



E-NEWSLETTER

SGPS Summer Office Hours

The SGPS Office will have reduced hours for the summer. From May 1st until August 15th, the SGPS Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 until 4:30 (closed 12:00 until 1 for lunch). We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

SGPS LOOKING TO HIRE 2 FRONT DESK STAFF

Applications will be accepted until June 13th, 2008

For complete details, please see the full job posting:

<http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/downloads/front-desk.pdf>

SGPS Front Desk staff are available to answer any and all questions from the SGPS membership. One major focus of the Front Desk staff is to help SGPS members with the health and dental plan. The Front Desk staff also help SGPS Executive and staff with various projects throughout the year. The Front Desk staff refer students to other SGPS team members when they are unable to help with a particular issue.

Front Desk positions are part time and pay \$12.50 per hour.

NEW GREENSHIELD WEBSITE

GreenShield and the National Student Health Network are pleased to announce the launch of a brand new website - for students!

This new site has all the forms you need to submit claims. It can even fill in the details for you so completing a form is easier than ever! You can see all the information about your health and/or dental plan. There's an FAQ and so much more.

This is a great new site for all SGPS members on the health/dental plan.

Please click this link to check it out!

<https://onlineservices.greenshield.ca/studentcentre/Home.aspx?bd=23786>



SUMMER SGPS EVENTS AND ORIENTATION

The Social Team is starting to plan Orientation 2008/2009. If you have suggestions for the stuff that will be going on, please let the team know. You can even help plan the events by getting involved with the Social Standing Committee. Some classics like the boat tour and haunted walk will surely return, but what else help us make it awesome!!

E-mail the Social Team by contacting our Social Commissioner, Diala (social@sgps.ca).

The team is also planning social events for the summer. Stay tuned for more details or contact the Social Team to get involved planning summer stuff.

SGPS COMMITTEES

Our new Committee Coordinator, Joellen, is getting ready to show you all the great committees at the SGPS and at the University. Throughout the summer we will be showcasing some of the committees in the E-Newsletter. Getting involved in committees is a great way to help improve life for graduates and professionals. There are varying committees with varying time commitments. There's something for everyone so be on the lookout!

In the meantime, you can check out the following URL for more details:

<http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/committees.html>

SGPS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STANDING COMMITTEE is inviting you to a POTLUCK!

When: 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5 2008

Where: Queen's Community Outreach Centre (11 Aberdeen St)

Bring your favourite dish and/or CD and/or friends!

Let's enjoy time with friends from diverse culture! Everyone is welcome.

For More Information, Please Send Email to international@sgps.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Teaching Assistant and Fellow Association is currently looking for any students who are interested in helping out with our organization drive. There are a variety of ways that you can get involved from helping plan events to becoming a departmental representative to simply signing a union card. If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact one of our TAFE Organizers:

Jennifer Harrington: harrinj@psac-afpc.com

Krystle Maki: makik@psac-afpc.com

Diana Zawadzki: zawadzd@psac-afpc.com

TAFE Celebrates Kingston Pride

The Teaching Assistant and Fellow Association will be making their premiere appearance, and the kick off to our drive during Kingston Pride. If you would like to be involved in making banners or marching with us, please e-mail one of our TAFE Organizers who can give you the necessary information, or visit <http://www.kingstonpride.org/>. The parade will be on June 7th from 12pm-2pm. Come out and show your PRIDE!

What is TAFE?

TAFE stands for the Teaching Assistants and Fellows Association. We are a group of graduate students here at Queen's University who have formed a volunteer association with the objective of forming a Local Union of the Public Service Alliance of Canada to ensure that we gain effective representation and a meaningful voice at our workplace."

SGPS STAFF UPDATE

The SGPS has been busy hiring people for all or open staff positions. All the new people are very excited to work for you this coming year! Take a moment to check out all the people working at the SGPS. See all the things that we can do for you!

<http://www.sgps.ca/info/people.html>

QUEEN'S HEALTH, COUNSELLING, AND DISABILITY SERVICES IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A PROJECT LOOKING AT INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT ISSUES

You're invited to attend and participate in our focus group by contributing to the project by sharing your experiences or concerns as an international student. Your participation is greatly appreciated as it will further our understanding on issues international students are facing as well as contribute to the development of future programs to help the international student population here at the university.

The focus group will be held at:

12:00-2:00pm

Wednesday June 18, 2008

JDUC (2nd floor) - 241 McLaughlin Room

***Lunch will be provided!**

Please contact us if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions. Your comments are greatly appreciated even if you are unable to attend the discussion. Also, please notify other international students that may not have received this invitation. Thank you so much for your time and we look forward to hearing from you!

R.S.V.P – 5db25@queensu.ca

Please let us know of any food restrictions/allergies that you may have.