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CONGRATULATIONS BEYOND BORDERS ECPAT CANADA MEDIA AWARDS 2011 NOMINEES!

The nominees have all produced outstanding work that has increased our understanding and awareness of child sexual exploitation. **See the back page for info on this year's awards event.**

PRINT (ENGLISH)

1. Bob Weber, The Canadian Press, *Women link up on the web to bring convicted pedophile priest back to Canada*
2. Daphne Bramham, The Vancouver Sun, *Evidence rules leave disabled Canadian girls open to sex abuse*
3. Daphne Bramham, The Vancouver Sun, *Polygamy in Canada: The ongoing saga*
4. Meagan Robertson, The Chief, *Raising awareness about sexual exploitation*
5. Mike Howell, Vancouver Courier, *Predator bait*
6. Alison Langley, Niagara Falls Review, *The fight against human trafficking*
7. John McKiggan, The Lawyers Weekly, *The Catholic Church and sexual abuse: Is the Church's response real action or window dressing?*

PRINT (FRENCH)

1. Kathleen Frenette, Journal de Québec, *Série - Des collections presque sans fin; Magasiner sa victime sur le net; Des signes révélateurs; Patients et sournois; Un jeu habilement monté*
2. Hugo Meunier, La Presse, *Série - Tourisme sexuel en République Dominicaine; Le Bordel caché des Québécois*

ELECTRONIC (ENGLISH)

- 1 & 2. Helen Slinger, Bountiful Films for CBC Passionate Eye & Vancouver International Film Festival, *When the Devil Knocks* (1. 44 minute version; 2. 90 minute version)
3. Joan Weeks, CBC Maritime Magazine, *Fenwick MacIntosh: Pursuing a Pedophile*
4. Linden MacIntyre & Neil Docherty, CBC News – the fifth estate, *Betrayal*
5. Alan Mendelsohn, Cogent Benger for Vision TV (Zoomer Media), *Sex Scandals & Religion: The wall of silence*

ELECTRONIC (FRENCH)

1. Carl Thériault, Télé-Québec, *Une Pilule, Une Petite Granule*
2. Normand Grondin, Radio-Canada - Enquête, *Silence religieux*
3. Raymonde Provencher, Télé-Québec, *Grace, Milly, Lucy... des fillettes soldates*
4. Emmanuelle Latraverse, Le Téléjournal - Radio-Canada, *Enfants esclaves*
5. Mario Proulx et Eugénie Francoeur, Première Chaîne, Radio-Canada, *Une enfance pour la vie*
6. Lisette Marcotte et Maryse Chartrand, Canal Vie, *De l'ombre à la lumière*

STUDENT

1. Anton Mwewa, Niagara College Canada, *Letting go of the past: Sexual abuse survivor finds strength to cut ties, and love again*
2. Lisa Mayor, Lakehead University, *Polygamous leaders welcome RCMP probe*

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THE WHISTLEBLOWER

eOne Films supports Beyond Borders

The Canadian film distributor, eOne Films approached Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada with the offer of a donation of \$1 from every ticket sold in Canada to the movie, **The Whistleblower**. We were thrilled to accept. This contribution demonstrates incredible corporate social responsibility. The company has gone beyond raising awareness through this film by supporting advocacy and action to combat the issue of child sex trafficking.

The film is inspired by actual events and stars **Academy Award® winner Rachel Weisz**. It's the story of an American police officer who takes a job working as a peacekeeper in post-war Bosnia. Her expectations of helping to rebuild a devastated country are dashed when she uncovers a dangerous reality of corruption, cover-up and intrigue amid a world of private contractors and multinational diplomatic doubletalk.



Does the film deliver?

A number of Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada supporters got to attend the film's screening events as it opened in various cities across Canada. One of them was **Jordan Masciangelo**. Jordan is one of the men featured in the Man-to-Man campaign's firsthand stories video (endthedemand.ca). We asked him some questions about the film.

BB: Do you think the film is effective in portraying the dynamics of the issue?

Jordan: *I do. I'm sure many people walked into this film thinking they knew at least a bit about human trafficking, but left with their minds blown on how complicated and heinous a crime it really is. It's an extreme example but represents how trafficking works, how victims are treated and how hard it can be to prosecute offenders.*

BB: Did you find it difficult to watch? How do you convince people to see a film that is hard to face?

Jordan: *Being a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and exploitation myself, I found a few of the scenes particularly heart wrenching—quite painful, actually. I wasn't the only one crying in the theatre, though. The depictions of the violence are extreme and realistic but I think that was necessary for people to really understand the issue. The movie won't appeal to everyone but aside from the subject matter, it's a smart thriller based on actual events that's really compelling to watch.*

BB: What are the parallels between the kind of human trafficking portrayed in the film and the human trafficking on the streets of Toronto or any other Canadian city?

Jordan: *While we may not have quite the same laws, political dynamics and poverty as somewhere like Bosnia, there are similarities. Victims of human trafficking are not treated any differently than those you see in the film. There are traffickers in every major city across this country and children are passed around and sold under society's nose. As in the film, there are many bars, shops, and even families that act as fronts for trafficking rings. This issue isn't some far away country's problem. It's ours.*

HALF A MILLION CANADIANS URGE GOVERNMENT TO STOP SEX TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada and The Body Shop handed the Stop Sex Trafficking of Children and Young People petition over to the Canadian government on August 31. More than half a million Canadians signed the petition.

The handover took place at The Body Shop store located in Ottawa's Rideau Centre. Public Safety Minister, the Honourable Vic Toews, accepted the petition on behalf of the Government of Canada. Toews acknowledged the hard work of Beyond Borders on the issue of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation.

"Our Government is committed to the global fight against human trafficking," said Minister Toews. "We recognize the serious nature of human trafficking and are tackling it through a multi-pronged approach: to prevent trafficking from occurring, to build partnerships, to protect victims of human trafficking and to bring its perpetrators to justice."

ECPAT and The Body Shop presented the 7 million global petitions to the United Nations in Geneva September 29th.



Shelley Simmons (The Body Shop), Rosalind Prober and Mark Hecht (Co-founders, Beyond Borders)



Minister Vic Toews addresses the crowd



Participants with display of the number of Canadians that signed the petition.



Rally participants march to Parliament

NEWS IN BRIEF

WestJet - new corporate partner

WestJet has committed to supporting Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada through the gift of flight as well as by increasing awareness of child sexual exploitation through its social media channels, Up! magazine (inflight magazine), and westjet.com.

“WestJet is proud to support Beyond Borders in their mission to end the sexual exploitation of children everywhere,” states Richard Bartrem, WestJet Vice-President of Communications and Community Relations. “We hope that our involvement with Beyond Borders will support them as they continue to make a difference.”

WestJet is a welcome ally in Beyond Borders efforts to eliminate child sexual exploitation.

welcome to Kathleen Speake



Kathleen Speake

ECPAT International has a new executive director. Kathleen Speake joined ECPAT’s Secretariat Office in Bangkok, Thailand in March.

Kathleen has vast experience as an international development professional and passionate advocate for social justice and rights-based approaches. She has worked for the International Labour Organization’s Office for China and Mongolia promoting core labour standards, particularly the elimination of child labour. She has a deep understanding of global development policy and practice and an appreciation of the complex, multi-faceted factors that put children and adolescents at risk for exploitation. Kathleen hails from Ottawa, Ontario.

awards

Rosalind Prober, co-founder and president of Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada, has been nominated for the **Prime Minister’s Volunteer Award**. She has also been named one of **Canada’s Top 25 Women of Influence**.

Visit the Prime Minister’s Volunteer Award website at: <http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/feature.asp?featureId=25>

Visit Canada’s Top 25 Women of Influence website at: <http://members.womenofinfluenceinc.ca/top-25/>

visit endthedemand.ca to see what celebrities are saying

“Children are our future. It’s really that simple. We must all work together to keep them safe. Every child has the right to a childhood - the right to be that kid in the sandbox. Even in the fashion industry, there have been cases where unscrupulous “agents” sexually exploit young aspiring models. If we abolish the market for trafficked children, there will be no incentive to sell them. The figures are alarming. Human trafficking is the third-largest black market crime in the world, right behind drugs and weapons. Please support Beyond Borders - together, we can make a difference.”

Jay Manuel, Host/Executive Producer, Canada’s Next Top Model



JUSTICE OVERDUE: FROM OUTRAGE TO ACTION

9TH ANNUAL BEYOND BORDERS MEDIA AWARDS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011

THE FORT GARRY HOTEL WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Join us in honouring Canadian journalists for outstanding coverage of child sexual exploitation. Their efforts ensure these heartbreaking and difficult stories do not go untold.

\$50 / Table of 10
\$475

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Doors open at 11:30 a.m.)
Luncheon & Keynote followed by Media Awards

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Bringing a Pedophile to Justice

Hear how two ordinary citizens, with the help of two journalists, have helped in the fight against child sexual exploitation. In 1995 Catholic priest and convicted pedophile Eric Dejaeger fled Canada to escape new charges for sexually abusing children in Igloolik, Nunavut. He lived freely in his native Belgium for over 15 years until two women, Canadian Sylvia McEachern and Belgian Lieve Halsberghe (SNAP - Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests), teamed up to expose the injustice. Presented by Beyond Borders co-founder Mark Erik Hecht.

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