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**Call for Submissions - Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada 2018 Media Awards**

*Awards honour Canadian journalists for exemplary work covering child sexual abuse and exploitation*

WINNIPEG, MB – Since 2003, Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada has honoured Canadian journalists who raise awareness about child sexual exploitation. Submissions are now open for the 2018 Media Awards.

"We at Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada understand the importance of recognizing the Media who work every day to highlight the ongoing problem of child sexual abuse and exploitation", said Beyond Borders President Nicole Merrick. "Through the Media Awards, we can highlight those stories that stand out, not only for their journalistic integrity, but also for bringing attention to the voice of survivors and raising public awareness that this problem continues to exist in our world and we need to do more to keep our children and youth safe."

Submissions will be accepted in 7 categories – French Print, English Print, English Electronic, French Electronic, Integrated Media French, Integrated Media English and International Media – *work by a Canadian aired/published outside Canada.*

Stories that air or are published within the timeframe of September 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018 are eligible for consideration.

Visit [beyondborders.org](http://beyondborders.org) for complete details on criteria, eligibility, and the online submission portal.

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