



# The Working Centre - January 2009 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
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		<p>Activities take place at both 43 &amp; 58 Queen Street South. 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.
  - ◆ **Jan. 8: SPAR at Interviews** - Learn the formula for answering "behaviour" questions. Call Lizzy at 519-743-1151 ext. 252.
  - ◆ **Jan. 15: Practice, Practice, Practice** - Handle interviews more effectively with this interactive interview practice session. Call Sarah at 519-743-1151 ext. 247.
  - ◆ **Jan. 22: SPAR at Interviews** - Learn the formula for answering "behaviour" questions. Call Lizzy at 519-743-1151 ext. 252.
  - ◆ **Jan. 29: Practice, Practice, Practice** - Handle interviews more effectively with this interactive interview practice session. 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.
  - ◆ **Jan. 5: Finding the Right Work Environment** - Call Karen at 519-743-1151 ext. 230.
  - ◆ **Jan. 12: Internet Resources** - Call Jenny at 519-743-1151 ext. 161 or Matthew at ext. 153.
  - ◆ **Jan. 19: Networking Skills** - Call Rita at 519-743-1151 ext. 127.
  - ◆ **Jan. 26: 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. The next session starts in January 2009. Please attend an **Information Session** if interested: Monday January 5 at 2pm, Tuesday January 6 at 7pm, or Wednesday January 7 at 2pm. Call Bob at 519-743-1151 ext. 206, Greg at 519-749-9177 ext. 304, or email 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, January 29 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. For more information, call Greg at 519-749-9177 ext. 304.
- **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.
  - ◆ **Sock-knitting Workshop:** with Chris Dorman, Saturday, January 3 from 10am-noon
  - ◆ **Mark Evans and Company** will play each Wednesday evening in January 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, January 9 from 5-9pm.
  - ◆ **Open Mic Night:** for original singers/songwriters, as well as spoken word artists. Tuesday, January 13 from 7-9pm.
  - ◆ **Movie Night:** Screening of "The Bicycle Thief" presented by Render and Recycle Cycles, followed by discussion. Friday, January 16 at 6pm.
  - ◆ **Intermediate Knitting Workshop** with Chris Dorman. Saturday, January 17 from 10am-noon.
  - ◆ **The New Vibes Jazz Quartet** will play a show on Friday, January 23 from 4:30-7:30pm.

- ◆ **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, Jan. 30 from 5-7pm.

- **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. 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

- **Drupal User Group:** All Drupal enthusiasts are welcome to join us for discussion and demonstration of topics for beginners and beyond. Held on Fri. January 9 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. **Next meeting** Monday January 5 from 6-9pm. **Presentation Topic:** Lightweight/Tiling Window Managers. Held at 43 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:** January 8, 22, and 29.
- **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.

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