

# ELSA NET INSTRUCTORS' RESOURCE BULLETIN COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

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## Sharing TEAL Materials & Practices in Canada

### BC TEAL's NEW P.O.D. Initiative

**P.O.D.s** are groups (4-8 members) of teachers engaged in Practice-Oriented Discovery across EAL programs and sites. POD activities can range from sharing best practices to reading together to more formal research. BC TEAL has reserved FOUR (4) awards of \$250 for the coming year to fund teacher-initiated PODs in BC. In addition, the successful PODs can apply for a special \$1000 award to present at a regional or national TEAL Conference. For more information and to apply, contact BC TEAL (<http://www.bctéal.org/>) or Seonaigh MacPherson @ [smacpherson@elsanet.org](mailto:smacpherson@elsanet.org).

### TESL CANADA's NEW SHARE Publication

Check out this new TESL Canada publication edited by BC's own Jennifer Pearson-Terrell. <http://www.tesl.ca/Assets/TESLCanada/SHARE+Issue+1.pdf>

### Web-based Portals & Repositories

**ATESL**  
ESL Resources portal with a NEW Database (repository) of ESL Resources  
<http://www.atesl.ca/cmsms/resources/>

**BC TEAL's NEW Interactive Website**  
<http://www.bctéal.org/>

**C.I.C.'s NEW Tutela Repository**  
[www.tutela.ca](http://www.tutela.ca) (eta 2012 -- See TESL Canada Conference Highlights - back page.)

**LINC Ontario's NEW ROLLR** (Repository of On-line Language Learning Resources) <http://rollr.ca/>

**TESL Canada's NEW TRC** (see above)

### TESL CANADA's NEW TESL Resource Centre (TRC)

[http://www.tesl.ca/Secondary\\_Navigation/Teachers\\_Resource\\_Centre\\_TRC\\_.htm](http://www.tesl.ca/Secondary_Navigation/Teachers_Resource_Centre_TRC_.htm)  
TESL Canada launched this new site with links to free ESL on-line materials, e.g.:

- Free ESL Teaching Resources
- Interactive Student Resources
- LINC/ELSA and CLB Resources
- On-line Journals

The site also allows teachers to share lesson plans, activities, teaching tips, assessment tools, presentations and other multimedia, Web links, software, and research briefs as:

- Free Graphics
- Listening Worksheets
- Vocabulary Worksheets
- Reading Worksheets
- Writing Worksheets
- Grammar Worksheets

To SUBMIT, find forms and criteria at: [http://www.tesl.ca/Secondary\\_Navigation/Teachers\\_Resource\\_Centre\\_TRC/TRC\\_Submission\\_Criteria.htm](http://www.tesl.ca/Secondary_Navigation/Teachers_Resource_Centre_TRC/TRC_Submission_Criteria.htm)

### Upcoming PD Opportunities

**October 15, 2011** BC TEAL's Interior Conference (UBC-Okanagan, Kelowna, BC)

**October 17, 2011** ELSA Net Conference "Lifelong Learning: Research, Reflection and Evolving Practice"

**October 21-22, 2011** Tri-TESOL Conference "English without Borders" (WAESOL, BC TEAL, & ORTESOL) joint conference in DesMoines, WA. For submissions: by JUNE 30th, visit <http://tri-tesol.org>

**October 11-13, 2012** TESL Canada 2012 Conference, TRU, Kamloops, BC "Landscapes of Language and Literacies"

For more information about these and other PD opportunities, check out the events calendar on the ELSA Net website: <http://www.elsanet.org/resources.html>

## Publish Your Teacher-Research and Practices

**BC TEAL Newsletter** - General submissions can be sent to the editor, Patricia Nicoli at [newsletter@bctéal.org](mailto:newsletter@bctéal.org).

**ELSA Net Newsletter** - ELSA Net publishes two newsletters a year with submissions from ELSA teachers and students. Submit to Seonaigh MacPherson ([smacpherson@elsanet.org](mailto:smacpherson@elsanet.org)) or Colleen Rogan ([resourcecoordinator@elsanet.org](mailto:resourcecoordinator@elsanet.org).)

**SHARE** TESL Canada's new annual electronic on-line publication has four types of submissions: Feature Articles; Teaching Ideas from the ESL Classroom; Tech Talk for ESL Teachers; and ESL Resources in Review. To submit, please contact Jennifer Pearson-Terrell: [jpearsonterrell@telus.net](mailto:jpearsonterrell@telus.net).

**TESL Canada Journal** publishes 4 types of submissions twice a year: Research Articles, In the Classroom, Perspectives and (book) Reviews. See [http://www.tesl.ca/Secondary\\_Navigation/TESL\\_Canada\\_Journal.htm](http://www.tesl.ca/Secondary_Navigation/TESL_Canada_Journal.htm)

**TESOL Journal** is a practitioner-oriented electronic journal from TESOL. Types of submissions include: Feature Articles; 21st Language Learning Skills; Students with Interrupted Formal Education (SIFE); Student Voices; Communities of Practice; Language Teacher Research; Book and Materials Reviews. See: [http://www.tesol.org/s\\_tesol/sec\\_document.asp?CID=1997&DID=12282](http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/sec_document.asp?CID=1997&DID=12282)

### Check out the publications:

BC TEAL's Newsletter (archive):  
<http://www.bctéal.org/index.cfm?method=home.newsletter&page=14>

ELSA Net Newsletter (archive):  
<http://www.elsanet.org/site/resources/newsletter>

TESL Canada's SHARE  
<http://www.tesl.ca/Assets/TESLCanada/SHARE+Issue+1.pdf>

TESL Canada Journal  
<http://www.teslcanadajournal.ca/index.php/tesl>

TESOL Journal (Vol. 1), Mar. 2010  
[http://www.tesol-journal.com/PDF/V1\\_TESOL%5B1%5D.pdf](http://www.tesol-journal.com/PDF/V1_TESOL%5B1%5D.pdf)

Internet TESL Journal. Free access!  
<http://iteslj.org/Articles/>

## Conference Highlights from Spring 2011

### TESOL, New Orleans

A highlight of the TESOL Conference was the session given by Janet N. Zandina. She was a charming presenter that kept us both fascinated and laughing at the same time. A former teacher turned brain researcher, she had unique insights into how people learn and how we can be more effective teachers. Her session took us through a journey inside the brain to discover how learning is both real and tangible and can be detected through chemical reactions and the formation of new pathways in the brain. Zandina pointed out that emotion is critical to learning and both threat and high stress impair learning. She urged teachers to "make your classroom an oasis". She explained curriculum should do 3 things: fire the right networks, create repeated firings and feel good.

Her website outlines three basic principles of teaching and learning with accompanying resources and videos. Although the resources are directly related to teaching middle school in the United States, there are many principles, concepts and ideas that can be applied to teaching adult ESL

<http://pubs.cde.ca.gov/tcsii/prolearningtoolkit/zadina1takeaction.aspx>

### TESL Canada, Halifax, N.S.

**NorQuest College (Alberta)** has developed new video resources for teaching sociocultural, intercultural and pragmatic competencies in the workplace (CLB 4-8). Visit: <http://www.norquest.ca/cfe/intercultural/OWLS/index.htm>. A facilitator guide is anticipated in mid June with sample lesson plans: [www.norquest.ca/cfe/intercultural](http://www.norquest.ca/cfe/intercultural)

**Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)- TUTELA.** This national repository is being developed by Citadel Rock in partnership with the CCLB through CIC funding for official launch in 2012. Tutella.ca will be a pan-Canadian online resource and community for ESL/FSL professionals with resources for teachers including activities, worksheets, templates, teacher training resources and curriculum guidelines and policy and research papers. The site will be at [www.tutela.ca](http://www.tutela.ca). Participate in the process by completing a survey: <http://app.fluidsurveys.com/s/tutelasurvey/>

**ESL Literacy Network. Bow Valley College** designed this Website to support learners with interrupted formal education (LIFE): <http://www.esl-literacy.com/> Also, from the Government of Alberta: [www.breakthewall.alberta.ca](http://www.breakthewall.alberta.ca)