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QUIS Relocation Celebration

On Wednesday September 19th, Quinte Immigration Services held a Relocation Celebration to celebrate our move to our new office at **Unit 2, 345 College Street East in Belleville**. Many clients and community members attended and were welcomed by our staff. Everyone was given a tour of the office and refreshments were served. It was great to have so many people come to visit our new space and help get the word out in the community about our new location.

Everyone at QUIS is very grateful for everyone's patience during our transition to our new office. It was a big change, but as the saying goes, the more things change the more they stay the same. We still offer the same services at our new location, with the same staff. Our phone extensions have changed and our menu when you call in has been updated to reflect that, but our email addresses and website haven't changed. Our new office is accessible, with ramps leading to the front door. If you haven't been to see it yet, we hope you can visit soon and have a look!



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Quinte Immigration Services has
moved!

As of September 1st, 2018, our
office is now located at **Unit #2, 345
College Street East in Belleville.**

Our office can be reached by
Belleville Transit on **Route #3.**

Please continue to call us at **613-968
-7723 ext. 0** to book appointments.

Returning Staff

In the month of August 2018, Quinte Immigration Services was delighted to welcome back Cat Fisher-Andrews as a settlement worker. Cat previously worked for QUIS from 2008 to 2016 and has a great deal of experience in helping newcomers settle in Canada. She will be

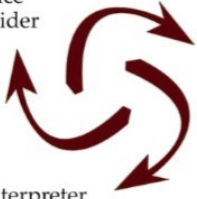


working Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and she will be available for appointments at the Belleville Public Library from 4pm-7pm on Wednesdays. To book an appointment, please call us at 613-968-7723 ext. 0. We're all very grateful to have Cat as a part of the QUIS team once again!



Pictured above: Our new office location

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BENGGALI*	MALAY ^
BERBER*	MALAYALAM*
BIKOL*	MALTESE*
BOSNIAN*	MANDARIN
BULGARIAN**	(MODERN
BURMESE**	CHINESE) ^
CAMBODIAN**	MARATHI*
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FARSI ^	RUSSIAN ^
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FRENCH ^	SERBO-CROATIAN
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(SORANI)*	

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Halloween Celebrations

Halloween is a cultural holiday celebrated in many different ways throughout the world on October 31st. It was originally linked to the Gaelic harvest celebration Samhain, which is still celebrated by people of Gaelic descent and some who practice Paganism and Wicca.

In Canada, Halloween is mostly known as a celebration of all things spooky and autumn-related. Most activities are geared towards children, but there's plenty of fun for adults and families as well. Halloween is a choose-your-own-adventure holiday, the way you celebrate is completely up to you! Below is a list of popular activities that you and your loved ones might enjoy this October:

- **Trick-or-treating:** The most well-known Halloween activity! Children dress in costumes and go door-to-door in the evening collecting candy by saying “trick or treat!” Children should always be accompanied by an adult, and all candy should be inspected for damage before eating.
If you'd like to welcome trick-or-treaters, purchase as much candy as you'd like to give away, leave your porch light on, and put up Halloween decorations if you'd like. It won't take long for them to come knocking!
- **Costumes:** Costumes can also be worn by teenagers and adults to parties, other Halloween events, or even to work if your workplace encourages it! Ghosts, TV/movie characters, vampires, historical figures— the only limit is your imagination!
- **Corn mazes:** A popular activity in rural areas such as ours. Some farmers will design and cut mazes into their corn fields and charge a small admission fee to try and get from one end of the maze to the other. Often there will be other activities such as apple picking and Halloween-themed crafts and games.
- **Haunted houses:** A good activity for those who enjoy a little scare! Haunted houses can be family friendly or for teenagers and adults. Often they're organized to raise money for a good cause.

FALL WORD SEARCH

Find and circle the list of words in the word puzzle below.

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Current Events

With fall in full swing, QUIS is bustling as always with a variety of events. We host monthly information sessions and workshops on a variety of topics, as well as Community Connections events intended to bring people together for fun and togetherness. Check the back page and posters throughout for our upcoming events, or call 613-968-7723 ext. 240 for more information!

Quinte Humane Society Info Session

On September 20th, QUIS hosted an information session on the Quinte Humane Society in partnership with the Loyola School of Adult & Continuing Education. The guest speakers provided some great information on the services they provide to the community, some helpful tips on pet ownership, and the furry friend they brought with them loved all the attention!



Annual Suit Drive Event

On September 27th, QUIS held our Annual Suit Drive event. The Suit Drive provides free formal clothing to QUIS clients for work and job interviews. The clothes are donated by Moores Menswear as well as community members, we're grateful to our local Moores Menswear outlet and those who donated for their generosity. Many QUIS clients attended and were able to go home with new professional fashions and feel confident as they head into the workforce or into their next interview!



Upcoming QUIS Events,

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Simchat Torah	3	4	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving—Office Closed	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Fire Prevention Info Session 11am-12pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25-	26	27
28	29	30 Arba'een—Muslim Observance	31 Halloween			

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Advent—Christian Observance	3 Hanukkah—Jewish Observance	4	5 Health Centre Info Session-11am-12pm	6	7 Children's Holiday Party 5:30-7:30pm	1/8 Bodhi Day—Buddhist Observance
9	10 Human Rights Day-Intl.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22
23	24 Christmas Eve-Observed	25 Christmas Day-Office Closed	26 Boxing Day-Office Closed	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					

Holidays, and Observances.

 = QUIS Events

 = Holidays and Observances

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 All Saint's Day -Christian Observance	2 Dia de los Muertos-Mexico	3
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends	5	6 Diwali—Hindu Observation	7 Winter Safety Info Session—11am-12pm	8	9	10
11 Remembrance Day	12 Remembrance Day-Office Closed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Mawlid-Muslim Observance	21	22 HHRC Info Session-11am-12pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6 Epiphany-Christian Observance	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Sports & Wellness Centre Info Session 11-12	17	18	19
20	21 Tu B'Shevat-Jewish Observance	22	23 Family Bingo Night-5pm-7pm	24	25	26
27 Intl. Holocaust Remembrance Day	29	30	31			

New Placement Students

QUIS has a group of four placement students from the Loyalist College Social Service Worker Accelerated Program joining us every Friday until December. They'll be working on a variety of projects and events during their time here. We're so happy to have them join the QUIS team!

- **Vicki MacDonald:** I previously attended Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario where I received a bachelor's degree in Criminology. I am now studying Social Service Work in order to improve on my skills to better serve my clientele. My passions lie in working with at-risk youth, but I am excited for the opportunity to try something that is outside of my comfort zone and learn more about the immigration process. I look forward to seeing many of you during my time here!
- **Alyssa Wilson:** I was born and raised in Hastings County, and I attended the University of Guelph with a major in Criminal Justice and Public Policy, and a minor in Family and Child Studies. A career goal of mine has been to make a difference in my community, and I have always a passion for helping people. I now have the opportunity to gain experience in a field I am utterly passionate about. I greatly look forward to my time here at QUIS, and I am excited to gain insight on how this organization makes a positive impact on individuals' lives, and our community.
- **Karen Serpes:** I received my Bachelors of Health Studies and specialized in Health Management and Informatics at York University with the intention of pursuing the medical field. On my journey of volunteering. I realized my passion for working with people at a community level. I really enjoy helping and advocating for others to make a difference in my community. I want to be able to make a difference in people's lives with the intention of broadening and strengthening the community at large.

My parents migrated to Canada in the mid-90's. It was a scary move to make but we knew we were coming to a country where all cultures and nationalities were embraced. We received help and support from organizations and from people from all walks of life. We thought we were alone, but having support services in the community really helped us to feel welcomed and accepted-- like we belonged. I want to be able to give back and help families in the same way we were helped. At QUIS, I hope to learn and acquire skills to encourage newcomers, from all walks of life, reach their goal and embrace the ever-growing multicultural and diverse city we live in!

Ashlyn Patterson: I previously took Developmental Service Worker Program (DSW) at Loyalist College. I have volunteered at many places and completed a variety of placements in Belleville, including schools and long-term care facilities. I enjoy being able to provide support and be the best help that I can be. While in this placement I hope that I am able to assist people and help them access important resources. I would like to help everyone feel welcome while I am here and I would like to do my best to provide what I can.



Left to Right: Karen Serpes, Vicki MacDonald, Alyssa Wilson

Not Pictured: Ashlyn Patterson



**CANADIAN
RED CROSS**



11am-12pm

NOVEMBER 7th 2018

2nd Floor Common Room

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

Friday, December 7th, 2018

5:30 pm To 7:00pm

Eastminster United Church

432 Bridge Street East, Belleville

RSVP by November 26th at 613-968-7723 ex. 240

Cost: \$2 per person OR \$5 per family

Raffle tickets: \$1 for 1 or 3 for \$2

Food will be provided! Feel free to bring a dish to share!



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Local Events



Fall is a popular time for crafting, enjoying the colourful outdoors before it gets too cold, and getting ready for Halloween. Below is a list of some events happening locally this fall.

Mistletoe Magic Artisan Show: Nov. 10th, 2018 10am – 4pm, Travelodge Hotel, Belleville. Mistletoe Magic is Quinte Region's most anticipated handcraft Holiday Market featuring the original designs of over 65+ regional artisans. \$5 admission, children under 12 free.

20th Annual Belleville Nighttime Santa Claus Parade: Nov. 18th, 2018 4:30pm. Parade begins at the Fairgrounds property exiting onto Sidney St, turning east along Bridge Street.

Bloomfield Festival of Lights: Nov. 23rd, 2018 6:30pm. Bloomfield's annual Santa Claus Parade, the village sparkles like a magical land with floats, bands and lots of glitz. Main Street closes at 6pm, and the holiday lights in the village are turned on all at once. Food vendors available on Main Street, chili & hot chocolate in the Town Hall @ 4pm.

We at QUIS wish everyone a safe, warm, and enjoyable season!



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

- Canadian Red Cross Winter Safety Info Session-Wednesday November 7th, 11am-12pm
- Hastings Housing Resource Centre Info Session, Thursday November 22nd, 11am-12pm
- Belleville & Quinte West Community Health Centre Info Session-Wednesday December 5th, 11am-12pm
- Children's Holiday Party, Eastminster United Church-Friday December 7th, 5:30pm-7:30pm
- Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre Info Session, Wednesday January 16th, 11am-12pm
- Family Bingo Night, Wednesday January 22nd, 5pm-7pm
- IRCC/QUIS Info Session, Wednesday February 6th, 11am-12pm

QUIS IS ON SKYPE!

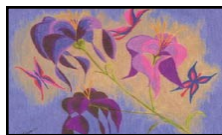
QUIS settlement workers are now available on Skype to assist clients who live in remote areas or clients of the Farmers Feed the World Program! If you wish to Skype a settlement worker, please contact us by e-mail or phone first, and we will set up a Skype appointment for you!



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