



# The Working Centre - May 2009 Calendar

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



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

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Queen Street Commons Café  
43 Queen Street South

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Check our Community Job Posting Service at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.theworkingcentre.org/jobs">http://www.theworkingcentre.org/jobs</a></p>	<p>Activities take place at both 43 &amp; 58 Queen St. S. Call 519-743-1151 to confirm location.</p>	<p>Calendar continued on back...</p>	<p><b>1</b> Queen St. Commons 8:30-9 Worth a Second Look 9-5 Computer Recycling 10-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recycle Cycles 10am-5pm</li> <li>•Housing Desk 1-4pm</li> <li>•2nd Floor Arts Space <i>Recycled Crafts</i> 2-4pm</li> <li>•Youth Speak at the Commons 6-8:30pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>2</b> Queen St. Commons 10-4 Worth a Second Look 9-4 Computer Recycling 10-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Living with Less Money Workshop Series 9am-3:30pm</li> <li>•Recycle Cycles 10am-2pm</li> </ul>
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## Job Search Resource Centre

- **Information Session for Internationally Trained Nurses:** Saturday, May 30, 10am - 12pm at 58 Queen St. S. The CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses presents an information session. Registration is required. To register, contact Dave Thomas, 519-743-1151 ext. 289/ rsvp@theworkingcentre.org
- **Interview Series:** Learn the formula for success in interviews. Held Thursdays from 1:00-2:30pm at 58 Queen St. S. **Workshops Dates:** May 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.
  - ◆ **May 11: Internet Resources** - Call Matthew or Jenny at 519-743-1151 ext. 153 or ext. 161.
  - ◆ **May 25: Information Interviews** - 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. Sessions start in January, April and September. Call Greg: 519-749-9177 ext. 236, or email Bob: 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, May 28 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:** Tuesday to Thursday from 10am - 4pm. **Market Day:** May 30 from 11am to 3pm—come support local artists! **Information Session:** Tuesday, May 19 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.
- **GROW Herbal Gardens:** Volunteers are welcome to come help out at the GROW garden on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Volunteers meet at Queen Street Commons Café (43 Queen St. S.) at 10am before heading to the garden. Call Misha at 519-749-9177 ext. 238.

## 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 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.
  - ◆ **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.
  - ◆ **Youth Speak at the Commons** (presented by the City of Kitchener), Open Mic and Coffee House at 6:00pm
  - ◆ **Music Jam with Johnny Mason:** Tuesdays May 5, 19 and 26 at 7pm.
  - ◆ **Mark Evans and Company** will play on Wednesdays May 6, 13, and 20 at 6pm.
  - ◆ **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, May 8 at 5pm.
  - ◆ **The Red Ribbon Players** will perform on Friday, May 8 from 6 at 6pm.
  - ◆ **Open Mic Night:** for original singers/songwriters, as well as spoken word artists. Tuesday, May 12 from 7-9pm.
  - ◆ **James Judd** will play a show on Friday, May 15 at 5pm.
  - ◆ **The LINK Steel Drum Band** will play on Wednesday, May 27 at 7pm.
  - ◆ **The New Vibes Jazz Quartet** will play a show on Friday, May 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).
  - ◆ On Saturday May 30 Recycle Cycles will be closed in order for us to take part in the Mill Courtland Spring festival. Recycle Cycles will be doing free bike tune ups and repair from 10am - 12:30pm at the Mill Courtland Community Centre located at 216 Mill St. in Kitchener 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 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 4-week course provides fundamental knowledge of

computers to students with little or no experience. The next series of classes will begin on June 2. 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; May 21 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; May 4, from 6-9pm. **Presentation Topic:** OpenLayers—easily add a dynamic map to any webpage. 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

- **Diploma in Local Democracy Guest Speaker Series - Ken Westhues:** Author of *The Working Centre: Experiment in Social Change* and Sociology Professor at the University of Waterloo, Westhues explores ways of perceiving the Working Centre from politically rightist and leftist views, explores the philosophical roots of The Working Centre, and highlights groups who influenced its development. To be held at St. John's Kitchen, 97 Victoria Street North on May 13 at 7:30pm.
- **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:** Thursday May 7 from 1:30 - 4pm, Thursday May 21 from 1:30 - 4pm, and Tuesday May 26 from 9-11am. Call Kirsten at 519-576-5941.
- **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.
- **Living with Less Money Introductory Workshop Series:** On Saturday May 2 from 9am to 3:30pm we will host a series of workshops to look at ways to make positive changes to live well on less. This workshop will think about ways we can do with less, and ways that we can produce more of our own goods - rediscovering the things we can make and do for ourselves and finding ways to support a local economy. Call Dave Erb at 519-743-1151 ext. 134.
- **Living with Less Money In-Depth Workshops:** The workshops listed here follow up from the Introductory workshops presented on May 2 (see above) and offer suggestion on how you can make positive changes to your life with less money. See our website for more information.
  - ◆ **Work Options** - May 19, May 26, & June 2 from 1pm - 3pm
  - ◆ **Living Out the Choices** - May 20, May 27, & June 3 from 7pm - 9pm
  - ◆ **Budgeting** - May 20, May 27, & June 3 from 7pm - 9pm
  - ◆ **Clothing** - May 23 from 1pm - 3pm, May 27 & June 3 from 7pm - 9pm
  - ◆ **Getting Around** - May 20, May 27, & June 3 from 7pm - 9pm
  - ◆ **Food** - May 20 from 7pm-9pm, May 23 from 10am-12pm, June 3 from 7pm-9pm

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