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TORONTO RESIDENT WINNER IN ONTARIO-WIDE ESL CREATIVITY CONTEST

Toronto, September 3, 2013 – The opportunity to express satisfaction in teaching English as a second language has been rewarding for Toronto resident, Yael Padawer, a teacher of the Toronto District School Board. Yael was the Grand Prize winner in the Instructor Division of a province-wide creativity contest to celebrate ESL (English as a Second Language) education and learning.

Ms Padawer’s winning entry is an Essay in the Writing Activity option entitled: “Language that Matters”. View it here. As an ESL teacher at the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (CCVT), her essay describes the most wonderful part of teaching anything.

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 Padawer 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.

TESL Ontario, 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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