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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 5, 2017– Information session on dangers of fast-moving water, Quinte Conservation, 11 am-12 noon, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street
- April 12, 2017– Community Connections FFTW Skills Match Event, 9 am-3 pm, Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre, Multipurpose Room
- April 19, 2017– Community Connections Adult Colouring event, 6 pm-7:30 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street
- April 26, 2017– Information Session on Composting and Recycling, Quinte Waste Solutions, 11 am-12 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street
- April 29, 2017– Wine and taste tour of Prince Edward County a QUIS fund-raising event
- May 3, 2017– Community Connections Tree Seedling Giveaway, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm, 3rd Floor Hallway, 41 Octavia Street
- May 17, 2017– Information Session on Community Employment Services, 11 am-12 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street
- June 7, 2017– Information Session on Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street
- June 13, 2017– Annual Potluck and Open House, 5:30 pm-7 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street

## 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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## FARMERS FEED THE WORLD

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Farmers Feed the World is a pilot program being developed by QUIS and funded by the Canadian Red Cross, now running since May 2016. The aim of the program is to provide information to and facilitate connections between 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

As a part of the program, QUIS will be hosting a Skills Connect Matching Event for Syrian Refugees. The event will be on April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Multipurpose Room at the Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre. The event will be from 9:00am-3:00pm and feature a variety of employers from the Quinte area looking to hire for permanent positions, with a focus on agriculture and food production. There will be a bus stopping in Kingston and Napanee to transport attendees to and from those areas, as well as one from the Toronto and Hamilton areas. Arabic interpreters will be available to facilitate brief interviews between employers and potential candidates. Employers interested in participating can register by March 31<sup>st</sup> by contacting 613-968-7723 ext. 0, or email [reception@quinteimmigration.ca](mailto:reception@quinteimmigration.ca).

This is a Community Connections event that is open to all QUIS clients. Anyone interested in attending must register by March 31<sup>st</sup> at QUIS and complete a short skills survey. On the day of the event, potential candidates should bring multiple copies of their resume with their contact information to hand out to employers. Anyone interested can come to the QUIS office from 8am-4pm on weekdays, call 613-968-7723 ext. 0, or email [reception@quinteimmigration.ca](mailto:reception@quinteimmigration.ca).



## VOLUNTEER TAX CLINICS

Again this year, QUIS is holding volunteer income tax sessions during March and April. This is part of the **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program**, run through the Canada Revenue Agency, Canada's tax department.

As part of the program, newcomers to Canada can have their taxes done for free or, for the first time, do their own taxes with the supervision of a volunteer.

This year, QUIS is fortunate to have two volunteers for the program Ken Palmer and Tenzin Wangkhang. Both of them would be happy to help you complete your tax return.

If you are over 18, a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or on a study or work permit, you need to file a tax return. Even if you had no income in 2016, it is worth doing this, in order to receive any tax credits you may be eligible for.

The deadline for filing tax returns is April 30.

Please contact QUIS for more information about eligibility for this program and what documents you need to bring to a tax appointment.



## NEW STAFF AT QUIS

### Mona Wajdi

Mona Wajdi is the new co-ordinator of the Farmers Feed the World program.

Hello. My name is Mona Wajdi. As a Lebanese immigrant to Canada, it wasn't easy to find my way or find help. Becoming involved in the Farmer's Feed the World project has given me the opportunity to connect with people who are going through the same experience as I had, but perhaps with greater difficulty.

Helping Syrian refugees to get the life they wish is a great reward.

"There is no greater reward than the reward of helping others. I found my way into this opportunity in this community through the Farmers Feed the World project."



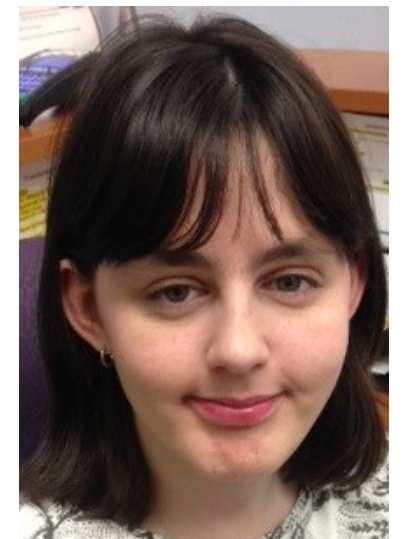
### Daisy Boyle



My name is Daisy Boyle, I am 16 years old and I am an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Nicholson Catholic College. I love to travel, read, and learn new languages. I intend to study anthropology and linguistics in university which led me to my placement here. Everybody at QUIS has been extremely kind and willing to teach me about their organization. I am very grateful to be able to learn about the immigration process and community integration during my placement. I'm excited to come in every day to be trained, gain new experiences, and see what treats we have set out for the day

### Meghan Beatty

In the month of February we welcomed Meghan Beatty back to the QUIS team as our new Administrative Assistant. Meghan is a graduate of the Social Service Worker program at Loyalist College, and completed her winter placement at Quinte Immigration Services. Meghan will be staffing the reception desk and acting as an assistant to the Farmers Feed the World program as well as CEO-TIS. Meghan is excited to return to the QUIS team and be involved with the Skills Connect Matching Event on April 12<sup>th</sup>. She is passionate about using her time and skills to help others.



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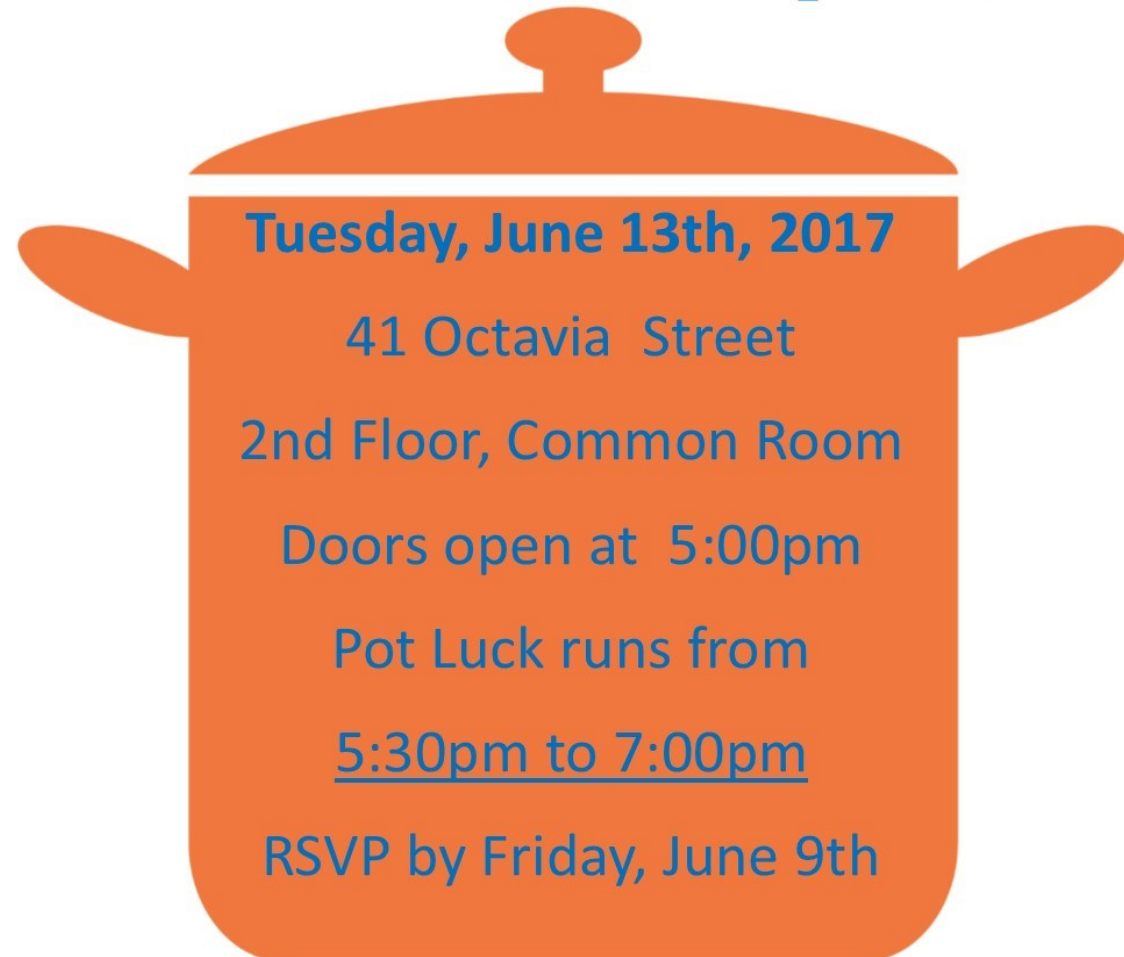
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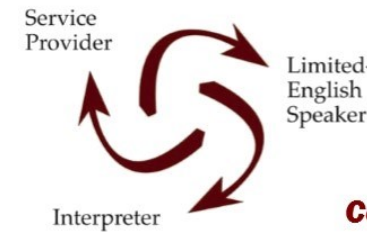
# Quinte Immigration Services Annual Pot Luck and Open House



Please bring your favourite dish  
from your home country to share!

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AFRIKAANS*	KUTCHI*
AKAN*	LAOTIAN**
ALBANIAN*	LATVIAN (LETTISH)*
AMHARIC*	LEBANESE*
ARABIC	LINGALA*
ARMENIAN*	LITHUANIAN*
ASSYRIAN*	LOW GERMAN*
AZERI*	MACEDONIAN+
BENGLI*	MALAY ^
BERBER*	MALAYALAM*
BIKOL*	MALTESE*
BOSNIAN*	MANDARIN
BULGARIAN**	(MODERN
BURMESE**	CHINESE) ^
CAMBODIAN**	MARATHI*
CANTONESE	MIN NAM
(TRADITIONAL	(HOKKIEN)*
CHINESE) ^	NEPALI*
CATALAN	NORWEGIAN
CHALDEAN*	NUER*
CHIU CHOV	OROMO*
(CHAOZHOU)*	OTJIHERERO*
CREOLE*	PASHTU*
CROATIAN	PERSIAN
CZECH	POLISH ^
DANISH*	PORTUGUESE ^
DARI*	PUNJABI ^
DUTCH	PUNJABI
ESAN*	GURUMUKHI*
ESTONIAN*	ROHINGYA*
FANTI*	ROMANIAN
FARSI ^	RUSSIAN ^
FINNISH	SENEGALISE*
FLEMISH*	SERBIAN+
FRENCH ^	SERBO-CROATIAN
FUJIAN *	(BOSNIAN)*
FUZHOU*	(CROATIAN)*
GEORGIAN*	(SERBIAN)*
GERMAN ^	SHANGHAINISE*
GOFIGNA*	SINHALA*
GREEK ^	SLOVAK
GUJARATI ^	SLOVENIAN*
HAKKA*	SOMALI*
HEBREW	SPANISH ^
HINDI ^	SWAHILI*
HUNGARIAN	SWEDISH
IGBO*	TAGALOG*
ILOCANO*	TAISHAN*
ILONGO	TAIWAN*
(HILIGAYNON)*	TAMIL ^
INDONESIAN ^	TATAR*
ITALIAN ^	TELUGU*
JAMAICA PATOIS*	THAI**
JAPANESE	TIBETAN*
(ADDITIONAL	TIGRIGNA*
COSTS)	TSHILUBA*
KALENJIIN-	TURKISH ^
KIPSIGIS*	TURKMEN*
KALENJIIN-NANDI*	TWI*
KANNADA*	UKRAINIAN ^
KAREN**	URDU ^
KHMER*	UZBEK*
KHRGHYZ*	VIETNAMESE ^
KINYARWANDA*	YORUBA*
KIRUNDI*	
KONKANI*	
KOREAN	
KURDISH	
(BAHDINI)*	
(KURMANDJI)*	
(SORANI)*	

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# Information Session

## Fast Moving Water



11am-12pm

Wednesday, April 5th, 2017

2nd Floor, Common Room

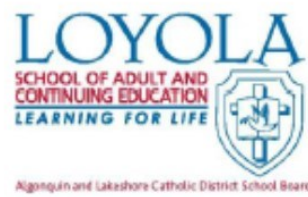
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# Immigration, Refugee, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Information and Changes

### Up-to-date information on:

- Parental Sponsorship
- Permanent Resident Card Information



### Guest Speaker:

John Mark Robertson

Wednesday, June 7th

11am-12pm

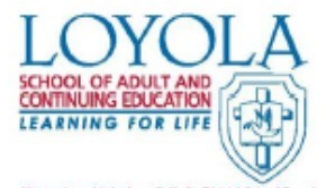
Common Room, 2nd Floor

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# Employment Information Session

**Wednesday, May 17th**

**11am-12pm**

**2nd Floor Common Room,  
41 Octavia Street**

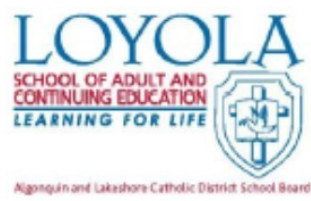


## WORKSHOP INCLUDES:

- Soft Skills
- Workplace Expectations
- Social Norms



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# EMPLOYMENT SKILLS CONNECT



## WHEN:

Wednesday April 12th,  
9am—3pm

## WHERE:

Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre,  
265 Cannifton Road, Belleville  
Multipurpose Room

**PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

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# **Adult Colouring Session**

**Wednesday, April 19th, 2017**

**Common Room**

**2nd Floor**

**41 Octavia Street**

Doors Open at 5:30pm

Activities Run from

6pm—7:30pm

A table will be provided for children colouring.

RSVP by Friday, April 14th

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# **Tree Seedlings**

**Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017**

**Hallway**

**3rd Floor**

**41 Octavia Street**

Doors Open at:

5:30pm—7:30pm

Limited Seedlings

available

RSVP by Friday, April 28th

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Quinte Immigration Services Presents:

# Wine & Taste Tour of Prince Edward County

Saturday April 29th, 2017

*Join us on a journey through Prince Edward County as we delve into what makes the county so incredible. Take this chance to relish a taste of the county, by taste testing locally produced foods, spirits & wines from our revered wineries.*

*On our Spring 2017 tour we will be stopping at : Black River Cheese, Kindred House of Spirits, TerraCello Winery, Sandbanks Estates Winery, Traynor Family Vineyards & Closson Chase Winery.*

*The tour includes transportation on a luxury bus (with wash-room), Lunch at TeraCello, all tasting fees, door prizes and a silent auction over the lunch hour.*

## **TOUR STARTS:**

9:30am - 41 Octavia St. Belleville

OR

9:45am - LCBO Rossmore

## **TOUR ENDS:**

5:25pm - LCBO Rossmore

OR

5:40pm - 41 Octavia St. Belleville

**\*\*Tickets must be purchased in advance\*\***

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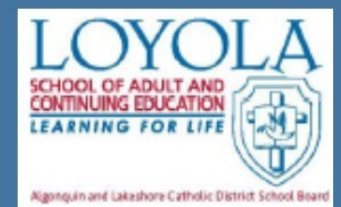
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# UPCOMING QUIS EVENTS, HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

■ = Observances and Holidays  
■ = QUIS events

## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday- Christian	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Purim- Jew- ish /Daylight Sav- ings Time Starts	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day- Observance	18
19	20 Spring Equinox	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5 Quinte Conserva- tion Info Session, 11 am-12 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia St.	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday- Christian	10	11 First Day of Passover-Jewish	12 Skills Connect 9 am-3 pm, Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre	13 Maundy Thurs- day-Christian	14 Good Friday- Christian-QUIS Office Closed	15
16 Easter-Christian	17 Easter Monday- QUIS Office Closed	18 Last Day of Passover- Jewish	19 Adult Colouring, 5:30-7:30 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street	20	21	22
23/30	24 Yom Ha Shoah - Jewish	25	26 Recycling Info Session, 11 am-12 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street	27	28	29 Wine & taste tour of Prince Edward County -QUIS Fundraiser

## May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Tree Seedling Giveaway, 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day- Observance	15	16	17 CES Info Session, 11 am-12 pm, Common Room, 41 Octavia Street	18	19	20
21	22 Victoria Day- QUIS Office Closed	23	24	25 Ascension Day- Christian	26	27 Ramadan Be- gins- Muslim
28 8	29	30	31 Shavuot- Jewish			

## June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Pentecost- Christian	5	6	7 IRCC Info Session, 11 am-12 pm, Com- mon Room, 41 Octa- via Street	8	9	10
11	12	13 Potluck and Open House, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm, Common Room, 41 Octa- via Street	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day- Observance	19	20	21 Summer Sol- stice /National Aborig- inal Day	22	23	24
25	26 Eid al-Fitr- Muslim	27	28	29	30	9