*This spring, TESL-Durham will be hosting a full-day event with presentations from an exceptional TESL professional, as well as our Annual General Meeting and Elections. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided as part of your workshop fees.*

**Workshop Presentation**

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| "The Gift of Story – Connections”  This two-part presentation will illustrate why stories are important in the language- learning classroom.  Before the written word, story was an artistic and oral tradition.  The art of story-telling encourages the speaker to use language to develop characters, settings, plots and timelines.  A good story-teller will make the audience listen; a great story-teller will teach and the audience will walk away wanting to know more.  Great stories connect the speaker and the listener linguistically and culturally.  Robert will teach us about this connection through story, historical facts and scientific data and explain how and why story-telling should and could be used in our language learning classes at all levels and academic settings | Presentation by  Robert Cutting  Consultant, Author and former DCDSB educator |
| About the Presenter: Robert has been an educator for over 40 years. He retired in 2006, as a Program Consultant for the DCDSB, with responsibilities in ESL/ELD, The Arts, and Teacher/Librarians. He has written numerous educational books since 1973, with over 160 titles published to date ranging from classroom textbooks to stories for children of all ages. His latest work for Rubicon Publishing has involved editing (with David Bouchard and David Booth), authoring *Turtle Island Voices, Aboriginal books for Grades 1 to 8*, as well as writing the book *Get Real!* for Pearson Education’s Well Aware series. Robert interweaves his interests in science, history and his Kanienkeha’ka (Mohawk) ancestry with the ideas of storytelling, writing and presentations to give a unique perspective on everyday life. Robert is also a member of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Circle for the Durham Catholic District School Board. | |

**Elections for the Executive Committee**

**Executive Positions**

Chair Person (President)

Past Chair Person (Past President)

Recording Secretary

Membership Secretary

Treasurer

Affiliate Representative

Members at Large ***NEW Positions!!***

TESL-Durham’s Executive Committee is looking for interested individuals to take on a leadership role within our Chapter. As part of the Executive Committee, members are able to actively influence what happens both within and outside our chapter.

**Highlights of Executive Involvement**

* Leadership Development opportunities
* Volunteer Experience
* Involvement in planning events & selection of guest speakers
* Granting of PD hours needed for annual TESL-O recertification
* Networking and Professional Development Opportunities

A full description of each of the roles is available on our website!

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| Workshop Location:Ajax Library (Main Branch) – Rotary Meeting Room 55 Harwood Ave S, Ajax, ON L1S 2H8  (Free parking)  [MAP](https://www.google.ca/maps/place/Ajax+Library-Main+Branch/@43.8506347,-79.0207175,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x6fe8b97c8e3dfaeb) | Registration Process & Event Fees Please register early so we can plan accordingly. Registration will also be available at the doors at the start of the event, but at the full fee.  **\* At the Door Registration fees: $30.00 includes HST\***  **\*Reduced Pre-Registration fees: $25.00 includes HST \***  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Pre-Registration Options: **By Mail:** Please send this completed form & payment to the address below. Cheques must be payable to *TESL Durham.*  Diane Christie  Archbishop Anthony Meagher, Catholic Continuing Education Centre  c/o 1003 Giffard St., Whitby ON, L1N 2S3  Email: tesldurham@gmail.com  **In-Person:** You may also pay any member of the TESL Durham executive directly: Sarah Sinclair, Veronica Vulic, Rod Cooper, Sajida Aaron, Donna Jean or Diane Christie.      **Pre-registration forms must be received by**  **Monday March 2nd, 2015.** |
| Detailed Agenda 10:00 – 10:15 ……Registration  10:15 – 10:30 ……Welcome Address  TESL-O updates & Election Info  10:30 – 12:00 ……Presentation: “Gift of Speaker”    12:00 – 12:45 ……Break (Light Lunch provided)  Election Vote  12:45 – 2:15 ……. Presentation (cont’d)    2:15 – 2:30 ………Closing Address & Thanks  2:30 – 3:00 ……… Networking Opportunities  Meeting of New Executive  (all welcome to join) |
| **Registration for TESL Durham Spring AGM & Workshop 2015**  Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Name of your TESL Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   |  |  | | --- | --- | | * Adult ESL | * LINC | | * Elementary | * Secondary | | * University/College | * International | | * Private | Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |   Area of ESL:  IMPORTANT: Do you have any dietary restrictions or allergies that we should be mindful of when placing food orders for this event? If yes, please specify. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    **Guests Welcome!**  If you are not a TESL-Durham member, please let us know where you are from and how you heard about our event? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |