



## National Story Writing Contest

This writing project aims to inspire teachers to engage learners to write about their personal experience. Collectively as Canadians are in the midst of COVID-19, it is important to capture all voices, especially the voices of the language learners across Canada. It is also important to find community in these hard times, as all language classes have moved to online learning, further isolating our learners.

*This is the prompt—*

### **Powerful Voices: Learning and Life in the Time of COVID-19**

*Consider the following topics:*

*online learning, isolation, connecting with people, changes at home/work*

#### **Eligibility**

- Open to teachers with TESL or provincial affiliate membership in good standing.
- Open to Canadian adult ESL or LINC teachers currently practicing in Canada.
- Stories must be from current students.

#### **Criteria and Guidelines**

- Length: one paragraph to max. 2 pages
- Teacher submits a single student story or a class set of stories
- Teacher's name will be put in the random draw, not student's

#### **Fringe Benefits**

- *The winners will appear in TESL Canada newsletter and on the TESL Canada website.*
- *Some stories will have the opportunity for a digital storytelling experience.*
- *All the stories will be permanently accessible on The Stories of Us Project site at [dia.space](http://dia.space)*

#### **Please complete the following:**

Teacher's Name

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Teacher's Email

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Language Institution

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TESL Canada/Provincial Affiliate ID

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Current Program

- LINC Literacy
- CLB 1-4 LINC or Community ESL
- CLB 5-beyond

Entries will be divided into the 3 categories above.

#### ***Prizes:***

#### **3 random draws of \$100**

- One draw for each category,
- Teacher's discretion how to share winnings with class

**Winners announced July 1, 2020.**

Submissions are due June 26, 2020. Please submit to [admin@tesl.ca](mailto:admin@tesl.ca)