



The Working Centre - January 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

www.theworkingcentre.org

97 Victoria Street North

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Housing Desk 1-4pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am •Strategic Job Searching <i>Finding the Right Work Environment</i> 2-3:30pm •Open Space @ QSC 6:30-8:30pm 	<p>5 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"> •Celebration of Foods Cooking 1-3pm •Open Mic Night @ QSC 7pm 	<p>6 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"> •Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm •WRAP Info Sessions 1:30pm, 7pm •Commons Market @ QSC 4-6pm •Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm 	<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"> •Interview Series 1-2:30pm •Immigration Law Clinic 1:30-4pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm 	<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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class: 11am-12:30pm 	<p>9 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4 Recycle Cycles 10-2</p>
<p>11 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Housing Desk 1-4pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am •Strategic Job Searching <i>Internet Resources</i> 2-3:30pm •Open Space @ QSC 6:30-8:30pm 	<p>12 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"> •Celebration of Foods Cooking 1-3pm •Computer Basics Class Starts 1pm •LWLM Budget Planning Workshop 2-3:30pm 	<p>13 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"> •Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm •Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm 	<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"> •Interview Series 1-2:30pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm •Fair Trade Discussion @ QSC 4pm 	<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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class: 11am-12:30pm 	<p>16 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4 Recycle Cycles 10-2</p>
<p>18 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Housing Desk 1-4pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am •Strategic Job Searching <i>Information Interviews</i> 2-3:30pm •Open Space @ QSC 6:30-8:30pm 	<p>19 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"> •Celebration of Foods Cooking 1-3pm •BarterWorks Info Session 5:30-6:30pm •WRAP Course Starts 6:30pm 	<p>20 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"> •Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm •Commons Market @ QSC 4-6pm •Community Knitting @ QSC 5pm •Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm 	<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"> •Interview Series 1-2:30pm •Immigration Law Clinic 1:30-4pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm •Drupal User Group 7-9pm 	<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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class: 11am-12:30pm 	<p>23 Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4 Recycle Cycles 10-2</p>
<p>25 Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Housing Desk 1-4pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am •Strategic Job Searching <i>Networking Skills</i> 2-3:30pm •Open Space @ QSC 6:30-8:30pm 	<p>26 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"> •Celebration of Foods Cooking 1-3pm 	<p>27 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"> •Sewing Class: 9am, 10:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm •Job Search Resource Centre open to 7pm 	<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"> •Interview Series 1-2:30pm •Speak English Café 6-8pm 	<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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sewing Class: 11am-12:30pm •New Vibes Jazz Quartet @ QSC 4:30pm 	<p>30 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 Market Day 10-2pm
	<p>Check our Community Job Posting Service at:</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 1:00-2:30pm at 58 Queen St. S. **Workshops Dates:** January 7, 14, 21, and 28. 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.
 - ◆ **Jan. 4: Finding the Right Work Environment** - Call Karen at 519-743-1151 ext. 230.
 - ◆ **Jan. 11: Internet Resources** - Call Jenny at 519-743-1151 ext. 161.
 - ◆ **Jan. 18: Information Interviews** - Call Jessica at 519-743-1151 ext. 132.
 - ◆ **Jan. 25: 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. **Information Sessions:** Wednesday, January 6 at either 1:30pm or 7pm at 43 Queen St. S. **Next WRAP Course Start Date:** Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30pm. 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, January 19 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:** January 30 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. 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. 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.
 - ◆ **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, January 6 and 20 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. Tuesday, January 5 from 7-9pm.
 - ◆ **Interested in Fair Trade?** Come learn about the concept of fairly traded goods and cooperatives in Latin America on Thursday, January 14 at 4pm.
 - ◆ **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, January 20 at 5pm.
 - ◆ **New Vibes Jazz Quartet** will perform on Friday, January 29 at 4:30pm.
- **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 ma-

chines, 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 January 12. 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; January 21 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.
- **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, January 7 and 21 from 1:30pm-4pm. Call Kirsten at 519-576-5941.
- **Living with Less Money**
 - ◆ **Budget Planning—How to Live Well on Less:** 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:** January 12 from 2-3:30pm. Call Rita at 519-743-1151 ext. 127.

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