MEDIA RELEASE

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Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada announces its 2013 Media Awards nominees

Awards honour Canadian journalists for exemplary work covering child sexual exploitation

WINNIPEG, MB – Twenty-seven journalists from 11 Canadian 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 child rights advocacy organization, recognizes the crucial role journalists play in raising awareness of this worldwide scourge against children. The Media Awards is an opportunity to celebrate their work. The winners will receive their awards at a ceremony on Monday, November 18, 2013, at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

This year, many of the nominations investigate the evolving nature of online child sexual exploitation.

“Social media has opened up new ways to communicate,” says Bev Wiebe, chair of the Media Awards. “At the same time, this has made it a powerful tool for those who wish to victimize children.”

An educational symposium being held the morning of the Media Awards will discuss ways to protect children in the digital age.

The 2013 Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Media Awards nominees are as follows:

English Print

1. Tamsyn Burgmann, Centre helps traumatized girls recover from sex tourism slavery and RCMP Child Porn Fight Rewarding, Horrifying, The Canadian Press.
5. Glenda Luymes, It’s spinning out of control: Sexting among B.C. teens on the rise despite devastating consequences, The Province.
English Integrated Media


English Electronic


French Print

1. Isabelle Hachey, *Grand Prix: adolescentes en péril* and *Tourisme sexuel à Montréal : une fille comme une pizza*, La Presse.

French Electronic


About Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada

Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada is a national non-profit organization advancing the rights of children everywhere to be free from sexual abuse and exploitation. It is the Canadian representative of ECPAT International, a global network of more than 81 groups in 74 countries, and the Canadian representative for the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism. BeyondBorders.org

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NOTE: This release has been revised to correct the nomination listing for Jana Pruden. We mistakenly identified Ms. Pruden’s media outlet as the Vancouver Sun. It is the Edmonton Journal.