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Winter Holidays in Canada

Winter in Canada is a season to be looked forward to: a time of cold, crisp days, white landscapes and blue skies. View the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights), cozy up in front of big log fires with hot chocolate or go out on snowshoes .

Frozen lakes, waist deep snow, wildlife tracking, the howl of a wolf and the crisp clear air. These are just a few winter delights. Whether you choose to stay at your own comfy and cozy home or select a multi-day adventure, we are convinced that winter is wonderful!

In this time of the year, there are a lot of special days on the Canadian calendar.

The federal government does officially define seven other days as “**holidays**”. **Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Years Day** are part of those days and are recognized as public holidays in most provinces. Most Canadian laws, businesses, and social traditions operate on the assumption that the majority of citizens will not be working on these days.

It's also a magical time of year for families celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or other festive celebrations. Are you ready to enjoy these Winter Holidays ?



New QUIS Staff

Nallely Sanchez-Bailey

In the month of November, we welcomed Nallely to the QUIS team as our new Administrative Assistant.



“Hello. My name is Nallely Sanchez-Bailey. I am from Mexico. I completed a BA in Psychology in 2001. Since then, I have worked as a counsellor, psychologist but also as human resources manager and instructor.

I moved to this beautiful country two years ago when I married to an awesome Canadian guy in 2015. Since arriving in Canada, I’ve been working as a part-time Spanish instructor and I am really enjoying it.

As an immigrant myself, I am still in the process of finding my place in this country, but this challenge has helped me to recognize skills in myself I never thought I had. I look forward to improving my credentials in Canada and having my own private practice in the future.

Now, as part of QUIS, I have the opportunity to connect with people who are going through a similar experience to me at the time that I support QUIS team in their daily office needs and general administrative activities. I am so glad to be part of QUIS!”

Helen Rector

In the month of December, we welcomed Helen to the QUIS team as our new Finance Clerk.

“I, Helen Rector, joined QUIS on December 1, 2017 as the Finance Clerk. I have over 20 years of Accounting, Administration and Human Resources experience. I was born and raised in Montreal, and moved to Ontario permanently in 1995. In my spare time, I enjoy listening to music, watching hockey and taking part in a variety of family activities.”



Farmers Feed the World



The Farmers Feed the World project is delivered by Quinte Immigration Services, with funding from the Canadian Red Cross, support from the East Central Ontario Training Board, the Quinte Local Immigration Partnership, and resources were provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs. It was developed originally to integrate Syrian refugees settling in Ontario focused on agri-food and agricultural jobs. It is part of a larger initiative to provide a path for self-sustainability for Syrian refugee families to assist them with: employment within agriculture; business ownership via the lease of land; or ownership of a small farming business through the purchase of vacant farmland, or a farmhouse with small acreage. The target area for this project is the Province of Ontario, as Ontario is experiencing a large labour shortage in several areas including agricultural and the agri-food processing industry.

An information session was held in Belleville on November 15, 2016 with a panel of 13 experts providing information on the agriculture sector in Ontario, as well as various support services available to newcomers. Over 120 attended including 77 Syrian Refugees, plus Arabic interpreters, observers, supporters and volunteers. Information session webinar with videos will soon be available online in Arabic and English. Skill-matching events were held in Belleville and Ajax Ontario.

Up to March 31, 2018 any clients with questions related to information posted on the website will be assisted by an Arabic-speaking settlement worker when contacting Quinte Immigration Services (QUIS). Quinte Immigration Services (QUIS) website is available at: <http://www.quinteimmigration.ca> and the Arabic portion of the website is available at: <http://ar.quinteimmigration.ca>



MPP Lou Rinaldi and QUIS Executive Director Mr. Orlando Ferro

PREMIER'S AWARD FOR
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Children's Movie Night

Wednesday, January 17th, 2017

The movie playing will be

Finding Dory

2nd Floor, Common Room

Doors open at 5:00pm

Movie runs from

5:30pm to 7:00pm

RSVP by Friday, January 12th

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Information Session: YMCA

Wednesday, January 31st, 2017

11am-12pm

Common Room,

2nd Floor

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Upcoming QUIS Events,

December 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 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. | 6 | 7 | 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Christian | 9 |
| 10 Human Rights Day—Observance | 11 | 12 Hanukkah Begins—Jewish Observance | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Hanukkah Ends—Jewish Observance | 21 Winter Solstice -Observance | 22 | 23 |
| 24/31 Christmas Eve (24) / New Year's | 25 Christmas Day—QUIS Office Closed | 26 Boxing Day—QUIS Office Closed | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

January 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|-----|----------------------|
| | 1 New Year's Day— QUIS Office Closed | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Epiphany—Christian |
| 7 Orthodox Christmas— Christian | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Orthodox New Year— Christian | 15 | 16 | 17 QUIS Movie Night, 5:30-7 pm, 41 Octavia Street | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 World Religion Day— Ob-servance | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 YMCA Info Session, 11 am-12 pm, 41 Octavia St. | | | |

Holidays, and Observances.

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February 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Groundhog Day- Observance | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 CIC Info Session, 11 am-12 pm, 41 Octavia St. | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 CAS Info Session, 11 am-12 pm, 41 Octavia St. | 14 Ash Wednesday- Christian | 15 National Flag of Canada Day- Observance | 16 Chinese New Year- Observance | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Family Day- QUIS Office closed | 20 World Day of Social Justice- Observance | 21 International Mother Language Day- Observance | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | |

March 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 St David's Day- Observance | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Income Tax Info Session: 11 AM-12 PM, 41 Octavia St. | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Daylight Saving Time starts | 12 Commonwealth Day - Observance | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day - Observance |
| 18 | 19 | 20 March equinox | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Palm Sunday- Christian | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Maundy Thursday - Christian | 30 Good Friday- National holiday, - QUIS Office Closed | 31 Holy Saturday - Christian |

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2017

The 5th annual QUIS Christmas Bazaar took place on Friday, November 17th, 2017! This was a fantastic event for both the community and QUIS clients who could take part in selling their hand-made gifts and specialty items just in time for the holiday season! Shoppers came throughout the day from 12pm to 8pm to look around and start their holiday shopping.

Thanks to all Vendors, Shoppers, Staff and Volunteers who made this possible!



QUIS Holiday Party

On Friday, December 1, QUIS held its annual children's holiday party at Eastminster United Church. Again this year, the party was a big success, with over 75 people in attendance. The children enjoyed doing various crafts and listening to music, and the adults chatted and ate together. The highlight of the evening was a visit from Santa Claus. The kids sang and clapped when he arrived in the hall!

Everybody enjoyed a pizza dinner and tried their luck on a number of interesting raffle baskets. QUIS would like to thank Bulk Barn, Metro, Roluf's, Keep It Simple Coffee, Frito Lay, Whites Mechanical & Fabrication, Wilson Sports, the United Way of Quinte, the Scotiabank NHL Alumni Benefit Tour, and Dr. Brent Cerqua for their donations which helped make this event a success.

QUIS would like to thank everyone who took part, especially the volunteers from Quinte First Credit Union.

QUIS would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you again at next year's holiday party!

Information Session:
Children's Aid Society



Highland Shores
Children's Aid

Tuesday, February 13th, 2017

11am-12pm

Common Room, 2nd Floor

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Winter Celebrations

Family Day in Canada

Family Day is observed in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick on the **third Monday of February**. This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people and their communities. On Family Day, many people plan and take part in activities aimed at the whole family. These include visiting art exhibitions, watching movies, skating on outdoor ice rinks, playing board games and taking part in craft activities. Some communities plan special public events, and art galleries and museums may have reduced price or free entry.



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14th every year. Traditionally, it is the day to really show affection and appreciation toward your loved one. Couples usually exchange gifts to one another such as chocolates, fancy dinners, stuffed animals, flowers (typically roses), or a romantic outing. Schools, businesses, drug stores, etc. still remain open. Children in school usually celebrate Valentine's day by exchanging Valentine's day cards and treats such as heart-shaped candies and chocolates. Be sure to do something a little something special for your loved one this year!



St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th every year. Originally a Christian holiday celebrating the Feast of Saint Patrick, St. Patrick's Day has grown to include cultural celebrations of Irish heritage throughout the world. In Canada, many people participate by wearing green, eating green-coloured foods, and decorating with leprechauns, shamrocks, and other symbols of Irish culture.



Income Tax Information Session

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If you are a newcomer to Canada within the last 5 years
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Wednesday, March 7th

11am-12pm

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8 Family Day Free Activities



Ontario Family Fishing Weekend

Ontario Family Fishing Weekend happens twice each year.

Introduce your children to simple pleasure of ice fishing during the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend February 14 to 16. During the province-wide event, the otherwise mandatory fishing version outdoors card is not required (all other MNR regulations must be followed, catch and release strongly encouraged).



Ameliasburgh Winter Carnival (Ameliasburgh)

Sharpen those skates for an afternoon of family fun at the Ameliasburgh Winter Carnival on Sunday, February 15. Enjoy free hot dogs, hot chocolate and kids' activities at this event which is generously by the Ameliasburgh Town Hall Working Group and Recreation Committee.



Family Day at the Frink Centre (Belleville)

The Adventure Class brings back its popular Family Day event for the fifth year. Kids and parents visiting the Frink Centre on February 16 can test their skill on the low ropes, learn how to build a winter shelter and play survival games. Warm up with tea and bannock around the campfire.



Snowfest at Sandbanks Provincial Park (Picton)

Sandbanks Provincial Park is just as magical in the winter as it is in the summer. On February 16, sled, ski or snowshoe through the park and then cozy up with the kids next to the bonfire. Then head inside the historic Maplerest Heritage House for kids activities, hot chocolate, chili and a lively kitchen party – musicians welcome!



Family Portrait Day at the National Air Force Museum of Canada (Trenton)

You may want to pilot the iconic Halifax on their flight simulator or hunt for clues in the self-guided scavenger hunt, but the highlight of a trip on February 16 are the free portraits offered. Dress up in historic uniforms for professionally snapped family portraits for this fun and memorable keepsake.

Placement Students

In the month of January, QUIS welcomed two placement students from the Loyalist College Customs and Border Services program:

Jennifer Lee

“Hello! My name is Jennifer Lee, after graduating from Lakehead University with a degree in Criminology and Political Science in 2017, I made the decision to move away from home and attend Loyalist College in the beautiful city of Belleville to take the Customs and Border Services program.

As part of my program, I will be doing a 1-month placement at QUIS for the month of January. I am very excited to learn about the process behind immigration as well as immigration services that are being offered. In addition to attending school to further my studies- when I am back at home in Muskoka, I work as a yoga instructor and a manager at a local gym.”



Left: Rachel, Right: Jennifer

Rachel Roberts

“My name is Rachel Roberts, I am currently in my second year of the Custom Border Services program at Loyalist College. I was born in Mississauga, and I have lived in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) for most of my life. Two years ago, my family and I moved to Belleville for me to attend Loyalist. For the month of January, I will be doing my placement here at Quinte United Immigration Services (QUIS) to gain hands-on experience. After completing my studies, I would like to pursue a career in immigration. My goal as a student is to obtain knowledge and insight of assisting newcomers into Canada.

Along with attending school, I also work at a Marriott hotel as a guest services representative. While working at the hotel I have met individuals from all over the world. I love interacting with people and making them feel welcome to the area. I believe that QUIS will grant me the ability to enhance my communication skills, as well as my hospitality skills when interacting with individuals who are new to Canada. I am very excited to see what QUIS has to offer.”

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

- Family Movie Night: Finding Dory, Wednesday January 17th, 5:30pm-7:00pm, 41 Octavia St., 2nd Floor Common Room
- Info Session: YMCA Wednesday, Jan. 31st, 2018, 11am-12pm, 41 Octavia St. 2nd floor common room
- Info Session: IRCC Updates, Wednesday February 7th, 11am-12pm, 41 Octavia St., 2nd floor common room
- Info Session: Children's Aid Society Tuesday, February 13th, 11am-12pm, 41 Octavia St., 2nd floor common room
- Info Session: Income Taxes, Wednesday March 7th, 11am-12pm, 41 Octavia St., 2nd floor common room

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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