



**Rotary International
District 1040**

New Generations

(Youth Opportunities)
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Youth Speaks Project Officer: Vacancy (Caretaker Trevor Woodward)
Assisted by Roy James, Andrew Husband & Guy Hirst

YOUTH SPEAKS

This is an exciting opportunity for young People to develop public speaking skills. There are two age groups for the Regional & RIBI Competition - intermediate 11 to 13 and Senior 14 to 17 (as at August 31st prior to the RIBI Final). **Club and Group Competitions have three age groups; Junior, Intermediate and Senior.**

Teams

The competition is open to teams of three entered by schools, colleges, and youth groups within the UK and Ireland. Each team will be sponsored by a local Rotary Club.

Format

The competition begins at Rotary club level to select teams to compete in one of the eight group finals within the District. Teams are selected from the eight Group finals to go forward to the District Final. Four teams two intermediate and two Senior teams will be selected to compete in the RIBI Regional final.

Youth Speaks is proving to be very successful in District 1040. Following last years District Final at Pickering a number of teams found that time wise and the mileage incurred made it difficult for teams travelling from the West of the District. On reflection we believe that the clubs in each of the eight groups could run a group event following their individual club youth speaks competitions. Teams could then be selected from the group competitions to compete in the District Final which will be held more centrally.

The District Final will be following the RIBI Regional Rules, instead of three age groups as in the Club and Group Competitions, there will be only two age groups Intermediate 11 – 13 and Senior 14 -17. We will leave it up to the discretion of the Group competition organisers who they put forward to the District Final.

Competition

Each Youth Speaks team consists of:

The Chairperson, the Speaker and the Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. The Chairperson has two minutes to welcome the audience, to introduce the Speaker and to inform the audience of the relevance or expertise of the Speaker towards his/her chosen subject. The Speaker then has six minutes to deliver an address and a maximum of two minutes to address a question from the audience.

Topics

The Speaker is free to choose their topic, subject to organiser's approval and guidelines with regard to offensive matter. The standard of entrants is always very high and the events are highly entertaining and impressive.

The theme changes annually and can be accessed on the District & NG Committee website:

What would be very helpful to everyone running a Club or Group Competition the dates of your Youth Speaks Event?

Please send your Youth Speaks Competition dates to Trevor Woodward trevancropcare@btconnect.com for inclusion in the youth Speaks News Letter and calendar of events on the NG Committee website www.yoprojects.org.uk

Dates of Club, Group, District, Regional and RIBI Finals

Youth Speaks Competitions 2011/12

The dates highlighted in yellow are suggested completion dates for teams to be able to compete at the next stage.

Club competition to be completed by end of Jan 2012

Group competition to be completed by 09/02/2012

District competition to be completed by 09/03/2012

Regional competition to be completed by 07/04/2012

Submission to RIBI contact by 08/04/2012

Confirmed Group Competition Dates

Date	Competition	Venue	Contact	Telephone	Email
	Bradford Group	?			
	Dales Group				
28 th Feb 2012	East Group	Lady Lumley's School Pickering	Roy James	01751 472504	none
	Inner Nine				
	Joint 7				
	Leeds Group				
	North Group				
20 th Jan 2012	South West Group	Brooksbank School, Elland	Edward Walker	01422 375 771	john.walker31@btinternet.com

District 1040 - Regional - RIBI - Competition Dates

DISTRICT FINAL: Date 8th March 2012 Venue: Poppleton Road Primary School, York 6 pm
Contact Trevor Woodward - Email: trevancropcare@btconnect.com - 01904 738 470 - 07774110826

REGIONAL FINAL: Date 25th March 2012 Venue: Scarborough College, Scarborough
Contact: Trevor Woodward:- Email: trevancropcare@btconnect.com - 01904 738 470 - 07774110826
Roy James:- 01751 472504

RIBI FINAL: Date 28th April 2012 Venue: GLYNDWR UNIVERSITY, Wrexham, North Wales
Contact: Brian Kendall RIBI Final Youth Speaks Organiser 30, Claremount Road, Wallasey CH45 6UB.
Email: brian.b.kendall@ntlworld.com - Telephone: 0151 638 3350 - 07713 600549

Suggested Rules for Club and Group Competition

Supplied by Roy James & Andrew Husband Pickering Rotary Club

Aims

The competition offers young people:

- an experience of speaking in public as member of a team an incentive to formulate ideas on significant subjects
- the discipline of dealing with a topic in a limited time
- the impartial criticism and assessment of performance by experienced adjudicators
- The opportunity of learning and practising high standards of expression, presentation and appearance.

Competitors

The competition is open to teams of young people entered by schools, colleges or youth groups within the catchment area. Teams shall be grouped into three sections, junior, intermediate and senior, representing school years 7/8, years 9/10 and years 11/12 as at 31st August 2011. No entrant may be a member of more than one team.

Teams

Each team shall consist of three members (all male, all female or mixed), as follows:

The Chairperson will have a maximum of TWO minutes to welcome the audience and introduce the Speaker and the subject his or her speech. When the Speaker has finished, the Chairperson will invite questions and ensure that the questions are clear to the Speaker. When the Speaker has answered, the Chairperson will briefly introduce the Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. After Thanks the Chairperson should close the proceedings.

The Speaker who will be allowed SIX minutes for the address, with extra time to answer the questions. The Speaker is free to choose any subject approved by the organisers, with the exception of Religion and Party Politics.

The Proposer of the Vote of Thanks, who will have TWO minutes in which to propose the Vote, remarking on both the content of the address and the speaker's answers to the questions. The audience should then be invited to show its appreciation of the Speaker.

The overall time for each team's presentation will be approximately FIFTEEN minutes, including questions.

Questions

Appointed Rotarians will ask each Speaker one relevant question. The Speaker will not be given prior knowledge of the question. Not more than one question will be asked.

Procedure

Before each competition takes place, a draw will be held to determine the order in which teams will make their presentations. This order will be notified to the teams. At each event the Master of Ceremonies will welcome the participants and guests, introduce the adjudicators and run through the procedures. He or she will then invite each team in turn to come onto the stage to make its presentation. The team should be ushered onto the stage by the

Chairperson, who should sit down with the Speaker to the right and the Proposer of the Vote of Thanks to the left, awaiting the green light before starting the presentation. Once the green light has been given, the Chairperson is in control until the Vote of Thanks has been given.

The chairperson, adjudicators and audience will be aware of the passage of time by a system of green, yellow and red lights as follows:

The Chairperson	YELLOW after 1.5 minutes
	RED after 2 minutes
	GREEN Following introduction
The Speaker	YELLOW after 5 minutes
	RED after 6 minutes
Vote of Thanks Proposer	GREEN following introduction
	YELLOW after 1.5 minutes
	RED after 2 minutes

Adjudication

There will be three qualified adjudicators who will take into account:

- The Chairperson's management of the meeting (25 points max)
- The Speaker's ability to present and develop an argument and to answer the questions (50 points max)
- The quality and courtesy of the Vote of Thanks (25 points max)

Included within the marking will be the importance of team work.

Over running the allotted timings will be penalised (one point for every complete fifteen seconds of overrun). The timekeepers will notify the adjudicators.

After all the teams have made their presentations the adjudicators will comment on the performance of each team and of individual members, and announce the result. They will not discuss marks or how they have been allotted. The decision of the adjudicators will be final. No correspondence will be entered into following the event.

Awards

All participants will receive a certificate at each stage.

Notes for guidance of participants and adjudicators

In assessing the presentations, attention will be paid to the following:

All team members: Effective use of voice, easy manner, natural gestures and whether the personality of the individual comes over to the audience.

Humour, in the right context, will be appreciated. Notes can be used, but they should not be too obvious; simply reading written content will be penalised. Audio-visual aids are NOT permitted. Dual presentations are not permitted. Participants should concentrate on teamwork, voice production, audibility, clear diction, projection, body language and use of emphasis (pause, pitch and inflection).

Chairperson: Adjudicators will be looking for a business-like, yet courteous handling of the meeting, attention to the duties specified above; and the creation of a friendly and receptive atmosphere.

Speaker: The construction of the address should include an introduction, the main subject matter and a conclusion.

Adjudicators will attach great importance to the logic and weight of the arguments developed, and the impact created on the audience. The answers to the questions should be courteous, to the point, full but not unduly wordy.

Vote of Thanks Proposer: The duty of the Proposer is to express to the Speaker the appreciation of the audience.

Reference should be made to the content of the address and the answers to the questions. Finally, the Proposer should invite the audience to express their appreciation of the Speaker.

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