

## D71 UK YLP

### Top Tips for all Youth Leadership Program Students

- **Speech structure** - always consider the structure of your speech – Opening, Body (speak about three separate points) and Conclusion. The benefit? It will be easy for the audience to remember your wonderful speech! *See the D71 UK YLP Speech Structure Ideas document for further information.*
- **Want to bring your speech alive and make it more interesting?**
  - **Use descriptive words.** Think of the five senses – the sights, the smells, the sounds, the taste, the touch. The sparkling blue sea, the whoosh of the waves etc
  - **Use a prop:** something related to your speech. A t-shirt or a pair of sunglasses from the holiday that you're talking about, a book that you're reading – anything that relates to your speech.
- **Your voice:**
  - **Project your voice:** How? By **not** looking down at your notes or your Chromebook. The benefits? Your audience can see and hear you and you can see them.
  - **Use vocal variety:** How? If talking about something exciting, speak that little louder. If talking about something sad, speak quietly and slowly.
  - **Use pauses:** take your time when speaking, your audience needs time to take in whatever you are saying. Instead of an erm or an ah if you are struggling to think of a word, pause, take a breath and give yourself time to think.
- **Use the room:** don't just stay on the one spot, move around if you feel confident enough. Use body language to bring more life to your speech.