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LONDON RESIDENT WINNER IN ONTARIO-WIDE ESL CREATIVITY CONTEST

Toronto, September 3, 2013 – The opportunity to learn English has had a positive impact on the life of London Ontario resident, Johanna Torres, a student at Village Green LINC (Language Instruction to Newcomers to Canada). She was a Runner Up in the Learner Division of a province-wide creativity contest to celebrate ESL (English as a Second Language) education and learning.

Ms Torres winning entry is a Photo Collage entitled: “ESL Learners in Action” and is a poster photographed from an original acrylic painting of ESL learners putting together puzzle pieces of the map of Canada. View it here.

The contest, organized by TESL Ontario (Teachers of English as a Second Language), is a feature of ESL Week, an annual celebration of ESL education and learning throughout Ontario, held this year from October 20 – 26.

Ms Torres was selected from a total of 49 submissions of ESL instructors and learners throughout Ontario and will be honoured along with five other contest winners at a Welcome Reception of TESL Ontario’s 41st annual conference in Toronto October 24, 2013.

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