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Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada announces its 2015 Media Awards winners

Awards honour Canadian journalists for exemplary work covering child sexual abuse

WINNIPEG, MB – Strong, in-depth reporting on the realities for children who have been sexually victimized is prominently featured in the winners of Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Media Awards.

The child rights advocacy organization has been honouring journalists for their coverage of child sexual exploitation and related issues since 2002.

"Thank-you to all of our nominees for giving a voice to victims and for tackling difficult stories of child sexual exploitation. These stories bring awareness to Canadians and need to be told. Having knowledge, gives us the power to fight child sexual exploitation and advocate for the rights of children," says Christine Krahn-Matias, co-chair of the Media Awards.

The winners will receive their awards at a ceremony on Monday, November 16, 2015, at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The 2015 Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Media Awards winners are as follows:

English Print: Michelle Mandel - <u>Two part series: Young Girls Lured with Promises of Better Lives &</u> <u>False Hope of a Human Trafficking Victim</u> Toronto Sun April 22 & 25, 2015

French Print: Catherine Dubé - Des grosses boules un p'tit cul L'actualité, October 15, 2014

English Electronic: Mark Kelley, Tamar Weinstein, Lynette Fortune, Liz Rosch - <u>Too Young to Lose</u> CBC's fifth estate, April 10, 2015

French Electronic: Ève Lamont - <u>Le commerce du sexe</u>, produced by Les Productions du Rapide-Blanc, coproduced with NFB, April 4, 2014

English Integrated Media: Robert Cribb - Canada's Saddest Room Toronto Star, April 26 & 27, 2015

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