

The ACE Alumni Newsletter

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"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

- Antoine de Saint-Exupery



Teaching Activities and Resources

PLEASE SCAM PROOF YOUR STUDENTS

We all know of the revenue and tax agency telephone and email scams that escalated several years ago in multiple countries (Canada, UK, US). Callers or e-mailers, from offshore call centres, pose as tax agents and present an urgent tax situation in which the target is convinced of the need to pay money immediately to avoid a substantial fine or prison. Scammers have defrauded people of millions of dollars through these tactics. The scammers are sophisticated, persistent and aggressive. Read these articles if you need a refresher:

- **A Scam Warning from Canada Revenue Agency** from BC Consumer

Protection

- **Calls and Effect** from Chartered Professional Accountants Canada

The offshore scam organizations are now targeting immigrants and refugees in Canada about their immigration status. They are once again sophisticated in their approach, creating information that very closely approximates legitimate information. The scammers indicate that an urgent issue has arisen with the target's immigration or refugee status, and it requires immediate payment to be resolved. If you teach immigrants or refugees in Canada PLEASE teach them about the scams directly targeting them with respect to their immigration status. PLEASE teach your students so they will NOT be victims of these scams.

Start by reading these two warnings with your class, from the **Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre** on **March 14th** and **February 22nd**. And read this article from the Toronto Star: **Refugee Board Warns of Escalating Phone Scam Targeting Newcomers.**

Use these sources to teach your students how to protect themselves against different types of fraud:

- **Different Fraud Types**
- **Slam the Scam--Protect Yourself Against Fraud**
- **What to Do if You Are a Victim**

With your advanced classes, have them explore the information and resources from the **Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre**.

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Upcoming Webinars

TESL Canada's next PD Webinar is coming up on Sunday, May 5th at 7pm entitled "**Blended Synchronous Approach to Online Delivery of ESL Classes**". If you would like to register, please email president@tesl.ca. All participants receive a letter of participation from TESL Canada.

There is a webinar on April 30th from MacMillan English on **The Importance of Recycling in Vocabulary Teaching**. And MacMillan English has another upcoming webinar, this one on May 8th, entitled, **Making a Game Out of Fluency! Gamification for Automaticity**.

And check out **the upcoming webinars from IATEFL**. There are a number of options at the end of April and beginning of May.



Job Opportunities

The London Catholic District School Board's adult education program is hiring instructors for their adult non-credit ESL program to start as soon as possible.

Queen's School of English in Kingston, Ontario is looking for instructors for their summer program, ranging in length from a few weeks to two months, between June 24th and August 30th. To apply, click **here**.

COSTI is hiring part-time LINC instructors for its Vaughn Welcome Centre in the Greater Toronto Area. The application deadline is April 22nd, 2019.

ELS Language Centre in Vancouver is ESL Instructors for full-time and part-time positions.

ConversaSpain is hiring Language and Cultural Ambassadors for public schools in Madrid and Murcia for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Are you looking to do something different with the skills you have developed as an English language teacher? Check out the volunteer opportunities from **CUSO International**--airfare, insurance, accommodation and daily stipend provided as well as pre-departure training:

- **Education Assistant** in Hay River, Northwest Territories, Canada, for ten months.
- **E-Learning Classroom Monitor** in the Northwest Territories, Canada, for ten months.
- **Academic Advisor in Entrepreneurship** in Bogota, Colombia, for twelve months, starting between May and July 2019.
- For other opportunities check out the **CUSO Placements** page.

IDP Education Canada is looking for IELTS Speaking Examiners in St. Catharines, Hamilton, Toronto, Fredericton and Vancouver. Send your application and resume to ielts.toronto@idp.com.



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