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### LONDON RESIDENT RECEIVES [TESL ONTARIO](#) DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION AWARD DURING [ESL WEEK](#) IN ONTARIO OCTOBER 12 - 18

Toronto, October 9, 2014 – Since 1992, London Ontario resident [Sheila Carson](#), has been immersed in the world of English language training for adults and is currently employed with the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB).

At [TESL Ontario](#)'s upcoming conference that is a highlight of [ESL Week](#) (October 12 – 18) in the province, Sheila will be awarded the [Distinguished Contribution Award](#) for her significant long-term achievements and contributions to the advancement of English Language educators, the English Language training sector and TESL Ontario.

Sheila is a coordinator with the TVDSB, responsible for the Adult ESL/LINC (English as a Second Language/Language Instruction to Newcomers to Canada) and the International (Heritage) Language Programs, after many years in the classroom and later as Lead ESL/LINC Instructor. She has chaired numerous committees, been involved in curriculum development and TESL training, amongst other roles. A TESL Ontario Board member since 2005, Sheila was chair from 2007 – 2009, during the transition to a modern governance structure. She has also sat on advisory committees involved with several initiatives both locally and nationally in areas such as immigration and language benchmarks.

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ESL Week October 12 – 18, 2014, is an annual event created by TESL Ontario to celebrate Ontario's ESL educators and learners and to help raise awareness of the importance of English language learning opportunities in Canada. To date, 50 Ontario communities have [officially proclaimed](#) October 12-18 as ESL Week.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> [annual conference](#) (#TESL2014) of TESL Ontario takes place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre October 16 – 18, 2014. It is the largest conference of its kind in Canada, hosting more than 1,000 delegates. A variety of interactive workshops, presentations, technology labs, panel discussions, research symposia, technology fair and more will be offered to language training professionals from public and private sectors, academics, researchers and government representatives.

[TESL Ontario](http://www.teslontario.org), established in 1972, is a non-profit organization serving the needs of teachers of English as a Second Language. It represents more than 4,600 language training professionals working in immigrant serving agencies, school boards, publicly funded sites across Ontario, colleges/universities, elementary/secondary and private language training schools. TESL Ontario's expertise is in teaching, advocacy, accreditation and professional development. The organization is instrumental in influencing the success of many thousands of English language learners throughout the province.

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