



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 are due Friday August 1st, 2008

We are looking to hire 2 more people to work the Front Desk at the SGPS. The 2 positions begin around the week of August 18th, 2008. Each Front Desk staff person works 6 hours per week. Hours are flexible, allowing staff to attend important meetings, conferences, etc. Pay for Front Desk staff is \$12.50 per hour. For full details, click this link:

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

ORIENTATION WEEK 2008

The SGPS will be mailing an orientation week guide to all new and returning graduate and professional students. You should expect to receive the guide in the snail-mail around the beginning of August. The guide has a lot of very important information for graduate and professional students. It also contains information about all the events happening during orientation week. Watch for it in your mailboxes!

MARX IN SOHO

Imagine all Karl Marx would have to say after one hundred years of just being able to watch...

The SGPS, CFRC 101.9 FM and OPIRG Kingston are proud to present Howard Zinn's "Marx in Soho" on Saturday July 26th at the Queen Street United Church.

Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are a sliding scale of \$5-20 with proceeds benefiting land reclamation and political prisoners at Tyendinaga. Tickets are available at the SGPS (JDUC), CFRC (Basement of Carruthers Hall), OPIRG Kingston (51 Bader Lane) and Novel Idea (Princess and Bagot).

For more information visit: www.cfrca.ca or contact Sayyida at cfrcops@ams.queensu.ca

OHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

In 1994, the Ontario government disqualified international students from the Ontario Health Insurance Program (OHIP); since then, international students have to pay private health insurance fees through the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) that are more than \$800 a year, and students with two or more dependents can be required to pay over \$3,000 in mandatory hospital insurance fees; in some instances such fees have increased by more than 30 per cent in a single year. It is commonly known that international students already pay tuition fees that are 3 to 4 times higher than fees charged to domestic students for the same education; and Ontario's 35,000 international students pay provincial taxes and contribute \$900 million to the provincial economy each year, but do not receive health care like all Ontario residents.

The Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario is now trying to petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to restore OHIP coverage (which is free) for international students. As one of the local students' union, we're also trying to get as much support as we can at Queen's. If you're an international student who have been affected by the UHIP policy, or are simply willing to support this petition, you're very welcome to sign your name at the front desk of Queen's University International Centre, where the UHIP application takes place. The petition can also be signed at the front desk at the SGPS office.

If you have any questions, please email us at international@sgps.ca

2 VISITORS NEED A PLACE FOR 1 MONTH

2 visiting artists are coming for a month long visit to the department of global development studies. The 2 visitors (a husband and wife) are looking for a place to live between September 15th and October 15th, 2008. They require a place with a decent kitchen, furnishings and an internet connection. They would prefer a place that is close to campus.

If you have a place they can sublet/rent (or know of a place), please contact Michelle Knapp-Hermer with the details. She can be reached via:

telephone (613.533.6000 extension 77210)

e-mail (knappm@queensu.ca).

SGPS COMMITTEE NEWS - MEMBERS NEEDED!

The SGPS has many committee opportunities that allow you to get involved with the SGPS and Queen's. Committees have varying time commitments. Please consider joining a committee, your help makes a big difference to graduate and professional students.

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

SGPS Appointing Standing Committee

The SGPS Appointing Standing Committee is generally responsible for recruiting SGPS members to sit on the SGPS and University Committees and maintaining a database of the committees and their memberships. We are currently working on two main areas: 1. Identify committees that need SGPS representatives and put forward the right candidates for the positions. 2. Reorganize the description of the available committees to make sure that they are still applicable and up to date. The committee will meet two to three times a month. No experience necessary, no minimum or maximum time commitment required. If you are interested in sitting on the committee, please contact the committee coordinator Joellen Lin at committee@sgps.ca.

SGPS Social Standing Committee

The Social Standing Committee is actively seeking members to help out in planning social events for the upcoming school year. Currently, they are working on the activities for the rest of the summer (with the whitewater rafting adventure on July 20th! Details please see <http://www.sgps.ca/events/downloads/whitewater rafting.pdf>) and organizing events for Orientation Week and Sidewalk Sales that are taking time this September. If you also like to show off your Queen's spirit, please contact Social Commissioner Diala Habib at social@sgps.ca. No experience necessary, no minimum or maximum time commitment required.

Queen's Day Care Board

The Queen's Day Care Board is seeking an SGPS representative, particularly a student parent, to sit on the Board and act as a liaison between the two groups. The principal role of the Board is to give guidance to manage the Daycare. The Board meets once a month (usually the second Tuesday of each month), and the meeting last for 2 to 3 hours to discuss policies, budgets, contracts etc. The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday August 19th. Interest SGPS members can contact Committee Coordinator Joellen Lin at committee@sgps.ca for more information.

MASS SWIM @ RICHARDSON BEACH

MASS SWIM – July 22, 6pm – Richardson Beach

PUBLIC SPACE -- PUBLIC WATER

Come out and show your support for restoring Richardson Beach (just east of Murney Tower, at the foot of Emily St.). The purpose of this event is to demonstrate the need for improvements that would allow for safe, public access to Lake Ontario. The swim will take place rain or shine.

We will be getting into the water at 6pm on Tuesday July 22. Bring footwear to protect your feet (one of the reasons for improving the site!).

There will also be an information and consultation session by the City of Kingston from 6-8pm. City staff will present their preliminary plans for landscaping improvements to the historic Richardson Bath House area, as well as improving access to the water for swimmers.

The following organizations will be on hand to provide additional information about water quality, public space and local history.

- KFLA Public Health
- Kingston Historical Society
- Lake Ontario Water Keepers

The waterfront at Richardson Beach has been enjoyed as a public space since the late 1800s. It features a beautiful bath house constructed in 1919 and dedicated "To the Children and Citizens of Kingston". Despite overall improvements in water quality, the beach has fallen into disuse over the last two decades. We now have an opportunity to bring public swimming back to the heart of Kingston.

This initiative is being undertaken to encourage a speedy restoration of the site and to build support for public water and public space in Kingston.

For more information contact Jamie Linton (Jamie.linton@queensu.ca, 613.344.0232) or David McDonald (dm23@queensu.ca, 613.546.9710).