



# The Working Centre - February 2010 Calendar



58 & 43 Queen Street South, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 1V6

519-743-1151, 749-9177

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><b>1</b> Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Housing Desk 1-4pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am</li> <li>•Strategic Job Searching <i>Finding the Right Work Environment</i> 2-3:30pm</li> <li>•Open Space @ QSC 6:30-8:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>2</b> 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"> <li>•Housing Legal Clinic 9am-12pm</li> <li>•Celebration of Foods Cooking 1-3pm</li> <li>•Budget Planning Workshop 2-3:30pm</li> <li>•Open Mic Night @ QSC 7pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>3</b> 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"> <li>•Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm</li> <li>•Commons Market @ QSC 4-6pm</li> <li>•Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>4</b> 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"> <li>•Interview Series 1-2:30pm</li> <li>•Immigration Law Clinic 1:30-4pm</li> <li>•Speak English Café 6-8pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>5</b> 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"> <li>•Sewing Class: 11am-12:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>6</b> Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4 Recycle Cycles 10-2</p>
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<p><b>15</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOSED FAMILY DAY</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 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"> <li>•Housing Legal Clinic 9am-12pm</li> <li>•Celebration of Foods Cooking 1-3pm</li> <li>•BarterWorks Info Session 5:30-6:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>17</b> 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"> <li>•Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm</li> <li>•Commons Market @ QSC 4-6pm</li> <li>•Community Knitting @ QSC 5pm</li> <li>•g. k. &amp; d'Arcess @ QSC 7pm</li> <li>•Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>18</b> 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"> <li>•Interview Series 1-2:30pm</li> <li>•Speak English Café 6-8pm</li> <li>•Drupal User Group 7-9pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>19</b> 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"> <li>•Sewing Class: 11am-12:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>20</b> Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4 Recycle Cycles 10-2</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Check our Community Job Posting Service at:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><a href="http://www.theworkingcentre.org/jobs">http://www.theworkingcentre.org/jobs</a></i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Activities take place at both 43 &amp; 58 Queen St. S. Call 519-743-1151 to confirm location.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Calendar continued on back...</p>

## Job Search Resource Centre

- **Interview Series:** Learn the formula for success in interviews. Held Thursdays from 1:00-2:30pm at 58 Queen St. S. **Workshops Dates:** February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Call Rita at 519-743-1151 ext. 127.
- **Speak English Café:** Practice speaking English in an informal, café setting. Held Thursdays from 6-8pm at 43 Queen St. S. Call Julia at 519-743-1151 ext. 114.
- **Strategic Job Searching Series:** This revised four-part series offers sessions on Mondays from 2:00-3:30pm at 58 Queen St. S.
  - ◆ **Feb. 1: Finding the Right Work Environment** - Call Karen at 519-743-1151 ext. 230.
  - ◆ **Feb 8: Internet Resources** - Call Jenny at 519-743-1151 ext. 161.
  - ◆ **Feb. 22: Networking Skills** - Call Rita at 519-743-1151 ext. 127.
- **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. Call Greg: 519-749-9177 ext. 236, or email Bob: wrap@theworkingcentre.org.
- **Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Claims Assistance:** If you have a workers compensation injury claim, an experienced claims advocate will help you sort through your claim. Sessions are by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make an appointment, call 58 Queen reception at 519-743-1151 ext. 101.
- **Job Search Resource Centre is Open until 7:00pm on Wednesdays!**

## Community Tools Projects (Volunteers Welcome!)

- **BarterWorks:** Drop in to 43 Queen St. S. to learn more about K-W's local community-based trading system. **Office hours:** Tuesday to Thursday from 10am - 4pm. **Information Session:** Tuesday, February 16 from 5:30-6:30pm at 43 Queen St. S. Learn more about how to trade through BarterWorks and how you can reduce your reliance on money! **Market Day:** Saturday, February 27 from 10am-2pm at 43 Queen St. S. Come support local artists and the local economy! For more information, call Greg at 519-749-9177 ext. 236.
- **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, 10-6pm, and Saturday from 10-4pm. **Computer Recycling will be closed on Saturday, February 13.** Call Charles at 519-743-1151 ext. 225.
- **Maurita's Kitchen Cooking Sessions:**
  - ◆ **Baking Sessions:** Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1-3 pm, in Maurita's Kitchen, 66 Queen St. S. Learn to bake healthy desserts using natural ingredients. Volunteers needed to bake cookies, cakes, and other tasty treats for the Queen Street Commons Cafe. To volunteer, call Margaret at 519-749-9177 ext. 232.

- ◆ **Celebration of Foods Cooking Group for New Canadians:** Are you interested in cooking, meeting other New Canadians, and sharing your recipes? Join us every Tuesday from 1-3pm at Maurita's Kitchen (66 Queen St. S) for informal group cooking sessions. To register in advance, please call 519-743-1151 ext. 0 and leave a message for Norma Medina.
- ◆ **Vegetarian Cooking Sessions:** Every weekday morning 9-12 noon in Maurita's Kitchen, 66 Queen St. S. Learn new vegetarian recipes, cook with whole foods, share your skills, and help produce food for the Queen Street Commons Café. Volunteers needed! To volunteer, call Margaret at 519-749-9177 ext. 232.
- **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.
  - ◆ **The Commons Market - Fresh, Local Food Year-round:** Join us for The Commons Market at 43 Queen Street South! It is a great way to support local farmers and enjoy the company of others with an interest in locally produced food. **Pick-up Days:** Wednesday, February 3 and 17 from 4-6pm. For more information please visit <http://www.theworkingcentre.org/market> or contact Rebecca by phone at 519-743-1151x130 or by e-mail at market@theworkingcentre.org.
  - ◆ **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.
  - ◆ **Open Mic Night:** for original singers/songwriters, as well as spoken word artists. Tuesdays, February 2 and 9 from 7-9pm.
  - ◆ **Community Knitting Night:** Whether you are an experienced knitter or would like to learn, come on out to enjoy a creative pastime with others in the community. Wednesday, February 17 at 5pm.
  - ◆ **g. k. & d'Arcess** will perform on Wednesday, February 17 at 7pm.
- **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). Contact Jesse at 519-749-9177 ext. 222.
- **Sewing Classes:** The Sewing Room offers beginner and advanced sewing classes. Volunteers are available to assist with learning the machines, working from a pattern, and applying sewing techniques. **Class times:** Mondays: 9am-10:30am, 10:30am-12:00pm; Wednesdays: 9am-10:30am, 10:30am-12:00pm, 1pm-2:30pm, 2:30pm-4:00pm, Fridays: 11am-12:30pm. Call Margaret at 519-749-9177 ext. 232.
- **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:** Monday to Friday from 9-5, and Saturdays from 9-4. We welcome donations of gently used goods during open hours. For more information, call 519-569-7566.

## Computer Training

- **Computer Basics Class:** This 4-week course provides fundamental knowledge of computers to students with little or no experience. The next series of classes will begin on Tuesday, February 9. Classes are held Tuesdays from 1-4pm. Call Sergiane at (519)743-1151 ext. 236.
- **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 18 from 7 to 9pm at 58 Queen Street South. 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 us 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.
- **Housing Legal Clinic:** This service will offer legal advice relating to evictions, tenant rights, the Residential Tenancy Act, and other housing-related issues. **Clinic Times:** Tuesdays from 9am to 12pm. Check in at the reception desk at 58 Queen St. S. Call Chad at 519-743-1151 ext. 154.
- **Immigration Law Clinic:** This clinic will run some Tuesdays and Thursdays. Check in at the front desk, and bring all your immigration letters and paperwork with you. **Clinic Dates and times:** Thursdays, February 4 and 25 from 1:30pm-4pm. Call Kirsten at 519-576-5941.
- **Finance and Budgeting pt.1 – Creating a Financial Plan:** In this workshop, you will learn to live within your means, establish your priorities, budget by creating a financial plan, increase savings, and cut expenses. **Workshop Time:** Tuesday, February 2 from 2-3:30pm. Call Rita at 519-743-1151 ext. 127.
- **Finance and Budgeting pt.2 – Dealing with Debt:** This session is given by Mosaic Counselling + Family Services and offers participants ways to manage debt and deal with creditors. Several different options for dealing with debt are discussed in detail. **Workshop Time:** Tuesday, February 9 from 2-3:30pm. Call Rita at 519-743-1151 ext. 127.

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