



## 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.
2. **Steffanie Petroni**, [The Story of a Child Prostitute](#), local2.ca.
3. **Barb Pacholik**, [Putting Pedophiles on ICE](#), Regina Leader Post.
4. **Jana G. Pruden**, [Crimes without borders: Special police unit hunts sexual predators online](#), Edmonton Journal.
5. **Glenda Luymes**, [‘It’s spinning out of control’: Sexting among B.C. teens on the rise despite devastating consequences](#), The Province.
6. **Selena Ross and Frances Willick**, [Rehtaeh’s death has opened eyes to the risky world of teens, booze and sex](#), The Chronicle Herald.
7. **Daniel Schwartz**, [How teens view sexting](#), CBC News.

## English Integrated Media

1. Julian Sher, Robert Cribb, Jennifer Quinn and Juan Tamayo, [The Ugly Canadians: Child Sex Tourism](#), Toronto Star.

## English Electronic

1. Victor Malarek and Litsa Sourtzis, [The Throwaway Children](#), CTV W5.
2. Victor Malarek, Garry Dwyer-Joyce and Sarah Stevens, [Twisted Travellers](#), CTV W5.
3. Jill Croteau, [The Flesh Trade](#), Global News Calgary.
4. Sandie Rinaldo, Sarah Stevens and Litsa Sourtzis, [Sext-Ed: Inside the sexting sub-culture of teens](#), CTV W5.
5. Mimi Wells and Yvan Cote, [Protecting the children: Canadian pedophiles in Cambodia](#), CBC The National.
6. Leif Larsen and Gosia Sawicka, [U.S. predators use video games to lure Canadian kids](#), CBC Manitoba.

## French Print

1. Isabelle Hachey, [Grand Prix: adolescentes en péril](#) and [Tourisme sexuel à Montréal : une fille comme une pizza](#), La Presse.
2. Marie-Claude Lortie, [Pornographie juvénile: le mal en photos](#), La Presse.

## French Electronic

1. Mimi Wells et Yvan Côté, [Un pédophile canadien au Cambodge](#), Radio-Canada Télévision — Une heure sur terre.
2. Johanne Bonneau et Johanne Faucher, [Des victimes parfaites](#), Radio-Canada — Enquête.
3. Jean-Sébastien Cloutier, série: [Un portrait des fugeurs](#); [Noémie perdue et retrouvée](#); [Filles à vendre](#), Radio-Canada Télévision – Le téléjournal Grand Montréal.

### **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.**