



TEACHERS OF ENGLISH
AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

FACT SHEET

PROFILE

TESL Ontario (Teachers of English as a Second Language), established in 1972, is a non-profit organization serving the needs of teachers of English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development. In its commitment to professional development and advocacy, TESL Ontario addresses the range of competencies, experiences, and issues that influence the success of many thousands of English language learners throughout the province.

PRESENCE/SPECIALIZATION

4,600+ language training professionals in immigrant serving agencies, school boards, publicly funded sites across Ontario, colleges/universities, elementary/secondary and private language training schools.

Expertise: teaching, advocacy, accreditation and professional development.

Affiliate Regions: 12. All members belong to an Affiliate.

KEY EVENTS

ESL Week Activities – “*Sharing Inspirational Moments*” – a new twist to an annual province-wide, **creativity contest** to celebrate ESL education and learning. This year written or video submissions from both instructors and learners will be posted for a Peoples’ Choice Voting by all TESL Ontario members.

ESL Week - **November 8-14, 2015** – is officially proclaimed by close to 50 communities and regions throughout Ontario annually.

An annual ESL Week **poster** is produced for members to download and post in learning centres, community centres, schools, classrooms and staff rooms.

Recognition Awards – Annual ‘*Sparks of Excellence*’ Award acknowledging excellence and commitment of TESL Ontario members; and ‘*Distinguished Contribution Award*’ recognizing significant long-term achievements.

Annual Conference - Largest conference of its kind in Canada held in Toronto each fall, hosting an average of 800 delegates. Attendees Include: language training professionals (public/private sectors), academics, researchers, government representatives (federal, provincial). The two day program (November 12-13, 2015: ‘*Expanding Horizons: Drawing on Experience and Knowledge*’) offers many sessions of interactive workshops, speakers, presentations, papers, research symposia, panel discussions, technology fair, and more.

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