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We will get
through this
together ... six
feet apart.

Sidewalk art,
Calgary April
2020



Welcome to the May issue of the TESL Canada Connects newsletter. This issue features articles and useful information about teaching in the time of crisis.

Teachers supporting each other in times of crisis

By Wendy Ilott, ATESL Advocacy Committee

When the CoVid 19 pandemic closed in around us and we were suddenly faced with the prospect of teaching our linguistically diverse and often technologically-challenged learners online. We all felt a bit lost. Luckily, we are a supportive community of teacher- learners. The ATESL Advocacy Committee asked for volunteer teachers who are experienced at teaching online to share some tips and tricks. We were overwhelmed by the number of people stepping forward to help out. What do teachers do in a crisis? Teach!

Thanks to Diane Ramanathan at Tutela, the ATESL Advocacy Committee was able to host 11 webinars on short notice from March 18-April 1, 2020. We were very pleased with the reception. The participants at all 11 seminars totaled 1116. You can find recordings of these webinars on Tutela on the past events page or linked below on the ATESL advocacy site. Thank you to everyone who presented and participated. Topics and presenters who were part of this series (in order of appearance)

- Maintaining a supportive ESL learning community online- Wendy Ilott
- Online tools for teaching and learning- Elina Stop
- VoiceThread and EDpuzzle- Janet Kwong
- 10 tips and tricks for teaching online- Jim Hawrylenko
- Building your own website using Wix- Rebecca Scheiris
- Increasing participation in synchronous online sessions (BB Ultra focus)- Patricia Peters
- Face to Face versus Online Instruction- Kent Lavoie
- Moodle Basics- Wendy Ilott
- Teaching Literacy Learners Using Web Resources - Maria Dumitrescu
- Supporting academic integrity among EAL students during COVID-19- Sarah Eaton & Katherine Crossman
- 3Ps of Online Teaching- Herly Cervera

Find the ATESL Advocacy:Online Learning in times of CoVid 19 presentations here: <https://tinyurl.com/t6q9r5o>

Recommended

Reading:

[TESL NB Newsletter](#)

Edited by Kathy Whynot



The TESL Canadian Educational Foundation (TCEF)
Professional Learning Participation Grant

TESL Canada is happy to announce the **\$250 TCEF Professional Learning Participation Grant** to support four TESL Canada members to participate in an online professional learning opportunity (e.g. registration for an online webinar or conference, a short online professional course). These are funded by the charitable arm of TESL Canada. TESL Canada Education Foundation is a registered charity and has a mandate to raise and distribute funds for the purpose of promoting teaching and learning of English as a Second Language to the members of TESL Canada and facilitate opportunities by awarding grants, bursaries and scholarships.

To be eligible for the TCEF Professional Learning Participation Grant, applicants must be a TESL Canada member and certified by TESL Canada or a provincial association. Applications including a letter of interest and a letter of support must be received before June 1st, 2020. More details can be found on the TESL Canada website or in the attached document.

Apply today for your TCEF Professional Learning Participation Grant

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POWERFUL VOICES

STORY WRITING CONTEST

TESL Canada wishes to document the COVID-19 pandemic through the eyes of your learners. This writing project aims to inspire teachers to engage learners to write about their personal experience.

More details in the next few weeks.

Conferences Across the Country

ATESL The annual conference will be held online for the first time on October 16 & 17, 2020. Call for Presentations is open until June 30, 2020. More information is available at <https://www.atesl.ca/conference/welcome/>