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Our Facebook page will update you on the latest information about QUIS' events and activities, as well as other agency's information.

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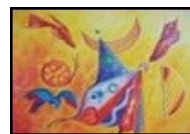
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RENOVATIONS AT QUIS

In December, QUIS received funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to do some office renovations. The renovations will begin in January.



The Trillium Foundation, which was created in 1982, is part of the Ontario Ministry of Culture.

The renovations will be done across the hall from the main QUIS office and regular services will continue. QUIS is planning to expand its services in the near future and will need greater office space. Once completed, there will be additional office space for the new services.

QUIS will keep everyone informed of the upcoming changes!

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

QUIS is hoping to expand and therefore will be undergoing renovations to their offices, as mentioned above.

As a result of these renovations, Community Employment Services offered by Joanne Leith will be unavailable from the middle of January to the end of February. She will return once the renovations are complete.

For anyone interested or in need of employment services, please contact the QUIS office. We would be glad to assist you or refer you to a community agency.



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| AMHARIC* | LEBANESE* |
| ARABIC | LINGALA* |
| ARMENIAN* | LITHUANIAN* |
| ASSYRIAN* | LOW GERMAN* |
| AZERI* | MACEDONIAN+ |
| BENGGALI* | MALAY ^ |
| BERBER* | MALAYALAM* |
| BIKOL* | MALTESE* |
| BOSNIAN* | MANDARIN |
| BULGARIAN** | (MODERN |
| BURMESE** | CHINESE) ^ |
| CAMBODIAN** | MARATHI* |
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| (TRADITIONAL | (HOKKIEN)* |
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| DARI* | PUNJABI ^ |
| DUTCH | PUNJABI |
| ESAN* | GURUMUKHI* |
| ESTONIAN* | ROHINGYA* |
| FANTI* | ROMANIAN |
| FARSI ^ | RUSSIAN ^ |
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| KONKANI* | |
| KOREAN | |
| KURDISH | |
| (BAHDINI)* | |
| (KURMANDJI)* | |
| (SORANI)* | |

+ TRANSLATION ONLY
* INTERPRETATION ONLY
^ VIDEO CONFERRING

CHANGES TO CITIZENSHIP LAW

Starting in June of 2015, there will be changes to Canada's Citizenship Act, or the law about citizenship. Currently, people between the ages of 18 and 54 who apply for citizenship need to provide proof of ability in English or French and demonstrate a knowledge of Canada. After the changes, the ages range will be from 14 to 64.

Now, if someone has lived in Canada as a permanent resident for three of the last four years, they are eligible to apply for citizenship. That will change to four out of six years, with at least 183 days a year for each of the four years having been spent in Canada. Under the current rules, a person, under certain circumstances, can count time spent outside of Canada and time spent in Canada before becoming a permanent resident. Under the new rules, an applicant will only be able to count time actually living in Canada toward citizenship.

Additionally, under the new rules, a person applying for citizenship will need to have filed a Canadian tax return in four of the preceding six years before applying for citizenship. Currently, that is not a requirement, so other proof of having been in Canada is accepted.

Finally, after the changes, a person must plan to continue living in Canada. If a person leaves Canada to live somewhere else after obtaining Canadian citizenship, the government may be able to take away citizenship. That is not currently the case.



What are the advantages of applying for citizenship? Citizens have greater protection against losing their status and being deported from Canada. Permanent residents can be deported from Canada regardless of how long they have been in the country.

In addition, citizens are able to vote in elections and get a Canadian passport.

CIC'S NEW EXPRESS ENTRY SYSTEM

In January, 2015, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) is going to introduce the "Express Entry" electronic application system. Express Entry will apply to the Federal Skilled Worker, Federal Skilled Trades and Canadian Experience classes (economic immigration streams).

Step 1: The first step in Express Entry is for people to complete an "Express Entry" profile in which they give information about things like their skills, work experience and language ability.

Candidates who meet the criteria for one of the economic streams are placed in a pool (group) of candidates. Candidates are ranked against others in the pool. The highest-ranked candidates and candidates with a Canadian job offer will be invited to apply for permanent residence. If a candidate doesn't have a Canadian job offer, they will have to register with the Canadian Job Bank, which will connect them with Canadian employers.

Step 2: CIC will invite successful candidates to apply for permanent residence. Candidates will then have 60 days to do an electronic application through the Federal Skilled Worker, Skilled Trades Worker or Canadian Experience class. CIC is promising to process the majority of completed applications within 6 months. More information is available on the CIC website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/skilled/index.asp>

VIDEO CONFERENCE INTERPRETATION

CEOTIS – Central Eastern Ontario Translation and Interpretation Services is pleased to announce their new video conferencing interpretation service through Skype. Improvements in video technology, as well as the wide availability of high-speed internet, have made video conferencing for interpretations accessible and affordable.



Although it is not the only service available, Skype is one of the most popular video call services. Both the service provider and the interpreter do not need a lot of equipment and the free Skype software is user-friendly, enabling video conferencing within minutes of downloading it.

CEOTIS's video conferencing interpretation service is available in over 20 languages. The rates for this service are \$55.00 per 1 hour (with 1 hour minimum) plus HST during business hours and \$60.00 per hour (with a 1 hour Minimum) plus HST after hours (8 pm – 8 am) and on Statutory Holidays.

For more information regarding this new service, please contact CEOTIS at 1-888-968-1065.

NEW TRANSLATION DROP-OFF LOCA-

CEOTIS is delighted to announce that we have expanded the accessibility of our translation services by offering a new drop off location in Northumberland.

The new document drop off is located at The Help Centre, situated at 1005 Elgin Street West (The Fleming Building), Suite #301, Cobourg Ontario K9A 5J4. Phone: 905-372-2646. The Help Centre is our fourth translation drop off location, covering the Northumberland and Peterborough areas.

We also offer translation drop off locations in Belleville (CEOTIS – 301-41 Octavia St.) and Kingston (ISKA – 263 Weller Ave and ACFOMI – Barriefield Centre, 760 Hwy 15). As with any of our locations, it is always a pleasure to help you with any of your translation needs and provide you with the same quality service you have come to expect from us. We invite you to come visit us soon!!



QUINTE IMMIGRATION SERVICES

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA INFORMATION AND CHANGES

**JANUARY 13, 2015
11 A.M. TO 12 P.M.
41 OCTAVIA ST**



Learn About:

The new Express Entry Program

Changes to Parental Sponsorship

Changes in dependent ages

New citizenship information

Guest Speaker:

John Mark Robertson

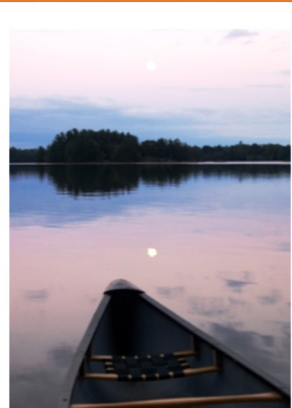
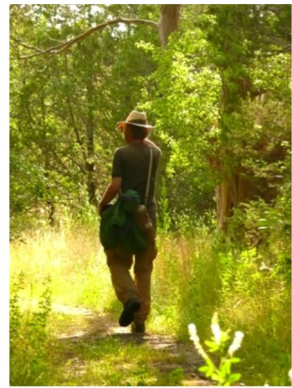
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Information Session

Environmental Sustainability



Camping

Outdoor Programs

Conservation Areas

Water



Guest Speaker:

Jennifer May-Anderson

February 11, 2015

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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NEW FACES AT QUIS!

Hi, my name is Tetiana Volobueva. As a second-year student of Social Service Worker program at the Loyalist College, I am privileged to do my placement at QUIS. The course that I am taking prepares us to work with people in need of support. As a student, I received a warm welcome and was offered an opportunity to develop professional and personal skills.

My involvement with the agency started in November, 2013, when I became a volunteer and client. I was excited to participate in Community Connection events that helps to bring people of different origins and backgrounds together. And I was proud to receive Canadian citizenship in May, 2014!

It is a great responsibility to provide services to newcomers, and I feel even more passionate about it, after I had a chance to shadow settlement workers. I believe that my hobbies (languages, reading, traveling) also contribute to my interest in settlement services provided by QUIS.



On November 17, QUIS took Andrew Vollhoffer, a Loyalist placement student, under their wing to work with staff for a four week period that ended in the middle of December. Andrew is a student from the second year of the Customs Border Services program at Loyalist College. He learned more than what he expected during his time and enjoyed every day. Andrew said, "I came to QUIS to learn about immigration in Canada. Instead, I learned so much more. My time with QUIS was very valuable and very enjoyable and I will miss the staff dearly".

During his time with the QUIS staff, Andrew learned how the organization operates and what kind of work each member is responsible for. He gained most of his knowledge about immigration by sitting in on the appointments of the settlement workers, Cat Fisher and John Mark Robertson. Andrew also performed additional duties with the other staff members to learn about their roles.

QUIS waved goodbye to Andrew as he left to continue his education but they will not be waiting long before another student comes, wishing to complete their placement with QUIS.



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

On Friday, December 5th, about 90 guests joined QUIS staff, board and Santa Claus in ringing in the holiday season. People enjoyed pizza and other goodies and took part in a raffle for gifts. Kids even had a chance to sit on Santa's knee and have their picture taken!

QUIS would like to thank everyone who came and all volunteers, board members and staff who made the event a fun time for all.



Get FREE help with your tax return!
If you are a newcomer to Canada within the last 5 years



Income Tax Information Session

Please attend one our information sessions to see if you qualify for free assistance with your income tax return.

For ESL students ONLY:

When: Tuesday, March 03, 2015

Time: 11 am in **ESL Classroom**

OR

For all clients:

When: Wednesday March 04, 2015

Time: 12 pm in **Common Room**

Where: QUIS, 41 Octavia St., Belleville

Presented by Quinte Immigration Services and the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Did you know?

- The deadline to file your 2014 personal income tax return is April 30, 2015
- If you lived in Canada, even for a short time during 2014, you must file an income tax return
- All people in Canada over the age of 18 must file a tax return every year, even if they did not work



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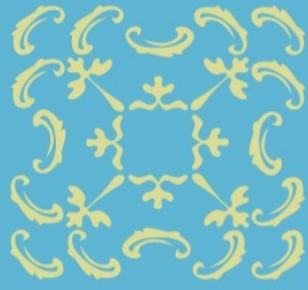
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Wine & Taste Tour of Prince Edward County



Saturday April 25th, 2015

Quinte Immigration Services is proud to present a wine and taste tour of our local Prince Edward County. There are many locations to stop and enjoy in the county but we will narrow it down to 6 stops which will allow you to taste local wines, beers, ciders and various foods.

Venues to be determined

This tour includes a comfortable bus with washroom, a lunch, door prizes and a silent auction.

Seats are limited so be sure to get your tickets as soon as they go on sale
TICKET SALES BEGIN WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28th, 2015



Tour Starts:
41 Octavia St - 9:30am
or LCBO Rossmore - 9:45am

Tour Ends:
LCBO Rossmore - 5:00pm
or 41 Octavia St - 5:15pm



Cost: \$95.00/person or \$180 for 2



Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling our office or coming into our location.

Quinte Immigration Services - 41 Octavia St. Belleville, ON, 613-968-7723 x0

QUIS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On November 21, 2014, QUIS hosted one of the biggest events of the year, the Christmas Bazaar. More than 30 vendors from all parts of the region came to offer their crafts, goods and home-made treats for sale. Every visitor had a unique chance to find gifts for Christmas and for everyday, or just walk around and get into the holiday spirit.

Visitors were able to talk to a fortune-teller and get a Tarot-card reading, buy souvenirs from different countries and enjoy baked goods. But more than that, it was a good opportunity to meet and make new friends, as well as greet old ones! Vendors were comfortably located on all three floors of the Community Resource Centre Quinte building. Shoppers were able to find anything they could imagine as a gift, and learn how even ordinary things can be transformed by the magic of maker's hands!

This event was organized and carried out by combined efforts of QUIS staff and volunteers. Our warmest thanks to everybody who made it happen, and see you next year!



MOORES SUIT DRIVE

Would you agree that looking good on the outside makes you feel confident inside? Wearing a suit is a good way to do so!

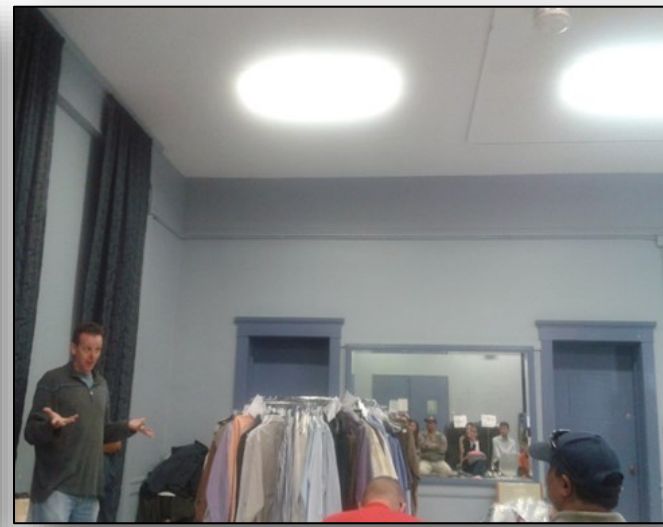
Moore's Suit Drive is a charitable program helping men who want to make positive changes in their lives. This year, over 70,000 items were donated at all Moore's stores across Canada, and 57 community organizations benefitted from this generosity.



On September 20, Quinte Immigration Services hosted their annual Suit Drive, which was attended by over 50 clients. Participants were able to get free office wear that they could use for job interviews, employment and formal events. In addition to the clothes, the audience was treated to an inspiring talk by guest speaker, Mr. Dharmendra Chudasama. Mr. Chudasama, who is employed in the accounting field and has obtained several professional designations since coming to Canada, spoke about the challenges and opportunities for newcomers to Canada.

Mr. Chudasama talked about his personal success story and the audience had a lot of questions and comments. It was very motivating!

We are looking forward to next year's Suit Drive and hoping to empower more men on their path to success.



QUIS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Treat Only, No Trick!

During the Halloween Movie Party at QUIS, families had fun watching "Toy Story of Terror!", the animated movie. While everybody enjoyed refreshments and freshly made popcorn, kids were happy to show off their very special costumes, play games and do



Halloween colouring. This was quite a show!

QUIS staff were dressed up, too, and shared everybody's excitement. It was time to create your own adventure, regardless of your age! Nobody was scared of the spooky movie, but everyone was rewarded. Every child got a bag of candies and compliments on their

wonderful outfits.





UPCOMING QUIS EVENTS, HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

■ = Observances and Holidays
■ = QUIS events

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day QUIS office closed	2	3 Prophet Muhammad's Birthday (Muslim)
4	5	6	7 Orthodox Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian)	8	9	10
11	12	13 CIC Info Session, 11 am, 41 Octavia Street	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Groundhog Day (North America)	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Quinte Conservation Info Session, 11 am, 41 Octavia St.	12	13	14 Valentine's Day (International Observance)
15	16 Family Day (National holiday) QUIS office closed	17	18	19 Chinese New Year	20	21 International Mother Language Day (UNESCO)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Income Tax (CVITP) Info Session for ESL students, 11 am, 41 Octavia St.	4 Income Tax (CVITP) Info Session, 12 pm, 41 Octavia Street	5	6	7
8 Daylight savings time (clocks forward one hour)/ International Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day (International Observance)	18	19	20 Spring Equinox (Season change)	21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (United Nations)
22 World Water Day (United Nations)	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Good Friday (Christian) QUIS office closed	4 First day of Passover (Jewish)	
5	6 Easter Monday (Christian) QUIS office closed	7	8	9	10	11 Last day of Passover (Jewish)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Royal Bank Info Session, 11am, 41 Octavia Street	22 International Mother Earth Day (United Nations)	23	24	25 QUIS Wine Tour, 9:30am, Call QUIS for tickets
26	27	28	29	30	New Information Sessions and Community Connections Events will be announced in April 2015!	