



The Working Centre - February 2009 Calendar



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

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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>2 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class 9am-10:30, 10:30-12pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Celebration of Foods 1-3pm •Strategic Job Searching <i>Finding the Right Work Environment</i> 2-3:30pm •Linux Users Group 6-9pm •Open Space @ QSC Café 6:30-8:30pm 	<p>3 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Weaving and Herbal Crafts</i> 2-4pm 	<p>4 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BarterWorks 9-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Paperkräf</i> 2-4 •Wednesday After Hours 4-7 •Mark Evans and Company @ QSC Café 5:30pm 	<p>5 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Interview Series: 1-2:30pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm 	<p>6 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Recycled Crafts</i> 2-4pm •Games Night at QSC Café 	<p>7 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-2pm
<p>9 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class 9am-10:30, 10:30-12pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Celebration of Foods 1-3pm •Strategic Job Searching <i>Internet Resources</i> 2-3:30pm •Open Space @ QSC Café 6:30-8:30pm 	<p>10 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Weaving and Herbal Crafts</i> 2-4pm •Open Mic Night at QSC Café 7-9pm 	<p>11 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BarterWorks 9-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Paperkräf</i> 2-4 •Wednesday After Hours 4-7 •BarterWorks Information Session 5:30pm-6:30pm •Mark Evans and Company @ QSC Café 5:30pm 	<p>12 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Interview Series: 1-2:30pm •Immigration Law Clinic 1:30-4 •Speak English Café 6-8pm 	<p>13 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Recycled Crafts</i> 2-4pm 	<p>14 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-2pm •Knitting Workshop 10am-12 •MCC Workshop: Canon XH-A1 Camera 9:30-11:30am
<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closed Family Day</i></p>	<p>17 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Weaving and Herbal Crafts</i> 2-4pm 	<p>18 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BarterWorks 9-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Paperkräf</i> 2-4 •Wednesday After Hours 4-7 •Mark Evans and Company @ QSC Café 5:30pm 	<p>19 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Interview Series: 1-2:30pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm •Drupal User Group 7-9pm 	<p>20 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Recycled Crafts</i> 2-4pm •Crochet and Knitting Group 5pm 	<p>21 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-2pm
<p>23 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class 9am-10:30, 10:30-12pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Celebration of Foods 1-3pm •Strategic Job Searching: <i>Information Meetings</i> 2-3:30pm •Open Space @ QSC Café 6:30-8:30pm •Fair Trade Cooperatives in Latin America @ QSC Café 4pm 	<p>24 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Weaving and Herbal Crafts</i> 2-4pm •CTx GreEn: Biodiesel Initiatives in India @ QSC Café 6pm 	<p>25 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BarterWorks 9-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Paperkräf</i> 2-4 •Wednesday After Hours 4-7 •Mark Evans and Company @ QSC Café 5:30pm 	<p>26 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Housing Desk 1-4pm •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Interview Series: 1-2:30pm •Immigration Law Clinic 1:30-4 •Speak English Café 6-8pm •Workplace Safety Awareness 10:30-12pm 	<p>27 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm •Housing Desk 1-4pm •2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Recycled Crafts</i> 2-4pm •New Vibes Jazz Quartet Live @ QSC Café 4:30pm-7:30pm 	<p>28 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recycle Cycles 10am-2pm •BarterWorks Market Day 10am-2pm
	<p style="text-align: center;">Activities take place at both 43 & 58 Queen Street South. 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.
 - ◆ **Feb. 5:** Call Lizzy at 519-743-1151 ext. 252.
 - ◆ **Feb. 12:** Call Sarah at 519-743-1151 ext. 247.
 - ◆ **Feb. 19:** Call Bhupinder at 519-743-1151 ext. 143.
 - ◆ **Feb. 26:** 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. Contact 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. 2: Finding the Right Work Environment** - Call Karen at 519-743-1151 ext. 230.
 - ◆ **Feb. 9: Internet Resources** - Call Jenny at 519-743-1151 ext. 161 or Matthew at ext. 153.
 - ◆ **Feb. 23: Information Meetings** - Call Jessica at 519-743-1151 ext. 132.
- **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. Registration for the next session is ongoing. Call Greg at 519-749-9177 ext. 236, or email Bob at wrap@theworkingcentre.org.
- **Wednesday After Hours:** Resource centre available for New Canadians who may not be available during regular business hours. Wednesdays 4-7pm. Resume and job search assistance, help with finding work in your field or in a related field, assistance with licensing and certification issues. Held at 58 Queen St. S.
- **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.
- **Workplace Safety Awareness:** Introduction to safety concepts; understanding rights and responsibilities; workplace hazards and WHMIS. Held on Thursday, February 26 from 10:30am-12pm. Call Dave T. at 519-743-1151 ext. 289.

Community Tools Projects (Volunteers Welcome!)

- **2nd Floor Arts Space:** On the 2nd floor of 43 Queen St. S., we offer herbal crafting, paper arts, sewing, weaving, and recycled crafts. Open every afternoon from Tuesday to Friday, 2-4 pm. Come and be creative with us! Call Misha at 519-749-9177 ext. 238.
 - ◆ **Tuesday:** weaving and herbal crafts
 - ◆ **Wednesday:** papermaking and paper arts
 - ◆ **Thursday:** on location at St. John's Kitchen
 - ◆ **Friday:** recycled crafts
- **BarterWorks:** Drop in to 43 Queen St. S. to learn more about K-W's local community-based trading system. **Office hours:** By appointment only—please call to book. **Market Day:** Feb. 28 from 10am to 2pm—come support local artists! **Information Session:** Feb. 11 from 5:30-6:30pm - Learn more about how to trade through BarterWorks and how you can reduce your reliance on money! 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. Call Charles at 519-743-1151 ext. 225.
- **Maurita's Kitchen Cooking Sessions (Volunteers Needed!):**
 - ◆ **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 Monday from 1-3 pm 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. Want to 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.
 - ◆ **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.
 - ◆ **Mark Evans and Company** will play live shows each Wednesday evening at 5:30pm.
 - ◆ **Games Night:** Enjoy a cup of tea or a meal while playing one of the many games available in the café on Friday, February 6 from 5-9pm.
 - ◆ **Open Mic Night:** for original singers/songwriters, as well as spoken word artists. Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 7-9pm.
 - ◆ **Community Crochet & Knitting Group:** Whether you are an experienced knitter or would like to learn, come on out to enjoy a past-time with others in the community. This group will be meeting on Friday, Feb. 20 at 5pm.
 - ◆ **Knitting Workshop with Chris Dorman.** Saturday, February 14 from 10am-12.
 - ◆ **Interested in Fair Trade?** Come learn about the concept of fairly traded goods and cooperatives in Latin America on February 23 at 4pm.
 - ◆ **CTx GreEn: BioDiesel Initiatives in India:** February 24 at 6pm. Come hear Alexandra talk about her experience volunteering in India with CTx GreEn, a grassroots organization working with rural villages in Orissa, India to produce biodiesel for local power.
 - ◆ **The New Vibes Jazz Quartet** will play a show on Friday, Feb. 27 from 4:30-7:30pm.
- **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. Classes are on Mondays from 9am-10:30pm and 10:30am-12pm. Call Misha at 519-749-9177 ext. 238.
- **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 8-week course provides fundamental knowledge of computers to students with little or no experience. The next series of classes begin on March 24. 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 19 from 7 to 9pm at 58 Queen Street South. Call Charles at 519-743-1151 ext. 121.
- **Linux Users Group (KWLUG):** The K-W Linux User Group is a monthly meeting of Linux/Open Source enthusiasts. Held on the first Monday of the month; February 2 from 6-9pm. Presentation Topic: Nagios; a well-established network monitoring system. Held at 58 Queen St. S. Call Charles at (519)743-1151 ext. 225 for more information.
- **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.
- **Immigration Law Clinic:** This clinic will run some Thursday afternoons from 1:30pm-4 pm. Check in at the front desk, and bring all your immigration letters and paperwork with you. **Clinic Dates:** February 12 and 26.
- **Immigrant Loan Program:** This program is designed to provide access to loans for New Canadians living in Waterloo Region to pay for training and certification costs to help them find work in their profession or trade. If you would like more information about the Immigrant Loan Program please contact Dave Erb at 519-743-1151 ext 134.
- **Multicultural Cinema Club Workshop - The Canon XH-A1 Camera:** Come and learn how to produce your own films using the Canon XH-A1 with producer Andrew Kohl. This workshop will be held on February 14, from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Wright room in The Working Centre, 58 Queen St. S. FREE for MCC members, \$5 for non members.

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