

Program Quality Director – Red Skelton

The responsibilities of the Program Quality Director include:

- All aspects of education and training within the District
- Supporting quality club programming efforts
- Promoting the Distinguished Club Program
- Planning and executing the District Conference

Online Webinars

We are delighted to continue our Online Webinar Series. These live webinars are aimed at all members and will be delivered by Toastmasters who are experts in their chosen fields and will complement any face-to-face training. For dial-in details and regular updates throughout the year check out <http://d71.toastmasters.org.uk/webinars>. Scheduled webinars as follows:

- Judging Workshop by chief Judge Kevin Baggs

Other Workshops in the future:

- EasySpeak!
- Pathways, how it will affect me!

If you have any ideas for future Webinar Training, please contact me with your ideas.

District Educational Achievements

The following outstanding clubs have already made Distinguished status having registered 5 or more DCP points. Well done and continued success to: West Cork Toastmasters, Bishopstown Toastmasters, EMC Ireland, Tralee Club, Mullingar Toastmasters, Hertfordshire Speakers, East Herts Speakers, Cambridge Speakers, Dublin Club, Dublin 18 Toastmasters, Haymarket Toastmasters and Southside Speakers.

The following awards have been earned this Toastmaster Year; 67 x CC, 21 x ACB, 9 x ACS, 5 x ACG, 53 x CL, 19 x ALB, 10 x ALS and 7 x HPL. We have also earned 7 Triple Crown awards.

We had a total of 11 members earn their DTM, the highest award in Toastmasters this year including Max Ridder-Patrick, Penny Haywood Calder, Colm Roe, Karen O'Donnell, Peter Lawton, Patricia O'Connell, Gerard Dunn, Elaine Beare, Irene Gerety, Yvonne Jordan and Dermot Carey.

Appointments

To help with delivering the educational programs throughout the district the following volunteers have again stepped up to the mark; many of whom delivered training at COT, online or at the Division Contests. The District supports them for their efforts and thanks them for their dedication to Toastmasters.

- John Burns – EasySpeak Guru
- Kevin Baggs – District Chief Judge
- Peter Redmond – District Chief Judge
- Mairead Dillon – Youth Leadership Chair
- Danial Sander – Speech Craft Chair
- Kevin Lee – Chief Ambassador, Pathways

Divisions

Many Divisions held educational workshops in conjunction with their contests. This is a great opportunity to not only see great contests but to have the opportunity to learn. I hope that more Divisions take advantage of this great idea. If you want to see something specific or want a workshop on a particular subject then please contact your Area or Division Director.

Future Conferences Update

Spring 2017 - Manchester Conference will take place on May 12th – 14th 2017. This conference was given full approval at the District Council Meeting in May 2016 allowing the team to go full steam ahead. If the preparation and enthusiasm of the team is anything to go by, this will be another great conference.

Autumn 2017 – Jim Gregory and Phil Heath and team are continuing with planning to bring the autumn conference to Leeds.

Spring/Autumn 2018 – Cork