

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

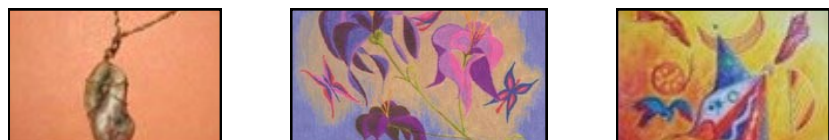
- Information Session: CMHA– September 27th, 2017, 41 Octavia St., 2nd Floor Common Room, 11am-12pm
- Suit Drive– September 28th 2017, 41 Octavia St. 3rd Floor, 11:30-7pm
- Funeral Services Information Session – October 18th 2017, 41 Octavia St, 2nd Floor Common Room, 11am-12pm
- Halloween Costume & Movie Night – October 26th 2017, 41 Octavia St, 2nd Floor Common Room, 5-7pm
- Banking in Canada Information Session – November 7th 2017, 41 Octavia St, 2nd Floor Common Room, 11am-12pm
- Christmas Bazaar – November 17th 2017, 41 Octavia St, 12-7pm
- Children’s Holiday Party – December 1st 2017, 432 Bridge St East, Belleville (Eastminster United Church), 5:30-7:30pm
- Cancer Society Information Session– December 5th, 2017, 41 Octavia St., 2nd Floor Common Room, 11am-12pm

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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School is Cool



September is here again, and for many Canadians that means it’s back to school season!

In Ontario, there are different levels of education students can complete. They include: elementary school, secondary school, post-secondary school (college and university), and adult learning programs.

Kindergarten is another possible education option in Ontario. Children are eligible to begin Kindergarten when they turn four years old. Most programs are two years long, which includes Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten.

After turning six years old, all children in Ontario must be enrolled in school full-time, until their 18th birthday. Ontarians attend elementary school from Grades 1 to 8, and secondary school from Grades 9 to 12.

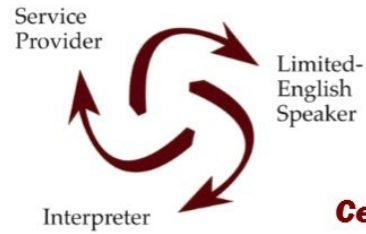
After finishing Grade 12, many individuals continue their studies in colleges and universities.

For more information about schooling in this area, contact Hastings Prince Edward District School Board or Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board.

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ARABIC	LINGALA*
ARMENIAN*	LITHUANIAN*
ASSYRIAN*	LOW GERMAN*
AZERI*	MACEDONIAN+
BENGALI*	MALAY ^
BERBER*	MALAYALAM*
BIKOL*	MALTESE*
BOSNIAN*	MANDARIN
BULGARIAN**	(MODERN
BURMESE**	CHINESE) ^
CAMBODIAN**	MARATHI *
CANTONESE	MIN NAM
(TRADITIONAL	(HOKKIEN)*
CHINESE) ^	NEPALI *
CATALAN	NORWEGIAN
CHALDEAN*	NUER*
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FARSI ^	RUSSIAN ^
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FLEMISH*	SERBIAN+
FRENCH ^	SERBO-CROATIAN
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GREEK ^	SLOVAK
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HUNGARIAN	SWEDISH
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(BAHDINI)*	
(KURMANDJI)*	
(SORANI)*	

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Canadian Cancer Society

Information Session: Canadian Cancer Society

Tuesday, December 05th

11am-12pm

Common Room, 2nd Floor

41 Octavia Street

Up-to-date information on:

- Different types of cancer
- Symptoms
- Prevention



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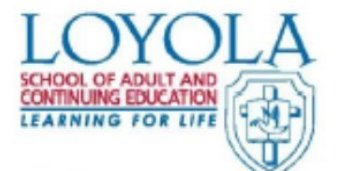
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Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board

**Quinte Immigration Services Annual
Children's Holiday Party**

Friday December 1, 2017

5:30 pm To 7:30pm

Eastminster United Church

432 Bridge Street East, Belleville

RSVP by November 24 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

Food will be provided and you are welcome to bring a dish to share.

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New Settlement Workers Join QUIS

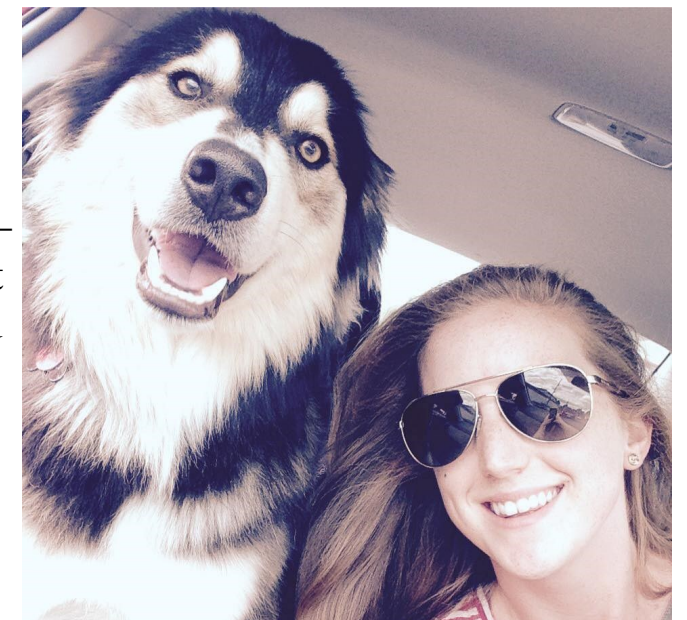
Hello, my name is Mahmoud Abu Zeineh! I studied English at Birzeit University in Ramallah, West Bank of Jordan. I taught English language for high school students in Jerusalem. I worked for different companies in the Middle East as an English—Arabic translator/interpreter including Vinnell Corporation and the Embassy of Japan in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

I studied at Ashton College, Vancouver, British Columbia and completed my Immigration Consultant Diploma in 2016. I am very passionate in helping refugees, the disabled, the homeless, orphans, and less privileged people.

I moved to the beautiful city of Belleville in mid-August 2017. The small city has very beautiful scenery and very friendly people.



Hello, my name is Ashley Spuehler. My husband and I recently moved back to Belleville to live closer to family and friends. We purchased a starter home that we refer to as our, “diamond in the rough” – a very nice way of saying project home that we plan to make beautiful with lots of hard work and patience. Prior to working with QUIS, I studied at Loyalist College then proceeded to Laurier University to further my education. I am very excited to be a part of the QUIS team as one of the newest Settlement Workers!



New QUIS Staff

Hi, I'm Jeff Wildgen, and I was hired in June 2017 to assist with the Farmers Feed The World (FFTW) project. FFTW hopes to help to find employment for Syrian refugees in the agricultural sector throughout Ontario. I was born and raised in Belleville long, long, ago and then I went to York University to study Film Production. After graduating, I moved to Japan where I taught ESL for many years. I returned to Belleville in 2008 and taught ESL at Loyola, so not only have I helped immigrants in Canada, but I was also an immigrant myself in Japan. I look forward to helping out at QUIS over the next nine months.



Hello Friends! My name is Laura Daly and I will be working as QUIS' newest Office Support Worker. In the past few years, I have learned a lot through work and volunteering that will be helpful to me on this new journey. From a placement with Elizabeth Fry Society Kingston to working with youth with disabilities, to being a job search specialist at an Employment Ontario agency. I am very passionate about helping people who are facing barriers and I can't wait to broaden my knowledge in the community where I grew up. I am looking forward to this new experience and I am excited to be part of the QUIS team!



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Unique gift ideas for everyone on your list!

Friday November 17, 2017

12:00pm—7:00pm

**At the Community Resource Centre Quinte
41 Octavia Street, Belleville**

**Jewelry, Preserves, Crafts, Ornaments, Cosmetics,
Scarves, Knitted Items, Soaps, and much more!**

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR VENDORS NEEDED

Bazaar Organizer Contact Information:

Meghan Beatty

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 17, 2017

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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Fall Holidays in Canada



	Halloween	Thanksgiving
When we celebrate	Halloween is celebrated October 31st, every year.	Thanksgiving in Canada is celebrated the 2nd Monday of October. This means it is not held on the same date every year.
What we do	Children dress in costumes and go “trick-or-treating” throughout neighbourhoods. Candy and other snacks are handed out to participants.	Thanksgiving is celebrated differently across the country. Many families or groups of friends have gatherings to celebrate and share their thanks
What we eat	On Halloween, many Canadians eat chocolate, candy, potato chips, and other snack foods.	Thanksgiving is usually celebrated with a large feast, including: turkey, potatoes, gravy, root vegetables, and pumpkin pie.
Who do we spend it with	Halloween can be spent with friends, family, or complete strangers!	Most Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving with their families and close loved ones.
How we dress	Most Canadians celebrate Halloween by dressing up. Popular costumes include witches, ghosts, vampires, and zombies.	Thanksgiving celebrations don't usually have a strict dress code, most Canadians dress casually for their family meals.
What it means to us	Traditionally, Halloween was celebrated as the time when the spirits of those who have passed away can come to visit the world of the living. Now it is seen more as a fun celebration with costumes and treats.	Thanksgiving in Canada is a time to be thankful for the good things in our lives. Traditionally, it was associated with bountiful fall harvests, which is why we celebrate with a meal.

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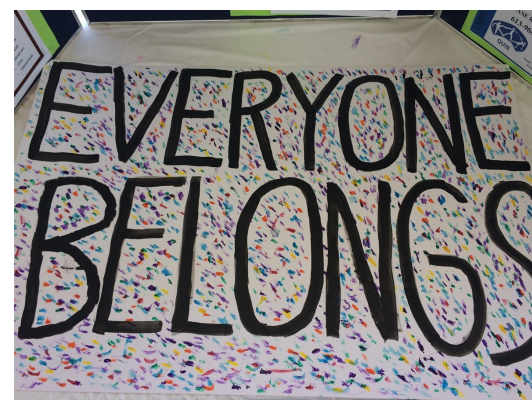
QUIS Shows Its Pride



On Saturday, June 10th, Meghan Beatty attended the Belleville Pride in the Park celebration as a representative for QUIS.

For the past ten years, the Belleville area has celebrated LGBTQ+ Pride Month with a summer event called Pride in the Park. From its origins as a simple get-together in Zwick's Park, Belleville's Pride celebration now features a parade through the city, a karaoke night, an after-dark outdoor nightclub, an interfaith pride religious service, and a brunch!

This event is very important to the LGBTQ+ community in Quinte, as it gives a chance for the group to share their culture and experiences with those who may be unfamiliar. LGBTQ+ people have been, and remain to be, persecuted for their gender identity and sexual orientation. Pride celebrations have become a meaningful part of the LGBTQ+ community's visibility and support, with parades and events occurring throughout the world.



Meghan's poster for Pride 2017

Information Session: Banking in Canada

Presented by:



*Learn all you need to know about banking in Canada;
setting up an account, PINs, deposits, and much more!*

Tuesday, November 7th
11am – 12pm
Common Room, 2nd Floor



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Upcoming QUIS Events,

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1		2 Eid-al-Adha—Muslim Observance
3	4 Labour Day—QUIS Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Rosh Hashanah—Jewish Observance	22 Muharram (Islamic New Year)	23
24	25	26	27 CMHA Info Session 11am-12pm, 41 Octavia St, 2nd Floor Common Room	28 Annual Suit Drive, 41 Octavia St. 11:30am-7pm	29	30 Yom Kippur—Jewish Observance

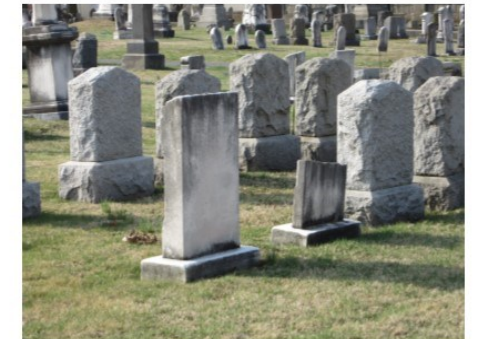
October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Mental Health Awareness Week Begins	2	3	4	5 Sukkot Begins—Jewish Observance	6	7 Mental Health Awareness Week Ends
8	9 Thanksgiving Day—QUIS office closed	10	11 Sukkot Ends—Jewish Observance	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Funeral Info Session, 11am-12pm, 41 Octavia St, 2nd Floor	19	20	21
22	23	24 United Nations Day—Observance	25	26 Costume and Movie Night, 5-7:30pm, 41 Octavia St, 2nd Floor	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween—Observance				



Funeral Services Information Session

Up to date information on funeral rights and responsibilities



Wednesday, October 18th

11am-12pm

Common Room, 2nd Floor

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SUIT DRIVE



GET A FREE FORMAL SUIT

Thursday, September 28th, 2017

11:30am – 7pm
41 Octavia Street

3rd Floor



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Holidays, and Observances

■ = Observances and Holidays

■ = QUIS events

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day— Observance	2	3	4
5 Daylight Sav- ings Time Ends	6	7 Banking Info Ses- sion, 11am-12pm, 41 Octavia St, 2nd Floor	8	9	10	11 Remem- brance Day— Observance
12	13 Remembrance Day Stat. Holiday— QUIS Office Closed	14	15 National Phi- lanthropy Day— Observance	16	17 QUIS Christmas Bazaar, 12-7pm, 41 Octavia St.	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Holodomor Memorial Day— Observance
26	27	28 Giving Tues- day—Observance	29	30		

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 QUIS Children's Holiday Party, 5:30- 7:30pm, Eastminster United Church	2
3	4	5 Cancer Society Info Session: 11am-12pm, 41 Octavia St. 2nd Floor Common Room	6	7	8 Feast of the Im- maculate Conception— Christian Observance	9
10 Human Rights Day— Observance	11	12 Hanukkah Begins—Jewish Observance	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Hanukkah Ends—Jewish Ob- servance	21 Winter Sol- stice—Observance	22	23
24/31 Christ- mas Eve (24) / New Year's Eve (31)	25 Christmas Day—QUIS Office Closed	26 Boxing Day— QUIS Office Closed	27	28	29	30



Farmers Feed the World

Farmers Feed the World is a program developed by QUIS and funded by the Canadian Red Cross, now running since May, 2016. The aim of the program is to connect Syrian newcomers and employers in food agriculture and food manufacturing fields so that Syrian refugees can achieve self-sustainability and become active in their local economies .

This coming year, QUIS will be working with other Ontario immigration agencies to host Skills Connect events in their local communities. These events aim to connect collectives of newcomers with multiple local employers in agricultural fields.

Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in volunteering at QUIS?

Do you need experience in the field?

Are you a high school student looking for volunteer hours?

Find your place at QUIS by volunteering at events, such as the Halloween movie night and the Christmas bazaar, as well as assisting with various administrative duties within the office.

If you would like to join the QUIS team, contact Meghan Beatty at **613-968-7723 x25** or **ceotis@quinteimmigration.ca**. It is encouraged that a resume is sent in alongside your inquiry.

Any volunteers over 18 are required to present a criminal record check and vulnerable sector screening that has been issued within the past 30 days.



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Mental health for all

Information Session:

Canadian Mental Health Association



Wednesday, September 27th

11am-12pm

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