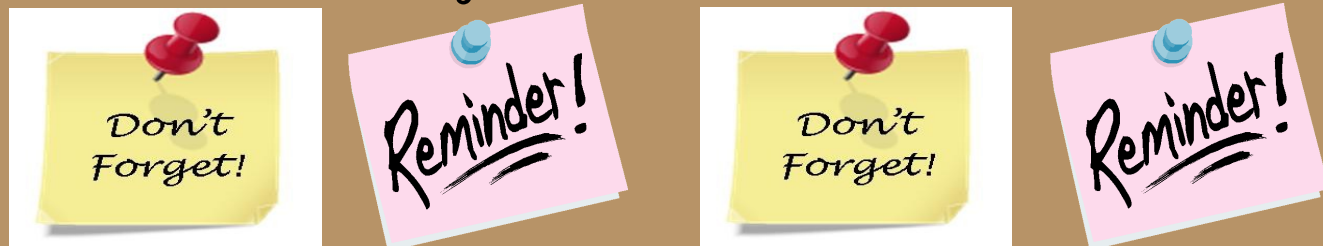


Beginning this Fall—2013

Date: Every Thursday Time: 6:00 pm —7:00 pm

Belleville Public Library—254 Pinnacle Street, 2nd Floor

Monthly Information Sessions



QUIS staff provide monthly information sessions to our

Clients regarding various services and agencies with in the Quinte Area.

Where: QUIS Board Room—U1—3rd Floor—41 Octavia Street

Time: 12:00 noon—1pm (Usually Wednesdays)

You can find more information but the upcoming Workshops on:

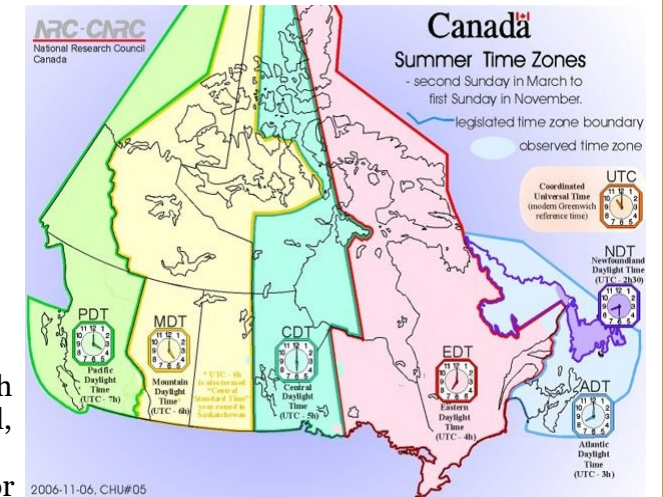
Facebook, our Advertisement Board, in our office, or Call 613-968-7723

CHANGING THE CLOCKS

At 2 a.m. on November 3, daylight saving time (DST) will end. That means that we will set our clocks back one hour. On March 10 this year, we put our clocks ahead one hour in order to “save daylight”. By putting our clocks ahead in the spring, many people believe we make better use of the daylight during the summer. Some believe that it leads to fewer traffic accidents, as people can see better later in the day; children have more time to socialize and it can increase tourism, as there are more outdoor activities. Many people also believe that daylight saving time leads to reduced energy use, as there is less need for artificial lights. However, not all research shows energy savings.

In 2007, daylight saving time was increased in Canada and the United States. The new start date became the second Sunday in March and the new end date the first Sunday in November.

To remember which way to move your clock at which time, think “in spring, spring (jump) forward, in fall, fall back”. The time change is always done on the weekend, so if you forget, you are not late for work or school!



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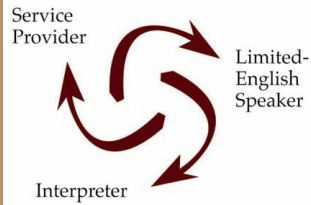
Today is a good day to learn more, so let's talk.

Este es un buen momento para informarse mejor, así que hablemos.



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LANGUAGE LEVELS FOR CITIZENSHIP

Starting in November, 2012, all applicants for citizenship between the ages of 18 and 54 must prove that their English or French is at Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 4/Niveau de compétence linguistique canadien (NCLC) 4.



Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) will accept the following forms of proof:

- Third-party test results that you already sent to CIC or Ministère de l'Immigration et Communautés culturelles Quebec (MICC) for a previous application as a Federal or Quebec-selected skilled worker or Canadian Experience Class
- CELPIP General (Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program general test)
- CELPIP General (LS) - a two skill (listening and speaking) version of the CELPIP general test
- IELTS - General training (International English Language Testing System)
- TEF - Test d'Evaluation de Francais -in French only
- TEFAQ - Test d'Evaluation de Francais adapte au Quebec (in French only or TEF epreuves orales- a 2 skill (listening and speaking) version of TEF
- Proof of completion of a secondary or post-secondary education program in French or English, in Canada or abroad, such as a transcript, diploma or certificate from a high school or a transcript, diploma, certificate or degree from a college or university. A single course does not meet the requirement
- Proof of achieving CLB/NCLC 4 in speaking and listening through a Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)/Cours de langue pour les immigrants au Canada (CLIC) course. Applicants who successfully complete a course (LINC/CLIC) after November, 2012 should submit a copy of the certificate issued to them
- Proof of achieving CLB/NCLC 4 in speaking and listening issued by a provincially-funded language training course in Manitoba, British Columbia or Quebec.



Those younger than 18 or older than 54 do not have to supply proof of language ability.

More information is available on the CIC website at www.cic.gc.ca

Also, if you have questions about the language requirements for citizenship, please come to see us at QUIS.



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QUIS in the Community

OPEN HOUSE & POTLUCK A SUCCESS

On June 12, QUIS staff welcomed clients and friends to the annual open house and potluck. Guests shared a variety of delicious food from around the world and got to know some new people.

The annual potluck is a chance for people to find out about what QUIS does, get to know the staff and meet fellow clients to chat and share experiences. People always have a good time !

QUIS would like to thank those who attended and appreciates their contributions of food and friendship. We look forward to seeing you at the next QUIS event!



COMMUNITY BBQ IN THE PARK

On August 21, QUIS held its first community BBQ. We welcomed board members, staff, volunteers, service providers, neighbours, friends, family, and clients.

We enjoyed an evening in the park listening to music and enjoying barbecued hotdogs and a variety of side dishes from around the world.

A big thank you to our volunteers and everyone that contributed to make this event a great experience.



PRIDE PARADE

On August 24, QUIS participated in the first Belleville Pride Parade. A display highlighting our services was set up in the sheltered area of Zwick's Park, alongside other local agencies and groups.

The event was energetic and well-attended. Prior to the event, the rainbow flag was flown at Belleville City Hall and messages of support were made by Mayor Neil Ellis and Premier Kathleen Wynne.



RESULTS OF QLIP SURVEY ON ACCESS TO SERVICES

The Quinte Local Immigration Partnership (QLIP) has developed a survey for newcomers accessing local services in the greater Quinte area. A sample group of newcomers recently completed the survey. Most of those surveyed were Permanent Residents who have lived in the greater Quinte area from 3 to 10 years or more.

The participants came from a range of ages, educational backgrounds and professions. Some families had children and had had contact with the educational system, mostly from kindergarten to grade 12.

For health services, most participants used walk-in clinics, followed by hospital visits, and the Belleville and Quinte West Community Health Centre and Health Units.

Very few had made use of community services such as housing or financial services and few had accessed employment services.



Some mentioned that the lack of transportation between population centres was somewhat of a problem. survey participants' said:

"Honestly, I love QUIS. I am comfortable relating with the staff, they are all ready to help newcomers like us."
 "I have been very impressed with the help we've gotten, both in referring us to useful services and telling us what is available. We really appreciate all the help!!!"

The next QLIP meeting is on October 8 from 9-11 am at the Quinte West Municipal offices.

If you require more information about Quinte Local Immigration Partnership, you can contact John L. Robertson at (613) 968-7723 extension 23.



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NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



Are you looking for a job? Are you having trouble trying to figure out how to get a job in Canada? Come to QUIS on Thursday afternoons to get some help! QUIS has a new partnership with Community Employment Services (CES) Belleville. An Employment Consultant from CES will be coming to QUIS every Thursday afternoon after 1pm to provide employment services on-site to our clients.

You can have a meeting with an employment consultant and find out about: your resume, job searching, who's hiring, how to apply for a job and any other info you want to know about working!

Community Employment Services is part of Loyalist College and is funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities of Ontario. It's also completely free of charge! We are excited about this new partnership and we encourage you to contact QUIS to make an appointment for any Thursday afternoon starting now! Call us at 613-968-7723 or come into our office to book an appointment.

QUIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEETS MINISTER OF FINANCE



In August, Orlando Ferro, the QUIS Executive Director, along with other local business and municipal leaders, attended a consultation meeting with **Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa**, to provide input on the importance of attracting foreign investment to the Quinte Region, the fast tracking of immigration processing times through the Provincial Nominee Program, and the need to increase the minimum wage to revitalize local economies through consumer spending.

Mr. Ferro took the opportunity to express the need to fund a regional immigration portal to provide job/investment information and programs for youth, as well as the need to eliminate red tape in government.

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