

Summer Newsletter



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WHAT'S NEW

Immigrant Partnership Updates

“ My transition moving to Brockville was smooth. I instantly felt at home with the St. Lawrence-Robou and the Brockville Immigrant Partnership. I am fortunate to be connected with the local business community, an immigrant community who shared information, knowledge, and a sense of home. ”

Living In Brockville Years In Leeds and Grenville ?

What have been some recent transitions/changes in your life. This year has been full of changes and milestones for me. I finished my two-year program at St. Lawrence College and will graduate this June. I began looking for full-time Canadian job at the Employment and Education Centre in Leeds signed a lease to rent my very own apartment. I could not be more grateful.

Share your story: www.weareneighbours.ca

We Are Neighbours

The St. Lawrence-Robou Immigration Partnership is running our annual story-sharing campaign, We Are Neighbours! Designed to showcase the diverse people, experiences, and ways of life here in Leeds and Grenville, it's in 7th year now.

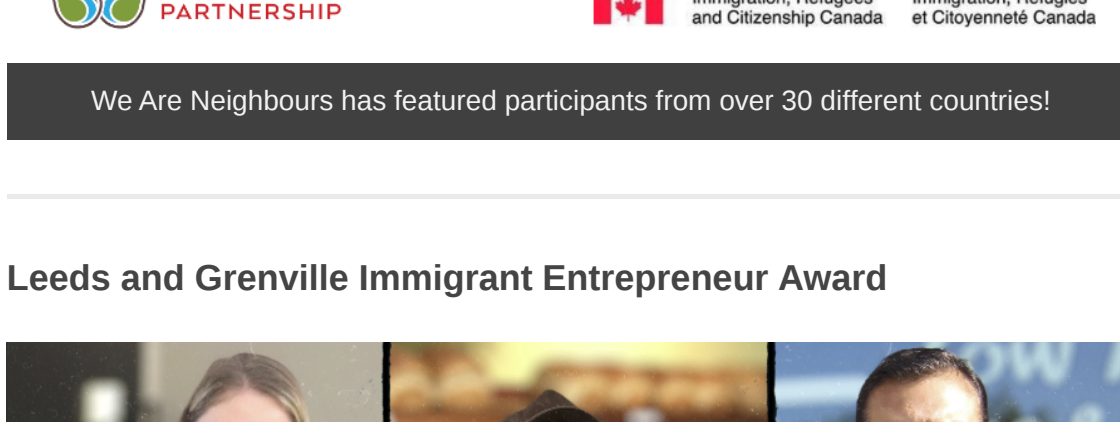
As always, we're excited for more stories to share, so if you're interested, we'd love to hear from you! Stories can be written by any individual, or people can be interviewed over email, phone, or in-person. The stories are shared on our Facebook page as well as the We Are Neighbours website: www.weareneighbours.ca. If interested in participating, please contact us!

As well, this year, a travelling display of We Are Neighbours has been showcased throughout Leeds and Grenville, being showcased at the Brockville YMCA, Brockville Museum, and Libraries in Rodas, Mackay, Argosport, Rodcos, Merrickville, and Leeds and the 1000 Islands!

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

We Are Neighbours 2023: Transitions

A Leeds and Grenville story sharing campaign focused on local diversity and ways of life.



We Need You!

We are looking for local immigrants and their allies to share their stories about transitions they have experienced and how they have adapted to life in Leeds and Grenville.

lauren@eccentre.com
613-213-4455 (call/text)
www.facebook.com/immigrationpartnership
www.weareneighbours.ca

Write your story and share it with us. We love long or short stories!

Participate in a short interview with us and we will write your story for you.

Share information for your story by email, phone, virtually, or in-person.

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We Are Neighbours has featured participants from over 30 different countries!

Leeds and Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award



9TH ANNUAL LEEDS AND GRENVILLE IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

- Who is eligible?**
 - Have been born outside of Canada
 - Be an owner/operator of a business in Leeds and Grenville
 - Live in Leeds and Grenville
 - Demonstrate characteristics of a successful entrepreneur
- How to nominate**
 - Submit the names of the owner and business by September 9/23.
- Where to nominate**
 - @immigration
 - lauren@eccentre.com
 - 613-213-4455

Nominations are open for the 9th Annual Leeds and Grenville Immigrant Entrepreneur Award! It's open to anyone born outside of Canada who owns/operates a business in Leeds and Grenville and also lives here. Anyone can nominate an individual and their business (including self-nominations).

Designed to showcase and highlight the amazing businesses and hard work done by our local immigrant entrepreneurs, the winner will be announced in October at Bridges to Better Business. Nominations are open until September 9th, 2023. People can nominate through our Facebook page, email (lauren@eccentre.com), or phone/text (613-213-4455)!

Past winners have included Ujwal of Pizza Pazzo Brockville and Marc of El Rehost Des Mîles in Prescott. And many more amazing businesses and individuals have been nominated!

So don't wait, and nominate your favourite immigrant owned/operated business today!

Eastern Ontario Immigrant Attraction and Retention Strategy



Supporting a Strong, Healthy, Vibrant, and Diverse Future for The County of Brantford, Lincoln County, City of Ottawa, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry United Counties, and the United Counties of Prescott and Russell

Due to the recent labour shortages nationwide, immigration has become a strong possible solution to that problem. Working together with The Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) - Lanark & Renfrew, The Eastern Ontario Training Board (EOTB), Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership (OLIP), and Réseau de soutien à l'immigration francophone de l'est de l'Ontario (RSIFEO), we've created the Eastern Ontario Immigrant Attraction and Retention Strategy.

Designed to reflect the realities of Eastern Ontario, both in large centres like Ottawa and smaller, more rural communities like those here in Leeds and Grenville, the strategy is designed to take a more holistic approach to immigration. Showcasing different practices and strategies that have been effective in municipalities nationwide, it contains blueprints for local leaders, priority action points, as well as ways to strengthen integration for newcomers over the next three to five years.

As well, a virtual summit will be taking place October 4th (1-4pm) and 5th (8:30am-12pm). This will include keynotes by Kareem El-Assal, Director of Policy & Digital Strategy at CanadaVisa, and Wail Shah, Youth Advocate & HBC's Top 25 Canadian Immigrants. Stay tuned to social media for the registration link and more details.

To access the Eastern Ontario Immigrant Attraction and Retention Strategy, please visit the following link:

https://bit.ly/EOTImmStrat_EN

COMMUNITY PARTNER FEATURE

The Brockville Museum



The Brockville Museum preserves and shares a collection of objects and stories representing Brockville's past and present to provide inspiring, inclusive, and collaborative experience with the aim of enhancing well-being and strengthening the community's social and human capital. The museum is located at 5 Henry Street in downtown Brockville and features exhibits focused on Brockville's industrial and social history.

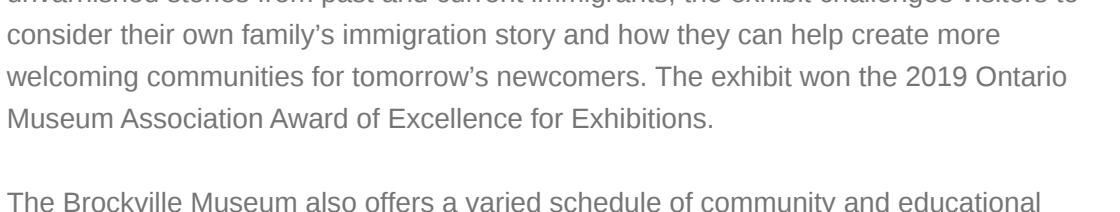
In 2019, with support from the St. Lawrence-Robou Immigration Partnership and the Friends of the Brockville Museum, the museum opened a new hands-on exhibit sharing local immigration stories, "Travel Trunk: Unpacking Brockville's Cultural Stories." Alongside unvarnished stories from past and current immigrants, the exhibit challenges visitors to consider their own family's immigration story and how they can help create more welcoming communities for tomorrow's newcomers. The exhibit won the 2019 Ontario Museum Association Award of Excellence for Exhibitions.

The Brockville Museum also offers a varied schedule of community and educational programs, regularly visiting areas retirement residences, presenting monthly talks, and meeting curriculum needs for local schools. The museum has also worked to enhance access to its collection and stories by creating online content, including videos and virtual exhibits on various Brockville topics and making its collection of objects searchable online. Other museum services include research services, groups tours, guest speakers, and room rentals.

The Brockville Museum is open year-round (hours vary). Admission is by donation. Visit www.brockvillmuseum.com for more information.

Immigration Research

At A Glance



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.

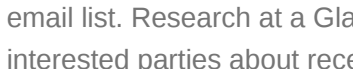
Here is one such release:

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

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

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

The Settlement of Beales Mills



DID YOU KNOW?

- It was first settled in the mid-19th century by a Benjamin Beale, who established a sawmill, gristmill, and a flour mill along the creek.
- The settlement declined in the early 20th century after the mills closed.
- Now the settlement consists of a few houses, and is seen as more of a ghost town.
- Photo credit: Jani Chanyakyo, Ontario Ghost Towns

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Training & Seminars

Pitching Yourself
June 8th, 12pm-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](#).

Canadian Workplace Expectations Training for Newcomers
June 8th, 9am - 11:30am
Employment+Education Centre

In Canada, workplace expectations are sometimes quite different than many other countries and cultures. Canadian workplace culture expects you to know the etiquette of working harmoniously with co-workers, colleagues, and supervisors, and to understand a good range of cross-cultural differences in the workplace. The goal of this training is to help newcomers to Canada to be successful in their new work culture.

To register, click [here](#).

Smart Serve
June 22nd, 9am-2pm
CSE Consulting North Grenville

Join us for Smart Serve Training, the approved responsible alcohol training program for Ontario. You will be led through approximately 1.5 hours of in-class training by an instructor / Facilitator. After completing training your instructor will guide you through the process of setting up an Individual Online Account with Smart Serve Ontario and provide you with a token to access the final Test online. All tests must be completed independently, and you will be video proctored. A score of 80% or higher must be achieved to receive your Certification and you will have two (2) attempts at the Final Test. Note: Training materials are only available in English.

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

LinkedIn for Beginners
June 29th, 10am-11:30am
KEYS Job Centre (Zoom)

A strong LinkedIn profile can attract employers to you and help you discover new and exciting opportunities to grow your career. Whether you're new to LinkedIn or are just looking for tips to get the best out of your profile. Join us for a step by step workshop on how to build your profile and create a strong online presence.

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

English Conversation Club
Wednesdays, 6pm - 8pm
Employment+Education Centre

The English Conversation Club is designed to provide new Canadians a space to practice and improve their English skills with an employment related focus! This includes conversation skills that will benefit them when interviewing for jobs, work-related communication, and engaging with employers and co-workers.

To register, click [here](#)!

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Events & Celebrations

Brockville Pride Parade
June 30th, 12pm start
Brockville Rowing Club to Hardy Park

The annual Pride Parade begins at Reynolds Park beside the Brockville Rowing Club. Groups are asked to meet by 11:30am to start assembling and lining up. Parade route: North on Bellhane St. West on King St (to the Brockville Arts Centre), South on St. Paul St before the final leg, East on Water St to Hardy Park.

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

Gananoque Rib Fest
June 30th to July 2nd
Lionel Jeffries Arena, 600 King St. East Gananoque

This amazing community event raises funds on behalf of the Rotary Club & Lions of Gananoque, 100 percent of the money supports charities, families, and areas, 1000 Island Family Habitat will continue to provide a safe and clean event.

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

Summer Vendor Market in Merrickville
July 9th, 11am-4pm
Merrickville Community Centre

On July 9th, 2023 from 11am - 4pm you can grab your shopping bags and come see what our amazing vendors have to offer at the Merrickville Community Centre, 106 Read St, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

With so many vendors offering different things there is sure to be something for everyone.

Admission is Free

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

The Monarchs: Free Concert
July 8th, 7pm
Kinsmen Amphitheatre, Water St., Prescott, ON

Always a great time at this stunning venue by the water! Check out this great, free concert happening in Prescott!

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

Lansdowne Fair
July 23rd to July 29th
Lansdowne Fairgrounds, 1186 Prince Street, Lansdowne

Come out and join the fun! With competitions, displays, rides, and so much more, there's something for everyone! Come out to the 2023 Lansdowne Fair, with this year's theme being Apple Pies and Family Fun!

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

IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Member Organizations

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

- Ahmad Khadria: 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
- Futuro Academy
- Kashif Razi: 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, Food & 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 Legal Centre
- Volunteer Centres of St. Lawrence-Robou

Contact Us Today To Get Involved!

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