

Fall Newsletter



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WHAT'S NEW

Immigration Partnership Updates

5th Annual Leeds Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award





The winner of the 5th Annual Leeds Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award, Ting Tsai of Panache Bakery in Gananoque!

The winner of the 5th Annual Leeds Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award is Ting Tsai of [Panache Bakery](#) in Gananoque! You can find her at 162 King St E, Gananoque, and her phone number is (613) 382-1412. A big congratulations to her, and to all of our finalists! They are:

Brenda Couchier of ATOR Properties (North Grenville)

Annick Rousseau of [Berry Homestead Farm](#) (Lyndhurst) 936 Sheffield Lane, (613) 818-2972

Claudia Mathieu of [Katarina's Coffee Shop](#) (Prescott) 513 King St W, (613) 925-3100

Sam Rawas of [Richard's Coffee House](#) (Brockville) 234 King St W, (613) 345-7771

Yildiz Duman of [The Turkish Restaurant](#) (Prescott) 298 King St W, (613) 918-0101

COUNCIL MEMBER FEATURE

Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre



The Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre is here to help local entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses. Funded by the Province of Ontario, their mandate is to provide guidance and resources to entrepreneurs in their first five years of their business. They do that through business consultations, workshops, and the programs that they offer.

Their programs include the Starter Company Plus program, which includes business planning, coaching, and a grant. They also have their Summer Company program, designed for youth to offer them a chance to start their own business for the summer, which is open to recruitment right now. Starting in 2020, they have a new pilot project that is focused on women entrepreneurship. It will offer virtual business planning and training to women entrepreneurs who are in the very early stages of their business set up. Recruitment is open, and you can contact the centre for more information or to get involved.

Wendy and Jeanette are always happy to help, and want to welcome anyone who needs more information or who are interested in their programs. They're excited to help you get your business off the ground!

To learn more about the Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre, check out their [website!](#)

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

The Village of Cardinal



DID YOU KNOW?

- The village was settled in the late 1700s by Captain Hugh Munro.
- By 1843, a post office was built, and by 1851, the village had a train station connecting them to Toronto.
- The settlement had several names, but was officially incorporated and renamed Cardinal in 1878.
- Photo credit: P199

LOCAL CELEBRATION

Diversity Day 2019

The St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership's 5th Annual Diversity Day was held on November 27th at the Fire Hall Theatre in Gananoque. Service providers, educators, refugee sponsorship groups, municipalities, students, immigrants, and community members from across Leeds and Grenville (and Kingston!) attended.



Julia Case (Right) of TR Leger Immigrant Services speaks about the immigrant settlement journey with Melissa Francis of the Immigration Partnership (Left).

This year's theme was the immigrant settlement journey. Four immigrant speakers talked about their journeys to Canada. Frank Onasanya from North Grenville (originally from Nigeria), Jamal Saeed from Kingston (originally from Syria), Javiera Soto Breiding from Brockville (originally from Chile), and Kashif Riaz also from Brockville (originally from Pakistan) shared their challenging, joyful, funny, and emotional experiences. Julie Case of TR Leger Immigrant Services also provided a wonderful overview of the immigrant settlement journey.



Frank Onasanya (Right) speaks about his experiences as an immigrant with Melissa Francis (Left).



Jamal Saeed tells the story of how he came to Kingston from Syria.





Javiera Soto Breiding spoke about some of the differences in culture she found between Chile and Canada.



Kashif Riaz talked about his journey to Canada and to Brockville.

Lastly, a board game centred around the immigrant settlement journey was played that enabled event participants to experience the journey as international students, refugees, skilled workers, and family sponsored individuals would. The game is now available to be borrowed from the St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership. There are 12 boards, and each can have up to 8 players. It was a great day, and we want to give a huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend!



Some of our participants playing the Immigrant Settlement Journey Board Game.

ST. LAWRENCE-RIDEAU IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS



The Immigrant Settlement Journey Board Game

- FREE to borrow!
- Great for service providers, immigrants, students, refugee sponsorship groups, groups of friends and more.
- 4-8 players
- Play time ranges from 30-120 minutes (depends on number of players).
- Become familiar with the challenges of the immigrant settlement journey.
- Discover how people move through the settlement journey differently.
- Learn about Canadian immigration statistics.

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EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT
Training & Seminars



Roadmap to Apprenticeship

September 10, 2019 from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Employment and Education Centre, 105 Strowger Blvd., Brockville

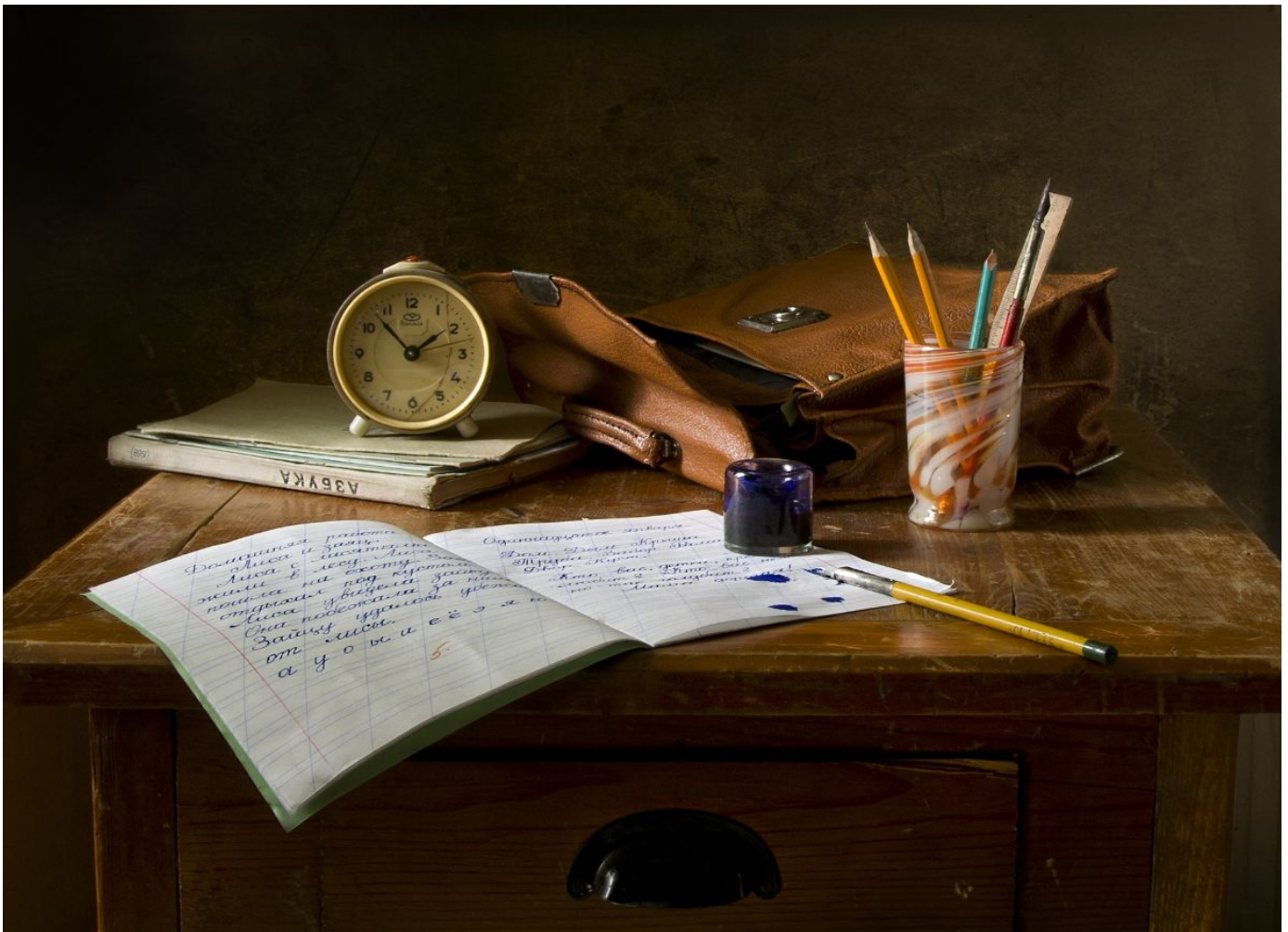
Earn While You Learn

What is an apprenticeship?

What careers are available?

Can I write my own future?

More information [here](#).



Continuing Education Courses

September 10- December 19, 2019

St. Lawrence College, 2288 Parkedale Ave., Brockville

Choose from hundreds of courses online or on campus that include everything from learning to make pottery to planning for retirement!

For more info and to see available courses, click [here!](#)



Second Career Information Session

September 16, 2019, 10:00am

Employment and Education Centre, 105 Stowger Blvd., Brockville

Attend this information session to find out if you qualify for funding assistance *forretraining*.

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



First Aid and CPR Level A with AED Training

September 30, 2019

St. John House, 23 Abbott Street, Brockville

Emergency or Standard First Aid with CPR Level A - including AED. Course being hosted by St. John Ambulance

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



Food Handler Certificate

October 21, 2019 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark District Health Unit, 458 Laurier Boulevard, Brockville

Become a certified food handler or supervisor.

Want to know more? Click [here](#)

COMMUNITY

Updates & Events



Lansdowne Horse Festival

September 7, 2019 from 9:00am to 5:00pm

Lansdowne Fairgrounds, 1186 Prince St, Lansdowne, ON

Lansdowne Association for Revitalization presents the Lansdowne Horse Festival. We have teamed up with a group of experienced equestrians to plan a fun filled day with a hands on equestrian learning experience for both adults and children.



Ask a Pharmacist

September 7, 2019 from 10:00am to 12:00pm

Brockville Public Library, 23 Buell Street, Brockville, ON

Drop by the Library and talk to a Rexall pharmacist about your health questions. Free.

For more info, click [here](#).



The New Canadian Curling Club Play

September 27-October 20, 2019

Thousand Islands Playhouse, 185 South Street, Gananoque, ON

A HIT COMEDY THAT HURRIES HARD

Inspired by the local refugee resettlement program, a small town organizes a Learn-to-Curl class to welcome newcomers..

For more info, click [here](#).



Pump-Gan-Fest

September 28, 2019 from 10:00am to 3:00pm
Town Hall Park, 30 King St E, Gananoque, ON

Fun filled day of games for kids, entertainment, vendors and a fabulous display of pumpkins. Come one, come all!

For more information, click [here](#).



Prescott Town Hall Terror

October 5-26, 2019 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Prescott Town Hall Terror, 360 Dibble St W Prescott, Prescott, ON

A Fundraiser with 90% going back into Prescott 360 Dibble St W Prescott 2nd Floor Town Hall Building Food Bank
Donations accepted as well and will get entered into door prizes. \$5 Adult \$2 Child

For more details, click [here](#).

IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL Member Organizations

These are the organizations that provide leadership to the St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership.

Brockville & Area YMCA
Brockville & District Multicultural Council
Brockville Police Service
Chinese & Canadian Heritage Cultural Association
City of Brockville Economic Development
CSE Consulting
Employment + Education Centre
Every Kid in Our Communities
Francophone Immigration Support Network of East Ontario
Frank Onasanya: Immigrant Representative
Fulford Academy
Immetis - Services d'Immigration au Canada
Kashif Riaz: Immigrant Representative
KEYS Job Centre
Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit
Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Foods & Rural Affairs
Refugees for Brockville Committee
St. Lawrence College
1000 Island Workforce Development Board
Town of Prescott
TR Leger Immigrant Services/TR Leger Services aux Immigrants
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
Upper Canada Leger Centre
Volunteer Centre of St. Lawrence-Rideau

Contact Us Today To Get Involved!

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