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Executive Director (ED) Report – March 2017

The following is a summary of the key activities regarding the TESL Canada Federation Executive Director (Claude Lloyd), and key TESL Canada activities.

TESL Canada 2017 Conference

The link to register is at www.teslcanadaconference.ca/registration.

If you have any questions about the conference contact us at conference@tesl.ca.

Key Dignitaries

We are expecting a wide range of dignitaries as invitations have been sent to MPs, MPPs across Canada, as well as Municipal leaders. All three levels of government will be in attendance.

Sponsors & Exhibitors

To date our sponsors include:

- Aptis IELTS
- British Council
- PEARSON
- GSE (Global Scale of English)
- NELSON

Our exhibitor section is so popular we are near capacity!

You can see a list of sponsors and exhibitors alongside the conference program:

<http://www.teslcanadaconference.ca/conference-program>

Registrations

To demonstrate the reach of the TESL Canada conference, our registrants to date originate from the following geographies:



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- North America
- South America
- Asia
- Africa
- Middle East
- Caribbean

Membership Benefits

TESL Canada meets the professional needs of ESL educators across Canada in the following ways:

- TESL Canada Journal
- TESL Canada Professional Development
- The TESL Canada Conference
- The TESL Canada Teachers' Resource Centre (TRC)
- Professional Development
- National Standards for Professional Certification
- Teacher Training Program Recognition
- TESL Canada Educational Foundation
- TESL Canada Honorary Life Member Awards
- Group Insurance

TESL Canada Innovation Awards

TESL Canada is excited to announce the first annual TESL Canada Innovation Awards to celebrate excellence, innovation and creativity in English language education printed and digital resources in Canada.

Winners of the awards will be announced at the TESL Canada Conference Gala and Awards dinner on Friday, June 9th. Recipients will receive an elegant award and permission to use the



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TESL Canada Innovation Awards logo on their website and in all of their other promotional material for the resource. The winners will also be announced on the TESL Canada website.

The following are the award categories.

1. Digital Teaching or Learning Resource (website, software)
2. Game (hard copy or digital)
3. Self-Published Publication (print or digital)
4. Publication by an Independent Canadian Publisher (print or digital)
5. Publication by an International Publisher Designed for the Canadian Market (print or digital)
6. Canadian Language Benchmarks Publication (print or digital)
7. Teacher Professional Development Publication (print or digital)

If you have any questions about the TESL Canada Innovation Awards 2017, please e-mail innovationawards@tesl.ca.

TESL Canada Journal Update

Please note the TESL Canada Journal, Special Issue 10, is now online! The special issue on refugees will be of interest to all ESL practitioners in Canada,

TESL Canada Educational Foundation

Did you know? You can direct your United Way Donation to the TESL Canadian Educational Foundation by indicating our charitable tax number on your donation form.

On the donation form, please indicate:

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Meetings

Executive meeting March 16th

Board meeting March 30th

Productive meetings were held with the Board and Executive. These were an opportunity to increase internal communications, discuss operations and strategic initiatives, details of which will be included in the ED monthly reports as well as additional communications.

Thank you to all the volunteers who support TESL C!

I also communicated regularly with key contacts from Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada, CCLB and Languages Canada.

Development Opportunities

TESL Canada is actively searching for additional funding as a means of providing greater value to the membership. If you are aware of funding opportunities (grants etc.) or have ideas for TESL Canada on revenue generating opportunities, send them to officemanager@tesl.ca.

Head Office

Key project: relocation of Calgary Head Office to Ottawa.

The plan to have a physical office in Ottawa, Ontario, to assist with national operations as well as build stronger ties with various Federal government departments is well underway! A virtual office will be formed in Calgary, Alberta. This will ensure closer ties to stakeholders both East & West and support our efforts for a strengthened Federation.

The plans are to keep the Calgary office open until end of April 2017. The new Ottawa location will be leased for April 1st. This approach gives us the time required to put a well thought out



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plan in place and target having a month of overlap between the two physical locations so as to ensure a smooth transition for employees, members, and all stakeholders served by TESL Canada.

One of our key goals is to ensure TESL Canada members experience sustained quality services during this transition period.

Further Support of ESL Teachers and Program Administrators

To address recent school closures in BC, TESL Canada created a formal policy to address TESL Canada programs that experience a school shutdown / acquisition. The intent of the policy was to ensure we support students and institutions through this challenging program transition phase.

TESL Canada strives to support students at a very stressful time in their studies.

We are TESL Canada and this is what we do.

I hope to see everyone at the conference June 8th to 10th, 2017. Thank you to everyone who has supported TESL Canada. I look forward to serving you the members and enjoying the great things we can do together!

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