



The Working Centre - February 2012 Calendar



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Queen Street Commons Café
43 Queen Street South

St. John's Kitchen &
Worth a Second Look
97 Victoria Street North

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Job Search Resource Centre Hours:</p> <p>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am—4pm</p> <p>Wednesday: 9am—7pm</p>	<p>1 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm •Film Screening hosted by Dollars and Sense @ QSC <i>Film TBD</i> 7pm 	<p>2 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Interview Series (pt.1) 1-3pm •Immigration Law Clinic 1:30-4pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm 	<p>3 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Craft Corner @ QSC 2-4pm •Music Night @ QSC, <i>Starlight Steel Drum Band</i> 7-9pm 	<p>4 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4 Recycle Cycles 10-2</p>
<p>6 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Housing Desk 1-4 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Computer Basics Class (grp. 1) Starts 9am-12pm •Strategic Job Searching <i>Finding the Right Work Environment</i> 2-3:30pm •Open Space @ QSC <i>Film Screening: "Count Us In"</i> 6:30-8:30pm 	<p>7 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Money Matters @ St. John's Kitchen 9:30am-12pm 	<p>8 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm •Registered Disability Savings Plan Info Session 1pm-2pm 	<p>9 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Interview Series (pt.2) 1-3pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm 	<p>10 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Craft Corner @ QSC 2-4pm •Music Night @ QSC, <i>Open Jam Session</i> 7-9pm 	<p>11 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4 Recycle Cycles CLOSED</p>
<p>13 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Housing Desk 1-4 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Strategic Job Searching <i>Online Resources</i> 2-3:30pm •Open Space @ QSC 6:30-8:30pm 	<p>14 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Money Matters @ St. John's Kitchen 9:30am-12pm •MS Word 2007 Course Starts 9am-11:30am •Self-Help Alliance Drop-in 2-3pm 	<p>15 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm 	<p>16 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Interview Series (pt.1) 1-3pm •Immigration Law Clinic 1:30-4pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm •Drupal User Group 7-9pm 	<p>17 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Craft Corner @ QSC 2-4pm •Music Night @ QSC <i>Artist TBD</i> 7-9pm 	<p>18 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4 Recycle Cycles 10-2</p>
<p>20</p> <p>CLOSED FAMILY DAY</p>	<p>21 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Money Matters @ St. John's Kitchen 9:30am-12pm •BarterWorks Discussion 4:30pm 	<p>22 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm 	<p>23 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Interview Series (pt.2) 1-3pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm 	<p>24 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-5 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Craft Corner @ QSC 2-4pm •Music Night @ QSC, <i>Artist TBD</i>, 7-9pm 	<p>25 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4 Recycle Cycles 10-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BarterWorks Community Market Day 11am-3pm
<p>27 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Housing Desk 1-4pm Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Strategic Job Searching <i>Networking Skills</i> 2-3:30pm •Open Space @ QSC 6:30-8:30pm 	<p>28 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Money Matters @ St. John's Kitchen 9:30am-12pm •Computer Basics Class (grp. 2) Starts 2pm-4pm 	<p>29 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6 Housing Desk 1-4 Recycle Cycles 10-5 Money Matters 9:30-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm 	<p><i>Check our Community Job Posting Service at:</i></p> <p>http://www.theworkingcentre.org/jobs</p>	<p>Activities take place at both 43 & 58 Queen St. S. Call 519-743-1151 to confirm location.</p>	<p>Calendar continued on back...</p>

Job Search Resource Centre

- **Interview Series:** Learn the formula for success in interviews. Held Thursdays from 1pm-3pm at 58 Queen St. S. **Workshop Dates:** February 2 (pt.1), 9 (pt.2), 16 (pt.1), and 23 (pt.2). Call Lizzy at 519-743-1151 ext. 252.
- **Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) - Information Session:** The RDSP is a long-term savings plan to help Canadians with disabilities and their families save for the future. The RDSP is delivered by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). You should consider opening an RDSP if you have a long-term disability and are under the age of 60, a Canadian resident with a social insurance number, eligible for the Disability Tax Credit (Disability Amount), and are looking for a long-term savings plan. This session will be held on Wednesday, February 8 from 1pm-2pm at 58 Queen St. S.
- **Self Help Alliance Drop-in:** Enhance your employment opportunities by gaining insights into supports that will improve your quality of life. This workshop will be held on the second Tuesday of each month; February 14, from 2-3pm at 58 Queen St. S.
- **Speak English Café:** Practice speaking English in an informal, café setting. Held on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm at 43 Queen St. S. in cooperation with MCRS. Call Julia at 519-743-1151 ext. 114.
- **Strategic Job Searching Series:** This four-part series offers sessions on Mondays from 2:00-3:30pm at 58 Queen St. S.
 - ◆ **Feb. 6: Finding the Right Work Environment**
Call Imran at 519-743-1151 ext. 163.
 - ◆ **Feb. 13: Online Resources**
Call Sonya at 519-743-1151 ext. 125.
 - ◆ **Feb. 27: Networking Skills**
Call Karolina at 519-743-1151 ext. 162.
- **Waterloo Region ASSETS+ Project (WRAP):** Are you interested in training to start or improve your small business? Develop your business plan by attending a WRAP course. Training includes business technical assistance, mentorship/networking, and a micro-loans program. Sessions start in January, April and September. Held in cooperation with MEDA. Call Greg: 519-743-1151 ext. 139, or email Bob: wrap@theworkingcentre.org.
- **Job Search Resource Centre is open until 7pm on Wednesdays!**

Community Tools Projects (Volunteers Welcome!)

- **BarterWorks:** Want to learn more about K-W's local community based trading system drop in to an **Office Hours** at 58 Queen St. S.; Tuesdays from 10am-4pm, please call for an appointment. For more information contact Greg at 743-1151 ext. 139.
 - ◆ **BarterWorks Discussion:** Want to learn more about how KW's community trading system can support the local economy? Join us on the third Tuesday of each month; February 21, for a conversation on local currency and how to make the most of a BarterWorks membership. Held at 43 Queen St. S from 4:30-5:30pm. Please RSVP to Greg at 743-1151 ext 139.
 - ◆ **Community Market Day:** Come support local artists and the local economy on Saturday, February 25 from 11am-3pm at 43 Queen St. S.

- **Computer Recycling Shop:** A community facility for repairing, testing, and refurbishing PCs at 58 Queen Street South (entrance on Charles St.). Prices negotiable for non-profit groups. **Hours:** Tuesday to Friday, 10am-6pm, and Saturday from 10am-4pm. Call Charles at 519-743-1151 ext. 225.
- **GROW Gardens:** A greenhouse and garden that produces microgreens, seedlings, herbs, teas, soaps, and more. Volunteers needed to join the harvesting, planting, and producing. Monday to Friday from 10am-4pm. To volunteer call 519-743-1151 ext. 113.
- **Maurita's Kitchen Cooking Sessions:** The kitchen offers a practical learning environment, where volunteers make all the meals from scratch. Volunteers help bake cookies, cakes, and other tasty treats using natural ingredients. They will also learn new vegetarian recipes, cook with whole foods, share skills, and help produce all of the food for the Queen Street Commons Café. You can volunteer Monday to Friday from 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm. Call 519-743-1151 ext. 244.
- **Queen Street Commons Café:** Coffee, Culture, and Community at 43 Queen Street South. Offers a natural, vegetarian menu, community events, and a unique gift shop. **Café Hours:** Monday to Friday from 8:30am-9pm, and Saturdays from 10am-4pm. Call 519-749-9177 ext. 227.
 - ◆ **Open Space:** Join us for coffee, tea, conversation, music, & relaxation! From 6:30-8:30pm every Monday. Everyone is welcome! We especially invite people with disabilities, their families, & caregivers. Held in cooperation with Extend-a-Family. **Film Screening on Monday, February 6:** As part of this evening, the documentary film "Count us in" will be screened, produced by the Multicultural Cinema Club in cooperation with Extend-A-Family.
 - ◆ **Craft Corner:** A time to bring your knitting, crocheting, needlework and other crafting projects for an afternoon of swapping tales, tips and techniques. Beginners welcome. Every Friday from 2-4.
 - ◆ **Open Jam Sessions:** Held on the 2nd Friday of each month, come out and share your music with others in an open format jam session! Come to play, come to listen... Call Julia at 519-749-9177.
 - ◆ **Film Screenings**
 - △ **Dollars and Sense Movie and Discussion Night—7pm on Wed., Feb. 1** *Film: "Crime of the Canadian Banking System"*.
 - △ **Cinema Politica—7pm, on Wed. Feb. 8.** *Film: "Marx Reloaded"*
 - △ **What Does Democracy Mean to You? Movie and Discussion Night—7pm on Wed. Feb. 15:** co-organized by the Nonviolence Festival, Occupy Waterloo Region and Fair-Vote Canada. *Film: "Democracy in the New Millennium"*
 - △ **Mapuche Solidarity film screenings—6pm on Wed. Feb 29** – hosted by WPIRG – *Films: "the Rebirth of Lemun" and "With Claudia in our Hearts"*
 - ◆ **Music Night Every Friday!** Join us every Friday Night at the Queen Street Commons for some diverse music, special dinners, snacks and treats, fun drinks, games, and more! Stay tuned to our website for more details on the musical guests as they are announced.
 - △ **Feb. 3, 7-9pm:** *Starlite Steel Drum Band*
 - △ **Feb. 10, 7-9pm:** Open Jam Session
 - △ **Feb. 17, 7-9pm:** *Artist TBD*
 - △ **Feb. 24, 7-9pm:** *Artist TBD*

- **Recycle Cycles Community Bike Shop:** At 43 Queen St. S. **Hours:** Tuesday-Friday from 10am-5pm and Saturdays from 10am-2pm. Help refurbish old bikes, or fix your own bike with volunteer support (please call to book a time). **THE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11.** Contact Jesse at 519-749-9177 ext. 222.
- **Worth a Second Look Furniture and Housewares:** Worth a Second Look is a thrift shop that provides the community with very low-cost used furniture and assorted houseware items. The store is located at 97 Victoria St. N. **Hours:** Mon. to Fri. from 9am-5pm, Sat. from 9am-4pm. We welcome donations of gently used goods during open hours. For more information, call 519-569-7566.

Computer Training

- **Computer Classes:** Call Emily at 519-743-1151 ext. 236 to register for these classes:
 - ◆ **Computer Basics (grp. 1)** – Starts February 6. Runs Mondays from 9am-12pm for 6 weeks.
 - ◆ **Computer Basics (grp. 2)** – Starts February 28. Runs Tuesdays from 2pm-4pm and Wednesdays from 1-4pm, for 3 weeks.
 - ◆ **MS Word 2007** – Starts February 14. Runs Tuesdays 9-11:30am and Thursdays 1-4 pm for 5 weeks.
- **Drupal User Group:** All Drupal enthusiasts are welcome to join us for discussion and demonstration of topics for beginners and beyond. Held on the third Thursday of the month; February 16, from 7-9pm at 58 Queen St. S. Call Charles at 519-743-1151 ext. 121.
- **Self-Directed Computer Courses:** We offer a wide range of online tutorial courses. Learn at your own pace; also possible to work towards Microsoft certifications. Call Emily at 519-743-1151 ext. 236.

Other Events and Activities

- **Housing Desk:** Looking for housing? We can help you in your search. **Hours:** Monday-Friday 1-4pm. Call 519-743-1151 ext. 117.
- **Immigration Law Clinic:** Anyone interested in this clinic should check in at the front desk, and bring all your immigration letters and paperwork with you. **Clinic Times:** Thursdays, February 2 and 16 from 1:30pm-4pm. Call Kirsten at 519-576-5941.
- **Free Income Tax Clinics:** We are offering appointments support to help you complete your income tax return. Our volunteers are trained by Canada Revenue agency, we are able to assist eligible taxpayers who have low income, and simple tax situations. If you are interested please provide your name and contact information to 519-743-1151 ext. 101.
- **Money Matters Drop-In:** Need help with your finances? We provide friendly support, information and connections to help you to manage your money in the best way possible. **Drop-in times at 58 Queen St. S.:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:30am to 12pm. **Drop-in times at 97 Victoria St. N. (St. John's Kitchen):** Tuesdays from 9:30am to 12pm. Call 519-743-1151 ext. 173.
- **Targeted Initiative for Older Workers:** Are you 50 or older and looking for work? See our website for more information: www.theworkingcentre.org/tiow and call 519-549-0113 to register for an Information Session.