



Winter Newsletter



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The work of the St. Lawrence - Rideau Immigration Partnership takes place on the traditional territory of the Anshinaabe, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee peoples. We honour and recognize the importance of Indigenous peoples' contributions to our community, our province and to Canada. As Canadians, we must be personally connected to our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

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WHAT'S NEW

Immigration Partnership Updates

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Call for Proposals 2024

The Immigration Partnership would like to thank everyone who provided support to our Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada 2024 Call for Proposals application. Your sharing of data, resources, ideas, and letters of support strengthened our application enormously. We are excited about our new proposed initiatives which focus heavily on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Indigenous, and intersectionality themes. Best of luck to all of our partners who also applied!



Virtual Service Canada Information Session for Newcomers

We are partnering with Local Immigration Partnership Lanark and Renfrew and Service Canada to offer a free, virtual **Service Canada** Information Session for Newcomers on March 20 from 12:30-1:30pm. This will be of interest to newcomers and any service providers who support newcomers.

You can register here: <https://shorturl.at/hOQS0>



VIRTUAL SERVICE CANADA **INFORMATION SESSION FOR** **NEWCOMERS**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
12:30PM-1:30PM VIA ZOOM

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT

The new Canada Dental Care Plan
Employment benefits when you are sick and can't work
Maternity and parental benefits
Pension programs for your future

REGISTRATION AND QUESTIONS

ONLINE: [HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/HOQSO](https://shorturl.at/HOQSO)

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COMMUNITY PARTNER FEATURE

TR Leger Settlement and Language Services



We would like to introduce Brandy Smith who is a Settlement Outreach Worker/Settlement Worker in Schools through Upper Canada District School Board. Brandy grew up in Leeds and Grenville, and each day she looks forward to supporting the growth in the Brockville and surrounding area, while welcoming newcomers. Within her role, she loves the opportunity to assist newcomers to Canada while using empathy and compassion. Her door is always open to connect with any Settlement and language training related questions and concerns.

TR Leger Settlement & Language Services is a resource centre for newcomers to Canada. Trained staff complete Needs and Assets Assessments and provide Information and Orientation on government programs and community services to newcomers in the UCDSB catchment area. Settlement services are funded by the Federal Government and are available at no cost to; Permanent Residents, Convention Refugees and Special temporary programs supporting persons considered to be at extreme risk. TR Leger Settlement & Language services delivers two programs in Eastern Ontario. These two programs are to provide newcomers with support for settlement-related issues, including but not limited to support for newcomer children in schools. As well, as providing English language assessments and access to English language classes. TR Leger Settlement & Language Services has recently start delivering the SWIS (Settlement Workers in Schools) program. This program supports families while registering children in Schools, providing translation, cultural interpretations, as well as referrals to other community supports.



COMMUNITY PARTNER ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Lawrence College

St. Lawrence College has recently established a new position aimed at helping international students transition to both life at SLC and in their local communities. Jammie Bannon is the new International Student Development & Services Manager tri-campus and she is looking forward to more actively seeking out community opportunities and partnerships to help SLC's students feel a part of their community.

Please contact Jammie if you have any questions:
jbannon@sl.on.ca

YMCA of Eastern Ontario

The MyView Youth Film Festival launched in 2013 as a collaborative initiative between the Kemptville Youth Centre, the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit and Truine Films, aimed at providing young filmmakers in the North Grenville area with a platform to express themselves to, and about, the local community.

Now in its 9th year, the MyView Youth Film Festival has grown far outside of its North Grenville roots, providing youth from across Eastern Ontario with a space to share their issues, their community, their life, and their views. The YMCA of Eastern Ontario is now a key supporter.

More about the Festival can be found here: <https://myviewfilmfest.ca/>



GRAND PRIZE!
\$1000

★ McGahey Insurance & Grenville Mutual Insurance present: **9th ANNUAL** 2024
★ **MYVIEW YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL**

Submission Deadline:

May 1, 2024

1. SIGN UP!

Contest open to all youth ages 10-24 in Eastern Ontario. West to Kingston & Napanee, north to Ottawa, and east to the Quebec border (see website for full list of eligible counties).

2. CREATE A VIDEO

Make a video (5 minutes or less) that **celebrates something** in your life or community, shows us a **solution to a problem**, or **showcases your opinion**. Creativity and content are more important than production quality. For all contest details and how to submit your film, check out our facebook page www.facebook.com/myviewfilmfest or go to www.myviewfilmfest.ca

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2024

3. WIN A PRIZE

Your video could be nominated for a chance to win:

- **THE GRAND PRIZE \$1000**
- **I ♥ My Community \$750**
- **Best original music \$500**
- **YMCA Award \$500**
- **Great age category prizes**

MyView is a Tobacco Free Film Festival. For more information visit www.myviewfilmfest.ca

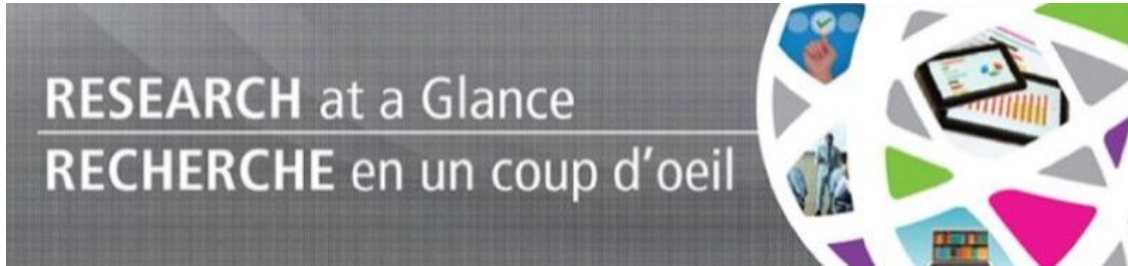


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WANT DETAILS? NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?
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**Immigration Research
At A Glance**



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.

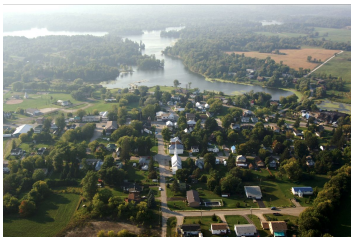
Here is one such release:

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

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

LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

The Village of Seeley's Bay



DID YOU KNOW?



- The village was established early in the 19th century as a port of call for steamers going between Kingston and Ottawa on the Rideau Canal.
- The village was named in 1841 after the Seeley family who set up a trading post about 1825.
- Photo credit: Marinas.com

Days of Significance

Below are a number of days of significance as highlighted by the Tamarack Institute. We hope you find them interesting and useful in your planning of events or honouring friends, family, or staff who may celebrate a variety of these events throughout the year. Some

celebration start and end dates are dictated by corresponding calendars which means the dates change each year.

February

Lunar New Year	Paranirvana Day	Louis Riél Day
<p>BACKGROUND: Celebrated by most Asian countries.</p> <p>Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of Spring and the beginning of a New Year on the lunisolar calendar.</p> <p><i>Happy Lunar New Year!</i></p> <p>February 10 </p>	<p>BACKGROUND: Buddhism</p> <p>This date marks Buddha's death and attainment of final nirvana.</p> <p><i>Traditional Buddhists place palms together and bow slightly to each other.</i></p> <p>February 15</p>	<p>BACKGROUND: Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>A day that commemorates Louis Riél, the founding Father of Manitoba who represented the Métis people's interests.</p> <p>February 19 </p>

March

Maha Shivratri	Purim	Holi
<p>BACKGROUND: Hinduism</p> <p>A festival called 'Shiva's Night' that honours this significant deity.</p> <p><i>Om Namah Shivay!</i></p> <p>March 8 </p>	<p>BACKGROUND: Judaism</p> <p>Commemorating Jewish people liberating themselves from Hamam in the ancient Persian Empire.</p> <p><i>Chag Purim Sameach (Happy Purim)</i></p> <p>Sundown March 23– Nightfall March 24 </p>	<p>BACKGROUND: Hinduism</p> <p>A festival of colours that welcomes spring and new harvest in India.</p> <p><i>Happy Holi!</i></p> <p>March 25 </p>



March



Spring Equinox

BACKGROUND: Indigenous Peoples, Pagans, Wiccans, New Agers

Equinox connects Indigenous Peoples spiritually with nature, while Solstice honours natural patterns.

Best wishes on Spring Equinox Day for you!

March 19



Kurdish Newroz

BACKGROUND: Kurdish People

Newroz is the Kurdish celebration of the Persian new year holiday "Nowruz." Over the years, Newroz has come to represent new beginnings, as well as an opportunity to support the Kurdish cause.

Nowroz Mobarack!

March 20

Ramadan

BACKGROUND: Islam

The holy month of fasting, Introspection and prayer celebrated by Muslims.

Ramadan Mubarak!

March 10 - April 8



April

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Eid al-Fitr

BACKGROUND: Islam

A holiday that marks the end of Ramadan

Eid Mubarak!

April 9-10



Vaisakhi

BACKGROUND: Sikh Hinduism

A day to celebrate the birth of Khalsa. Solar New Year and spring harvest (Hindu).

Happy Vaisakhi

April 13

Passover

BACKGROUND: Judaism

An 8-day holiday that honours Jewish people freeing themselves from slavery in Egypt.

Chag sameach

April 22-30



Spring Job Fairs

An opportunity for local job seekers and employers to connect. No cost for employers to host a booth and free entrance for job seekers.

Brockville

March 13, 3-6pm

Brockville Memorial Centre

Hosted by the Employment + Education Centre

Contact: laurelle@eecentre.com / 613-498-2111

Prescott

February 27, 3-6:30pm

444 Prince St.

CSE Consulting

Contact: brigitte@cseconsulting.com / 613-925-0222

Kemptville

March 5, 12-4pm

285 County Road 44

CSE Consulting

Contact: tracy@cseconsulting.com / 613-258-6576



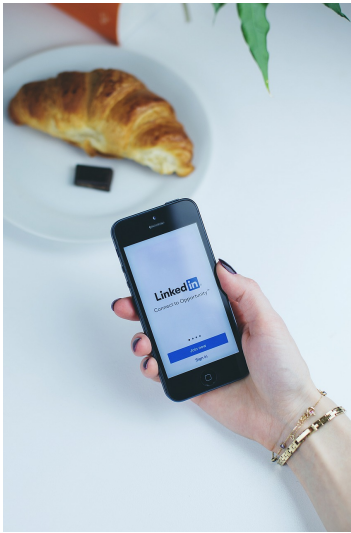
Smart Serve

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 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!](#)

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Events & Celebrations



FABLAB at the Brockville Public Library

The FabLab is a space where creatives and crafters can access creative technologies that they might not otherwise have access to. The space includes a Cricut vinyl cutter, a 3D printer, sewing machines, bedazzlers and button makers, with many more exciting items on the horizon!

The Library will be hosting regular workshops utilizing the space and the equipment within it, as well as hosting private bookings for individuals and small groups to work together on their own projects. No matter your background or skill level, you can come to the FabLab to gain new skills, be inspired and collaborate with others.

Contact the Library for more information:

<https://brockvillelibrary.ca/>

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
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
Merrick Preparatory School
Refugees for Brockville
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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