

**Name: Professional Development Committee**  
**Start Date: October 2019**  
**Finish Date: October 2020**  
**Chair: Yalda Ahmadvand**

**Members: Azin Ehsan, Sheri Rhodes (Board member), Paula Kristmanson (President-ex-officio)**

**Mandate: The role of the committee is to:**

- Help expand the reach of professional development opportunities for TESL Canada members across the country
- Promote ongoing PD initiatives to TESL Canada members

**Goals and/or Objectives:**

- Propose innovative methods to increase professional development opportunities for teachers across the country using various technologies (zoom, or skype)
- Create and maintain a repository of PD resources for practitioners to be hosted on TESL Canada's website
- Coordinate and support the publication and promotion of the e-magazine SHARE
- Support teachers' collaboration
- Recommend topics, speakers, and moderators for the workshops.

**Meeting Schedule: Monthly via Zoom**

**Committee Member Responsible for Project Areas:**

- Teacher PD resources webpage:
- E-magazine SHARE:
- Alternative PD (online and media files):

**Administrative Support Required from TESL Canada:**

- Update links on TESL Canada website
- Assist with promotion of initiatives
- Act as a central communication hub
- Provide technical assistance, as needed, pertaining to online PD
- Provide small budget if funds permit

**Outcomes Predicted for the Year:**

- Establish a functioning PD committee with an actionable PD plan
- Organize and implement ongoing PD activities
- *Support the publication process of TESL Canada's e-Magazine SHARE*
- Create and maintain a PD resources webpage for teachers hosted within TESL Canada's website
- Disseminate and promote PD-related information and initiatives
- **Creates space for teachers to share ideas and collaborate in their learning**