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Settlement News

"Home Sweet London" New Tools for Newcomers to London

Source: [City of London's Newsroom August 7, 2019](#)

Making London feel like 'Home Sweet Home' can sometimes be hard for newcomers to our city. In an effort to help remove barriers to accessing services in London, the City has installed two new iPad Welcome Kiosks, one located at City Hall and the other at Bostwick Community Centre. These kiosks will allow users to access - free of charge - a web portal that provides information of all services and programs available to them.

OECD Applauds Canada's Labour Migration Policy

Source: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) News release dated August 13, 2019

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship is honoured that the [OECD](#) (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) identifies Canada as a role model for successful migration management and as a benchmark for other countries. The report also highlights...Continue reading [OECD Applauds Canada](#) news release. More information about the report is available in [OECD iLibrary](#).

IRCC's National Call for Proposals 2019

Source: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) News release dated August 7, 2019

Eight hundred and twenty-four projects have been selected through IRCC's National Call for Proposals 2019. A comprehensive set of settlement and resettlement assistance services will be offered to newcomers across the country to help them build a successful life in Canada. Learn more about [National Call for Proposals](#) news release. We will keep you posted about new services coming to London.

Canada's provinces have held nearly 10 times as many draws as Express Entry this year

Source: CIC News dated August 26, 2019

There have been more than 160 draws conducted through provincial streams compared to the 17 Express Entry invitation rounds held this year. There might be easier options than Express Entry for achieving your goal of Canadian permanent residence. Read more about the [Canada's Provinces held 10 times](#). Visit [Ontario's Immigrant Nominee Program](#) to learn more how this stream works for London.



Skilled immigrants: Canada is making progress toward gender equality

Source: CIC News dated August 16, 2019

More and more women are putting themselves forward as principal applicants in Canada's Express Entry immigration process. Figures provided in the 2018 Express Entry year-end report reveal that the CRS (Comprehensive Ranking System) scores of women are on par or even surpassing those of men. Read full article about [Skilled Immigrants: Canada Making Progress](#).

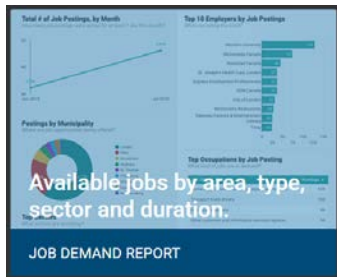
Employment

New Agri-Food Immigration Pilot

Source: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) News release dated July 12, 2019
Canada is launching a new 3-year economic immigration pilot that will fill labour shortages, particularly in meat processing and mushroom production, within the agri-food section. Learn more about [Agri-Food Immigration Pilot](#).

How Local Digital Owners are Growing their Business

Source: [London Economic Development Corporation](#) (LEDC) News release September 2019
Local business owners are scaling-up here in London - hear from guests of LEDC's Digital Creative 519 Conference about how they're growing their business. [View 7 videos to hear Local Owners' comments](#). Learn more about [Digital Creative](#) sector in London. View latest tech job openings in London at [londontechjobs.ca](#).



NEW Monthly Data Feature

Source: Local Employment Planning Council (LEPC) Newsletter Sept 2019 edition
The Local Employment Planning Council and Workforce Planning and Development Board will be producing the latest statistics on employment, job demand, job seeking and the ever changing presence of work in our region through this collaboration between our new Local Jobs Hub Data Tools and the labour Market Information site, Worktrends.ca. Visit the [LEPC's homepage to access the tools](#) under the New Resources section.

Visit the Portal's [Work/Invest](#) section to find links to London's employment services and other useful employment related information.

Education & Training

In London and Middlesex County, we are proud of our top universities and colleges, excellent vocational training and free public school system. To find out more, visit the [Study](#) section located on the Portal. Click [On the Move](#) planning tool to obtain a personalized list for your use for studying or living in London.

Canada wants to diversify International Student intake

Source: CIC News dated August 26, 2019
Federal government unveils its five-year international education strategy. More than 50 per cent of Canada's international students come from China and India, and they are concentrated in large cities such as Calgary, Toronto and Vancouver. The strategy's expanded recruitment efforts will target Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Morocco, Turkey, France and Ukraine. Continue reading [Canada to diversify International Student intake](#). Additional reading see [News Release about the International Education Strategy](#)

Canada is Making it Easier for Senegal and Morocco Students to Come and Study

Source: CIC News dated September 11, 2019
Students from Senegal and Morocco can now apply through the Student Direct Stream, joining those from India, China, Philippines, Vietnam and Pakistan. The [Student Direct Stream](#) (SDS) allows eligible students to apply for a study permit online. The processing time... Continue reading [Canada is making it easier](#).

Getting to Know Canada Program

The Getting to Know Canada Program is a 7-week program designed to help newcomers learn more about Canada – the geography, history, rights and freedoms, and government structure. Even though it is not an official course for the Citizenship test, many newcomers find it extremely helpful for that purpose. Runs from Oct 1 to Nov 12. Contact Caitlin at spencer@lcllc.org for times and location.

Arts and Heritage



Imagination Station

Dates: Every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, now until December 1st, 2019

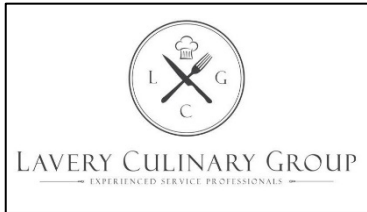
Location: [Museum London](#), 421 Ridout Street North

Imagination Station is our drop-in program for adults and children that promotes self-directed communication, collaboration, and creativity. Studio monitors will provide you with a range of art-making activities including painting, drawing, and sculpture! Cost is free.

For a complete listing of events happening in London and surrounding area, visit [Tourism London](#) and [Tourism Middlesex](#) websites. For newcomers, learn about the [Citizen Culture Program](#), an opportunity to explore London's arts and culture in and around the city.

Cultural Communities & Festivals

Visit one of the many popular festivals being held in the upcoming months. Several of these multi-cultural events are held on an annual basis and each highlight one or more of the followings: arts, music, history and/or international cuisines. Check out each event for more details and if any admission fees apply.



[Cultural and Culinary Experience](#)

Date: Saturday, October 19 starting at 10:30 am

Location: Various Locations



[Family Pumpkin Patch](#)

Date: Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Covent Garden Market, 130 King Street



[Blind Boys of Alabama](#)

Date: Saturday, November 30 starting at 8:00 pm

Location: London Music Hall, 185 Queens Avenue



[Season's Greetings](#)

Date: November 24, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Location: Ska-Nah-Doht Village and Museum, 8348 Longwoods Road, Mount Brydges



[Arenas and Public Skating](#)

Dates: Season from September 30, 2019 to March 29, 2020

Locations: Various locations available in-doors or outdoors

[View Public Skating schedule](#)



[Snowybook Village](#)

Dates: Saturday, Dec 21, 2019 – Saturday, Jan 4, 2020

Location: Storybook Gardens, 1958 Storybook Lane