

Fall Newsletter



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Immigration Partnership Updates

Leeds and Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award

The St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership has announced the winner of the 7th Annual Leeds and Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award. That winner is Marc Gómez Segú of El Rebot de les Mil Illes and European Quality Foods out of Prescott! Marc is originally from Spain, and has been in Canada for 7 years. His shop both serves and sells imported food from Spain, including everything from Iberian pork to specialty olive oil to fine chocolates. He offers a fantastic tapas menu (dine-in with a reservation or take-out) that features imported cheeses, seafood, vegan options, and even imported spring water (Vichy Barcelona among others). A big congratulations to him, and to all of our other finalists:

Alfred of Athens Pharmasave (Athens)

Harsh and Kanisha of Parkedale Pharmacy (Brockville)

Wajahat of the Sunset Grill (Brockville)



Immigration Strategy Refresh

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Loretta Corbeil, a local consultant, who has a background in immigration, program evaluation, and equity and diversity programs has been hired to lead this refresh. If you have any comments, questions, or wish to participate in upcoming surveys or consultations, please contact Loretta (loretta_corbeil@yahoo.ca) directly, or Lauren/Melissa at the Immigration Partnership (lauren@eecentre.com/melissaf@eecentre.com).

COUNCIL MEMBER FEATURE

TR Leger Immigrant Services



My name is Brandy Smith, and I am privileged to be the Settlement Outreach Worker for TR Leger Brockville Campus. I have been in my current role for approximately one year. Throughout my year in this position, I have truly understood the importance of this position. Immigration and newcomers are extremely important to the growth and sustainability of our community. Continuing to boost trade ties between Canada and the rest of the world help to strengthen culture and diversity. Immigrants are extremely motivated, innovative, and entrepreneurial.

TR Leger Immigrant Services is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), and is truly dedicated and passionate about serving Permanent Residents, Live-in-Caregivers and Convention Refugees with settlement and immigration needs.

At TRLIS we offer Settlement Outreach, ESL (English as a second Language) and STEP (Skills Training Employment Preparation)

As a Settlement Outreach Worker, I am available to assist newcomers to Canada in many ways such as:

- Settlement services
- Language Assessments
- Referral services
- Computer/internet/phone/fax access
- Community Resources
- Information on Canadian citizenship
- Information sessions on education, employment, health services, transportation, housing, community services and more.

TRLIS is a welcoming environment, with many different community connections, and resources.

TRLIS Brockville site located at 163 Ormond Street, Brockville. This location provides Settlement Outreach services for all of Lanark, Leeds, and Grenville, with myself being the Settlement Outreach Worker. We also have a second Settlement site that supports the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry communities with 2 settlement workers. This site is located at 600 McConnell Ave, Cornwall.

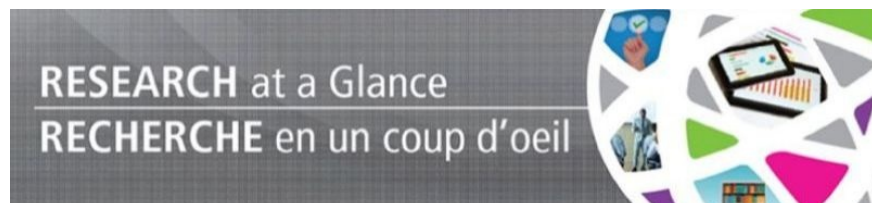
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LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

The Village of Rockport



DID YOU KNOW?

- The village has been a port since the late 1700s
- Two churches still exist in Rockport from the late 1800s
- Rockport was well known for their boat-building.
- Photo credit: P199

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Training & Seminars



Resume Re-Dos

January 11th, 10am-12pm

Employment + Education Centre

Write a resume that will land at the top of the “yes” pile with help from experts who understand what Employers are looking for.

For more info or to register, click [here!](#)



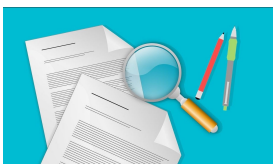
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KEYS Job Centre (Zoom Workshop)

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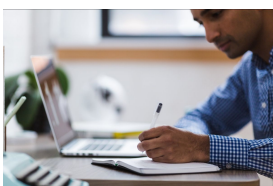


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January 19th, 10am-12pm, Online or In-Person at the Employment + Education Centre, Brockville

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The St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership has opened two of its annual campaigns: The Leeds Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award and We Are Neighbours.



THE 7TH ANNUAL LEEDS AND GRENVILLE
**IMMIGRANT
ENTREPRENEUR
AWARD**

Who is eligible?

- * Have been born outside of Canada
- * Be an owner/operator of an active business in Leeds and Grenville
- * Live in Leeds and Grenville
- * Demonstrate characteristics of a successful entrepreneur

How do I nominate?

By submitting the name of the owner and their business by September 8, 2021.

Where do I nominate?

Social Media: @LGImmigration
Email: Lauren@eecentre.com
Phone: 613-213-4455



Poster for the Leeds Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award

Nominations for the Immigrant Entrepreneur Award are open! All you need to nominate is the name of the business, and if possible, the name of the owner. Nominations can be done via email (lauren@eecentre.com) Facebook ([fb.com/LGImmigration](https://www.facebook.com/LGImmigration)), or via phone/text (613-213-4455). All nominees will be contacted to ensure they wish to participate and meet the requirements detailed in the poster above. Anyone can nominate (self-nominations are allowed as well) and there is no limit to the number of people you can nominate.



Poster for the We Are Neighbours

We Are Neighbours is back for 2021, with this year's campaign titled "The Stories Behind the Numbers". This year, We Are Neighbours will be focusing on refugees in the area, the people who have assisted them, and the statistics related to refugees locally, nationally, and internationally. Anyone who has a story they would like to share or would like to get involved is welcome to contact us through email (lauren@eecentre.com) Facebook ([fb.com/LGImmigration](https://www.facebook.com/LGImmigration)), or via phone/text (613-213-4455). Stories will be shared on our Facebook and on the We Are Neighbours [website](#).

COUNCIL MEMBER FEATURE

St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership



The St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership is a coalition of organizations committed to building local capacity to attract, settle, and integrate immigrants. The Immigration Partnership also encourages organizations, individuals, and communities to recognize and celebrate cultural diversity. Led by two staff members, and representatives from 25+ community agencies, the Immigration Partnership works throughout the 10 municipalities and 3 partner communities that make up the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Established in 2010, the Immigration Partnership is funded by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada, and is one of seventy-seven Immigration Partnerships across Canada.

WHAT WE DO

Immigrants

We refer immigrants to local services

Local Residents

We involved Leeds Grenville communities in welcoming newcomers to the area.

Businesses

We support employers in developing and maintaining culturally diverse workforces.

Community Agencies & Service Providers

We raise awareness of local and regional immigrant support resources.

We support immigration and cultural diversity themed initiatives.

We identify immigrant needs and develop community-based plans to address them.



WHO WE ARE

Program Manager, Melissa Francis (Left):

After many years in a variety of Parks Canada positions, I joined the Immigration Partnership in 2012. International travel and personal experience with the federal immigration visa system sparked my interest in the Partnership. I continue to be amazed by how many local folks care about newcomers to Canada and the recognition of cultural diversity in the area.

After much travel abroad to New Zealand, Australia and many African countries, I have happily settled in Front of Yonge. I take full advantage of my proximity to the St. Lawrence River, 1000 Islands Parkway bike path and parks by spending as much time outdoors as possible. I am also a yoga teacher and although COVID has put a pause on my teaching, I hope to resume soon.

Projects Coordinator, Lauren Smith (Right):

I'm a born Brockvillian, currently living in Lyn with my family. I've held a variety of positions over the years (everything from teaching English in Japan to supervising tour guides to working on a cruise ship) and have a bit of wanderlust over the years, leading me to travel extensively and even to live abroad in two countries and visit many more.

I can speak understandable French and Japanese with terrible grammar, and have a love of all things nerdy. I love learning new recipes, new cultures, and new things in general. When not at work, I can be found being mauled by my daughters, writing, and most recently, playing Dungeons and Dragons.

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LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

The Community of Blue Church



DID YOU KNOW?

- In the late 1700s, the site of the Blue Church was already being used as a burial ground.
- A town was planned for the area around the burial ground and was to be called New Oswegatchie.
- The church was supposed to be built in 1790, but it's unclear when the church was erected, with only a note in one of the local papers mentioning that it was built in 1809 and named for the colour it was painted.
- Photo credit: Saffron Blaze

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Training & Seminars



Acing the Interview

August 4th, 11am-12pm Online via Zoom

KEYS Job Centre

A great interview can go a long way to getting you the job. Learn how to demonstrate your strengths, manage your interview anxiety, and answer questions with confidence.

For more info or to register, click [here!](#)



Financial Basics

August 6th, 10am-12pm

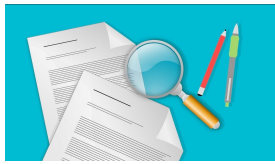
Employment + Education Centre

Learn everything you need to know to improve your financial health. Understand budgeting basics, and how to manage your money to reach your financial goals!

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Working Together: The Code and the AODA

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- Kashif Riaz: Immigrant Representative
- KEYS Job Centre
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As a thank you to our participants, several gift cards to local immigrant-owned businesses were offered as door prizes for those who shared their thoughts. These gift cards were to El Rebot de les Mil Iles in Prescott, Panache Bakery in Gananoque, and Sunset Grill in Brockville.

The community consultations have seen participation from people in every municipality within in Leeds and Grenville and has included municipal representatives, interested citizens, social service agencies, immigrants, and educational institutions.

Loretta Corbeil, a local consultant, who has a background in immigration, program evaluation, and equity and diversity programs has been hired to lead this refresh. If you have any comments, questions, or wish to receive a copy of the finalized strategy, please contact Lauren/Melissa at the Immigration Partnership (lauren@eecentre.com/melissaf@eecentre.com).

IMMIGRATION REFRESH FEATURE

Loretta Corbeil



Loretta Corbeil has been hired to lead the refresh of the Leeds and Grenville Immigration Strategy.

Loretta has over twenty-five years working in the nonprofit sector with experience in community development, program implementation, and management. Her ties and experience in Leeds and Grenville give her a grounded view and necessary background to help lead the strategy refresh.

Her ongoing continuing education has included all aspects of nonprofit management including strategic planning, fundraising, proposal writing, board governance, staff and volunteer management and evaluation. She has completed training with both Tamarack Institution of Public Innovation in Collective Impact and Harwood Institute of Public innovation in Community Change.

She is a member of the Canada Evaluation Society and has recently completed training in Diversity Equity and Inclusion Evaluation. All together, Loretta's training, education, experience, and local knowledge make her the ideal person to lead the Leeds and Grenville Immigration Strategy refresh.

Canadian Immigrant Magazine Feature

Recently, several local immigrants and our staff were interviewed by a writer, Carolyn Bennett, who recently moved to Brockville. Her article, about small town immigration and Brockville specifically, was published in Canadian Immigrant magazine earlier this month. You can read the article here: <https://canadianimmigrant.ca/featured/small-towns-big-opportunities-why-immigrants-are-moving-away-from-urban-centres>

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LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

The Hamlet of Crystal Rock



DID YOU KNOW?

- The village was first called Gore's Hill.
- When first founded, many limekilns were also built.
- Artist and author Thelma Cameron lived most her life in Crystal Rock.
- Photo credit: Roey Mills

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Training & Seminars



Managing Food Safety

March 10th, 8:30am-4:30pm

Employment + Education Centre, \$55

Ontario requires food businesses to employ staff members that have obtained Managing Food Safety Certification.

For more info or to register, click [here!](#)



LinkedIn for Beginners

March 17th, 1pm-2pm

KEYS Job Centre (Zoom Workshop)

A strong LinkedIn profile can attract employers to you and help you discover new and exciting opportunities to grow your career.

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Virtual Job Fair

March 24th, 9am-3pm, Online, hosted by the Employment+Education Centre, CSE Consulting, and Eastern Workforce Innovation Board

There are lots of job opportunities across Eastern Ontario, from full-time to part-time, from traditional to remote. The job fairs will easily connect you – from wherever you are – with employers seeking to hire

people. It is designed to bring employers and job seekers together virtually, for jobs that that are in-demand across Eastern Ontario.

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