

Spring Newsletter



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WHAT'S NEW

Immigration Partnership Updates

Volunteer Translator List

The St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership has just updated the Volunteer Translator List. Available to anyone who needs it (email lauren@eecentre.com or call/text 613-213-4455 for more info), the list is there to support newcomers to the region who may need assistance in navigating certain situations in a language they're more comfortable in. Situations such as setting up utilities, talking to a child's school, visiting Service Canada, etc. Our volunteer translators are available to assist (their schedule dependent) and offer free translation services for newcomers.

Currently, we have seventeen languages that we have volunteers for (everything from Arabic to Yorbu). We are always looking for more volunteers, both for our existing languages, and for any new ones. If interested in the list, either as a volunteer or to use to help local newcomers, please contact us at:

email: lauren@eecentre.com call/text: 613-213-4455





Volunteer Translator List

With volunteer translators for:

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| Arabic | Polish |
| Chinese | Portuguese |
| Dari | Punjabi |
| Dutch | Romanian |
| French | Shona |
| German | Spanish |
| Japanese | Urdu |
| Ndebele | Yorbu |
| Persian | |

The Leeds and Grenville Volunteer Translator List includes over 15 different languages!

Free Employer Training

HIRING IMMIGRANTS

A free online training series for employers

Are you struggling to find staff? Do you want to diversify your workforce, or are you interested in making international connections? Then check out our free training series focused on the needs of Leeds and Grenville employers!

Each session focuses on a different topic, and you can register for as many or as few of the sessions as you'd like. To register, go to:

www.eventbrite.ca/e/hiring-immigrants-free-employer-training-tickets-510684108917.



AN OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT LABOUR MARKET CONTEXT AND BUSINESS DRIVERS

Hire Immigrants Ottawa
January 18 | 9:00-10:00am



FOREIGN WORKER SOLUTIONS TO A DOMESTIC PROBLEM

Recruit Without Borders
February 1 | 1:00-2:30pm



DEVELOPING CULTURALLY COMPETENT INTERVIEWING SKILLS TO ATTRACT TALENT

Hire Immigrants Ottawa
February 16 |
10:00-11:00am



BUILDING A CULTURE OF BELONGING

Hire Immigrants Ottawa
February 23 |
9:00-11:00am

on a different topic, but gave local employers insights on how to hire and retain immigrants as well as why they're a great resource to fill labour shortages.

The topics were An Overview of the Current Labour Market Context and Business Drivers, Foreign Worker Solutions to a Domestic Problem, Developing Culturally Competent Interviewing Skills to Attract Talent, and Building a Culture of Belonging. These events were run by Hire Immigrants Ottawa and Recruit Without Borders.

The events were well attended, and based on feedback, more may be offered in the future. If you have any topics or ideas for future sessions that you would like to see/think would be well-received, please let us know (lauren@eecentre.com/613-213-4455). We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

TRAINING FEATURE

KEYS Job Centre



If you are looking for work and interested in a Career on the Water working on a tour boat or ferry, then we can help! Contact KEYS Job Centre in Gananoque to take advantage of this FREE online Marine Training Pre-Employment Program!

There are job opportunities available in Ottawa, Brockville, Rockport, Gananoque, Kingston, Toronto and Niagara Falls! And, your first step is to call, text or email Casey at 613-929-6265 or caseyl@keys.ca.

The Training and Certifications are Free for individuals who are unemployed or working less than 20hrs/week, not in school full time and not returning to school in the fall.

Highlights of the program include Marine First Aid, Related Industry Certifications, as well as:

- Workplace Violence, Harassment & Human Rights Awareness
- Marine First Aid
- Captain Led Curriculum- to be delivered with your local captains
- Marine Career Introductions
- Marine Regulations
- Vessel Tours and Training

- Personality Dimensions
- Service Excellence
- Service Experiences in Marine Perspective
- Cover Letters and Resumes

And Certification courses include:

- Disinfect It Right
- Smart Serve
- Respect and Inclusion in the Workplace

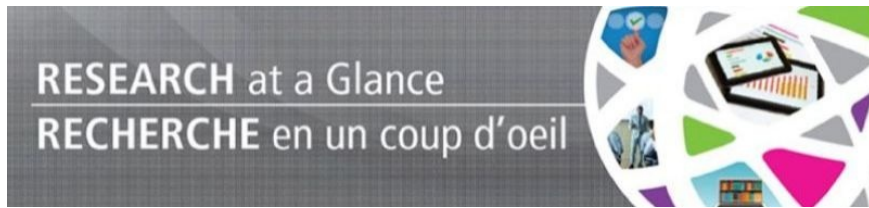
And, there are potential Employment Opportunities available upon completion of the course. If you don't have a chrome book to take the course, we can help with that too! Training is delivered online, and you can register today by calling Casey at 613-929-6265 or text/email caseyl@keys.ca. Don't miss out!

At A Glance



Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada



IRCC shares immigration related studies and articles through the Research at a Glance email list. Research at a Glance is designed to inform the IRCC community and other interested parties about recently published reports and policy-relevant research from government, academia and non-governmental organizations.

Here is one such release:

- [Persistent Overqualification Among Immigrants and Non-Immigrants](#)

You can subscribe to Research at a Glance by emailing research-recherche@cic.gc.ca (Note: articles arrive daily).

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

The Village of Actons Corners



DID YOU KNOW?

- The village was originally known as Bobtown.
- At its height, it had a post office, its own school, two churches, and a cheese factory.
- The North Grenville Archives, pictured, was originally the school in Actons Corners.
- Photo credit: Sean Harris

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Training & Seminars



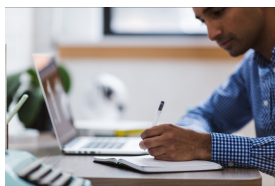
Get Ready and Apply!

February 9th, 10am - 12pm

Employment+Education Centre

Brush up your resume, learn about the hidden job market and get assistance applying to jobs online. Then explore connections you can make to local employers with our Job Development team!

To register, click [here!](#)



Pitching Yourself

February 9th, 1pm-2:30pm

KEYS Job Centre (Zoom Workshop)

Pitching Yourself (first because it helps with resume/cover letter writing, and informational interviews, job fairs, etc.,)

- Knowing your strengths and career exploration
- Learning how to talk about yourself to potential employers
- What's a pitch and when do I use it
- verbal and non-verbal presentation skills

- how to craft a 30 second pitch
- opportunities to practice

To learn more or to register, click [here!](#)



Interview Prep

February 17th, 10-11:30am
CSE Consulting North Grenville

Need help with your interview skills? Want to make yourself more appealing to employers? Check out the Interview Prep workshop, happening at CSE Consulting!

Click [here](#), for more information or to register!



Try Careers in Manufacturing (VR)

February 20th, 10am-12pm
Employment + Education Centre

Dive into career exploration and decision making through the power of VR! You can experience over 25 careers, including CNC Operator, Millwright, Steel Production Worker, and Robotics Technician, to help you making serious decisions about your next steps.

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



Coursera

Offering online courses from top universities and companies, including many free ones!

Upgrade your skills, follow your interests, and earn certificates/degrees from home!

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

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Events & Celebrations



Lost and Found Society Indoor Market Sale

February 4th, 11am-4pm
103 King St. W, Brockville

The Lost and Found Society Canada, Inc. will be hosting an indoor market sale.

Rain, shine or snow – doesn't matter as we will be indoors enjoying what people would like to showcase!

This event is Indoors

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



Play, Learn and Story time with Rideau Lakes Library

February 6th, 10-11:30am
Country Roads Community Health Centre in Portland

Portland – Rideau Lakes Library Play, Learn & Story time – 1st and 3rd Monday of each month (No group in July or August) at Country Roads Community Health Centre in Portland from 10-11:30am. Join us for play and learn plus a story! Sensory bins, books, arts, music

and play for children 0-6years. An Early Years Family Navigator is available to discuss social and community needs with parents and caregivers too.

For more information please contact Terri Howard at: thoward@crchc.on.ca

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



Brockville Wedding Show

February 23rd, 5pm-9:30pm

Brockville Memorial Centre

Save the date and join us at the Memorial Centre, on Thursday February 23rd, for this 5th edition of the Brockville Wedding Show.

More than 30 vendors on site.

In 2023, we are hosting the event during the week and are shifting to a night event, which makes it perfect for a "girls night out"! Get ready for some live music, raffles and bubbles!

Cash bar and food available on site.

Every bride attending the show will get a swag bag and a chance to win some great prizes

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



Great Gatsby! It's Murder

February 25th, 7pm

Royal Theatre, 75 King St. E, Gananoque

Doors open at 7. MUSIC STARTS AT 7:10 with show at 7:30. A fundraiser for homeless youth

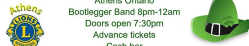
(operationcomehome.ca), a new comedic play by Rachel Paul filled with flappers, gangsters, zoot suits, an awesome band & MURDER! I have the honour of playing in the speakeasy as you get comfy before the show starts (so come early!) and will entertain you during intermission.

Note: Flapper / 1920s attire is encouraged for audience members! For tickets and more info, click [here!](#)

St Patrick's Day Dance

Friday March 17th, 2023

Athens Lions Club - 12 Wellington Street East, 2nd Floor,
Athens Ontario



Bootlegger Band 8pm-12am

Doors open 7:30pm

Advance tickets

Cash bar

Must be 19+ to attend ID required

Hosted by the Athens LIONS Club

St. Patrick's Day Dance

March 17th, 7:30pm to 12am

12 Wellington St. E, Athens, ON

Everyone is Irish on St Patrick's Day! Come on out for a great evening of live music by the Bootlegger Band, hosted by Athens Lions Club.

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

IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Member Organizations

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

Ahmad Khadra: Immigrant Representative

Brockville & Area YMCA

Brockville & District Multicultural Council

Brockville Police Service

Chinese & Canadian Heritage Cultural Association
City of Brockville Economic Development
CSE Consulting
Eastern Workforce Innovation Board
Employment + Education Centre
Every Kid in Our Communities
Francophone Immigration Support Network of East Ontario
Frank Onasanya: Immigrant Representative
Fulford Academy
Kashif Riaz: Immigrant Representative
KEYS Job Centre
Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit
Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre
Merrick Preparatory School
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Foods & Rural Affairs
Refugees for Brockville Committee
St. Lawrence College
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

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