

MEDIA RELEASE

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Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada announces its 2014 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 17, 2014, at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The 2014 Beyond Borders ECPAT Canada Media Awards winners are as follows:

English Print: Barb Pacholik, Iced and Betrayal: What do you do when you discover your friend is a pedophile?, Published in the Regina Leader Post, May 31, 2014

French Print: Isabelle Hachey, *Les filles jetables;* Les lieux du vice; La fille d'à côté; À qui profite l'industrie du sexe?, publié dans La Presse, le 2 octobre 2013

English Electronic: Brennan Leffler and Jennifer Tryon, <u>A City's Shame</u>, (part 1) and <u>Out of Shadows</u>(Part Two), aired on 16x9 Global News, October 12, 2013 and January 25th, 2014

French Electronic: Stéphane Blais, <u>Le mariage forcé en Ontario</u>, diffusé par Radio Canada, le 20 septembre 2013

English Integrated Media: Jennifer Quinn and Robert Cribb, *Inside the world of human trafficking*, published in The Toronto Star, Oct.5/2013

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 <u>ECPAT International</u>, a global network of more than 81 groups in 74 countries, and the Canadian representative for the <u>Code of Conduct</u> for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism. www.beyondborders.org

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