

Countdown to *International Listening Awareness Month 2013*



March into

*International Listening
Awareness Month*



The month of March marks the global celebration of *International Listening Awareness Month*, which was started in the late 1990s by the *International Listening Association* (ILA) as an effort to bring greater attention to the critical role listening plays in all human activity.



ILA promotes *International Listening Awareness Month* at social, educational, and professional events throughout the world; its membership represents 16 countries such as Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, India, Iran, Italy, Japan, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the U.S.

March was chosen as *International Listening Awareness Month* because it provides a good lead-in to the annual ILA convention, which is usually held in March. During years in which the convention site is outside the U.S., however, the date is moved to coincide with the U.S.'s summertime.

This year, listeners from around the world will be gathering at the

Delta Montréal Hotel in **Montréal, Québec, Canada**, June 20-23.



Don't delay; make your travel plans today!

**34th Annual Convention of the
International Listening Association**

Montréal, Québec, Canada

Thursday, June 20-Saturday, June 23, 2013



Twilight View of Montréal's Skyline

ILA's cooperative and engaging atmosphere provides opportunities to share ideas about **LISTENING** with top researchers, scholars, teachers, trainers, and authors in the field, all who can assist you with your listening training or research needs.

To find out more about this exciting convention and to register, **visit the ILA Convention website:** <http://www.listen.org/montreal2013>.



Lobby area of the Delta Montréal Hotel

Indeed, you will find ALL that Montréal has to offer is at the doorstep of the Delta Montréal Hotel!

Kick off *International Listening Awareness Month* by watching and then discussing TED Speaker and sound expert Julian Treasure's "5 ways to listen better":
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSohjLYQI2A>.

In this video from [TEDTalks](#), Treasure shares how to re-tune our ears for conscious listening in a world that is increasingly louder. He explores links between listening and connection, understanding and peace.



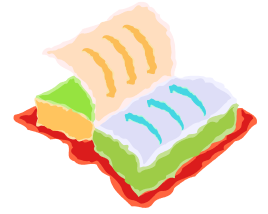
After watching, have [conversations Treasure himself has had](#) that challenges us to think about what conscious listening would be like—and how do we get there? Questions for discussion include the following that Treasure himself asks: How do you think listening (or the lack of it) affects our society? What would a world of conscious listening be like? How would your life experience change? Is it something worth striving for—and if so, how do we get there? How can you contribute?



During

International Listening Awareness Month

Take time to read a listening-related book and/or article
to enhance your skills.



Some of our ILA members are also authors.

We encourage you to support their efforts by reading their works. Then, attend the annual convention to meet these writers in person as well as others interested in listening.

International Listening Awareness Month is also an excellent time to join the 2013-2014 Training Cohort so that you can become a ***Certified Listening Professional (CLP)***[™].



Becoming a CLP is an important step in your professional and personal growth as a listener. Previous CLP training participants rave about the strong feelings of accomplishment they sense once they have completed this in-depth training. They all report deeper insights and knowledge gained about listening that subsequently have helped them both professionally and personally. To date, everyone has enjoyed the challenge of the major project and the personal interactions each experiences with a

listening expert who mentors the individual in the process.

If you need more information to assist you in your decision to invest in advancing yourself professionally and personally through Listening Certification, please read frequently asked questions (FAQs) on-line at www.listen.org. Send any additional questions or comments to Dr. Richard Halley, Lead CLP Training Facilitator and Emeritus Professor of Communication, at rhalley@weber.edu.

If you are interested in being a Candidate for 2013-2014, please be aware that only a limited number of individuals are accepted into each year's cohort. So don't delay this important decision for too long.

If you consider listening to be a significant topic,

we invite you to join the ILA

and to become involved in one of the leading global organizations dedicated to

the study and practice of listening.

Through networking, conventions, an international journal, newsletters, archived materials, and other resources, ILA members share strategies that might work anywhere from the classroom to the boardroom.

Go to the ILA website for a membership application:

<http://www.listen.org>



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