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Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada announces its 2015 Media Awards Nominees

Awards honour Canadian journalists for exemplary work covering child sexual exploitation

WINNIPEG, MB - Thirty-three journalists from 24 media outlets have been nominated to receive an award for their coverage of issues related to child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada, a bilingual national advocacy organization, recognizes the crucial role journalists play in raising awareness of this worldwide scourge against children. The Media Awards is an opportunity to showcase and celebrate their work. The winners will receive their awards at a ceremony on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"We are thankful to the noble and humble, Canadian journalists who continue to advocate for survivors of child sexual exploitation by telling their stories," said Christine Krahn-Matias, co-chair of Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Media Awards. "Each story provides an opportunity for people across our country to learn how to protect children from sexual exploitation, empower survivors, and persevere in the fight against child sexual exploitation."

An educational symposium "Not Your Child. Not Mine. Not Anyone's. It's Time to Talk About It" will precede the Media Awards. Panelists will discuss the ongoing prevalence of child sexual abuse and make recommendations for positive change.

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

**English Print**

3. John Van Dusen - Series on Johnny Meeko CBC North Nunavut, Iqaluit, August 18 and on.
4. Jim Day - Survivor of childhood sexual abuse on PEI seeks justice for others The Guardian, August 1, 2015
7. Rachel Browne - Canada's New Cyberbullying Law is Targeting Teen Sexting Gone Awry VICE News - May 1, 2015
8. Ashley Fitzpatrick - Child exploitation knows no borders The Telegram, February 21, 2015 parts 1 & 2
10. Tracy McLaughlin - multiple part series on Shayne Lund Toronto Sun, July 2, 2015
12. Isabel Teotonio - Married to a Sex Offender Toronto Star, June 27, 2015
14. Daphne Bramham - Polygamy's Poster Girl The Vancouver Sun, August 29, 2015

English Integrated Media

1. Robert Cribb - Canada's Saddest Room Toronto Star, April 26 & 27, 2015

English Electronic Media

3. Bill Dicks - The Surveillance Sting that Helped Bring Down Fenwick McIntosh CTV Atlantic, March 26, 2015
4. Hannah James, Vassy Kapelos - To Honour and Obey Global News 16x9, April 18, 2015

French Print

1. René-Charles Quirion - Porno juvénile: priorité aux jeunes victimes La Tribune December 13, 2014
3. Daphné Dion-Viens - La réalité 3D pour traiter des pédophiles Le Journal de Montreal, May 28, 2015
5. Catherine Dubé - Des grosses boules un p'tit cul L'actualité, October 15, 2014

French Electronic

1. Ève Lamont - Le commerce du sex ONF, April 4, 2015
3. Nicole Germain - Des élèves se mobilisent contre le sexto Radio-Canada, April 27, 2015

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