

ELSA NET

Instructor's Bulletin

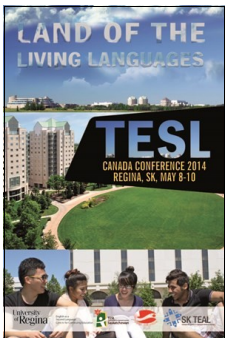
GET READY FOR SOME EXCITING EVENTS, PD OPPORTUNITIES, AND NEW RESOURCES THIS FALL!

Upcoming Events

~ **ELSA Net Conference, *Communities of Practice*, November 4th, 2013:** <http://www.elsanet.org/site/resources/elsa-conferences>. Take this opportunity to collaborate and network with your colleagues as you engage in the many workshops and panel sessions offered at this year's conference. Thomas Farrell, one of the most prolific writers on the topic of reflective practice, will be the keynote speaker for this event. Visit his site and peruse the list of resources as your own personal pre-conference preparation task: <http://www.reflectiveinquiry.ca/>.

~ **BC TEAL Lower Mainland Conference, *Celebrating Our Profession*, November 23rd, 2013:** <http://www.bctéal.org/conferences/2013-lm-regional-conference>. The conference will be held at Columbia College. Visit the BC TEAL website for upcoming information about the call for proposals and early bird registration.

~ **WAESOL Conference, *Embracing and Enhancing Multi-Dimensional Learning*, October 19th, 2013:** http://waesol.org/?page_id=16. The conference will be held at Highline Community College in Des Moines, WA. Christina Cavage, this year's keynote speaker, will focus on ways in which blended learning environments can enhance opportunities for language learning as well as provide tools to support teachers as they monitor their learners' progress.



~ **TESL Canada Conference, *Land of Living Languages*, May 8th – 10th, 2014** (call for proposals, **October 30th, 2013**): <http://www.tesl.ca/conferences/conference-2014/call-and-guidelines/>. The conference will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan and is an exciting opportunity to connect with ELT professionals across Canada. Also, visit the BC TEAL website <http://www.bctéal.org/tcf/awards-scholarships-bursaries/> and check out the BC TEAL Charitable Foundation (TCF) travel bursaries for funding options, as travel expenses under federal funding may change. Deadline for application for these awards is **November 1st**.

Complete Competency Dictionary: A Framework for Professional Growth & Development

What are the competencies?

- A description of the common and role specific knowledge and skills required to work in English language delivery and settlement services

How are they useful?

- Target your own personal growth and development
- Tailor and customize staff training
- Identify competencies in use
- Appreciate the specific skills and knowledge of various roles in language and settlement services

Where can I find them?

- Visit Welcome BC for a complete description: http://www.welcomebc.ca/welcome_bc/media/Media-Gallery/docs/service/programs/settlement_program/pdf/occupational_competencies_framework.pdf.
- Look for information in your ELSA Net conference package.

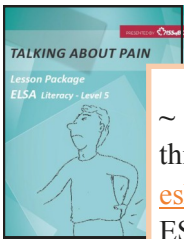
Some Firsts

~ **Northern BC Regional Conference, *Looking Back Looking Forward*, October 19th, 2013.** The conference will take place at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, BC. Visit the BC TEAL website for information about the call for proposals and early bird registration: <http://www.bctéal.org/conferences/2013-northern-regional-conference>.

~ **REALIZE! Online Conference, January 24th, 2014.** Be a part of this first ever CIC-funded national online conference. With the increasing use of technology in ELT, this conference provides a unique opportunity to engage with other professionals across Canada and experience firsthand the learning opportunities that online tools can provide. To register and submit a proposal, go to <http://www.myenglishonline.ca/for-teachers/realize/>.



New Resources



~ **Talking About Pain** is an excellent resource for any health unit or theme. Aimed at Literacy to Level 5, this resource contains lesson outlines, images, handouts, and video clips. Visit http://www2.issbc.org/janis-esl/pain_curriculum_revised.pdf to access this new resource. Join the *Talking About Pain* workshop at the ESLA Net conference on November 4th to have a firsthand look at the materials package and videos.

~ **Do you teach ELSA 6/7?** Visit the ELSA Net website <http://www.elsanet.org/site/resources> to find the revised **ELSA 6/7 Curriculum Guidelines** and the **EWF 6/7** resources, which include modules, lessons, audio files, classroom materials, assessment tools, and much more.



~ **People's Law School** and ELSA Net are working together to create a series of lesson plans and classroom-ready materials for settlement language instructors in BC. These materials are for CLB 4–8 and cover a range of topics including working in BC, renting a house, and talking to police and incorporate videos, worksheets, interactive quizzes, and much more. Get a sneak peek of the materials at the ELSA Net conference on November 4th.



~ **NewToBC** is a new website that aims to increase access to community resources for newcomers. The website connects ten public library systems across Metro Vancouver. Share the link with your students: <http://newtobc.ca/>.

~ Be sure to visit the **Tutela** website for the latest resources available: <http://tutela.ca/HomePage>.

Professional Development Training Opportunities at VCC (September - November, 2013)

The Vancouver Community College TESOL Department is offering a number of courses for ELT professionals who want to upgrade their knowledge, training, and skills. Courses offered include Assessment Literacy in ELT, TESOL & Technology, Taking Pronunciation Further, etc. Check out these opportunities at <http://tutela.ca/ViewEvent?itemId=7315>.