

If you build it, they will come

If you're a former creative arts student, it's probably happened to you: you're knee-deep in your school's creative community, making the most of your school's free space and environment, but suddenly graduation rears its ugly head and that entire world is snatched away from you. **Queen Street Studios**, a new, creative, co-op resource center opening at 50 Queen in Dartmouth in mid-October, hopes to change that. "There's a shift to wanting HRM to be more culturally oriented," says **Amy Hawke**, director of communications and member relations for the studios. "In our surveying of students, we found a lot of the angst out there is that there is no established physical location in the area where creative people can come together." QSS will offer memberships for student artists, already-established creatives and even those who merely like to dabble or want to start networking within the community. The studio will also manage a database of work opportunities. "The renovations are now complete," says Hawke. "Our studio will have a loft area where studio spaces are located, a downstairs area with an open concept and great natural light, a coffee shop area, a resource library and a conference space with all the necessary equipment for video and teleconferencing." For more information, check out www.qsstudios.ca