

# TOASTMASTERS TALK #5

## WEEKLY UPDATES FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



Guest Editors: Elizabeth Jordan & Andra Popovici

**#pullingtogetherwithpurpose**



### Message from the District Director Elizabeth Jordan, DTM

**Greetings Fellow Toastmasters**

**I hope you are well, and enjoying the contest season.**

**I would like to express my thanks to organisers, contestants and officials for pulling together with purpose, sometimes under difficult circumstances. I am delighted to hear of the well run and fun contests that have taken place at club level or are currently taking place at Area and Division levels. Keep up the fantastic work.**

**As we enjoy the contests, let us also focus on the other activities that will help our clubs and District to thrive.**

- **Organise club meetings that offer fun, friendship & fellowship.**
- **Undertake our Pathways projects and build confidence and competence**
- **Celebrate achievements, both small and large.**
- **Attend the Wednesday webinars and Sunday Leadership sessions and learn from experts and enthusiasts.**

**Our founder, Dr Ralph Smedley said: "We learn best in moments of enjoyment". Let's have some fun!**

**Stay safe & well.**

**DD Elizabeth Jordan**

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# The District Mission

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

## How is the District Doing?

### The District In Numbers on 4 Nov 2023

- 12/12 Division Directors
- 44/45 Area Directors
- 3,378 members
- 189 Paid Clubs ( 1 new club)
- **6 Clubs with zero – 1 member (5 clubs suspended)**
- **37 Clubs with 7-12 members**
- **58 Clubs with 13-19 members**
- **34 Clubs with 13-16 members**
- **24 Clubs with 17-19 members**
- **97 Clubs with 20+ members**

Thanks to everyone who has helped us to achieve the results thus far. There is more work to be done and we invite each and every member to help us create a vibrant culture that will lead to member satisfaction and a Distinguished District.

The Club Growth Director is seeking volunteers to join the team to help support low member clubs and build new clubs. If you are interested, please email: [mairead.dillon.md@gmail.com](mailto:mairead.dillon.md@gmail.com)

# 2025 UK Conference Bid Is Now Opened!



## Submit Your District 71 2025 Conference Bid Now!



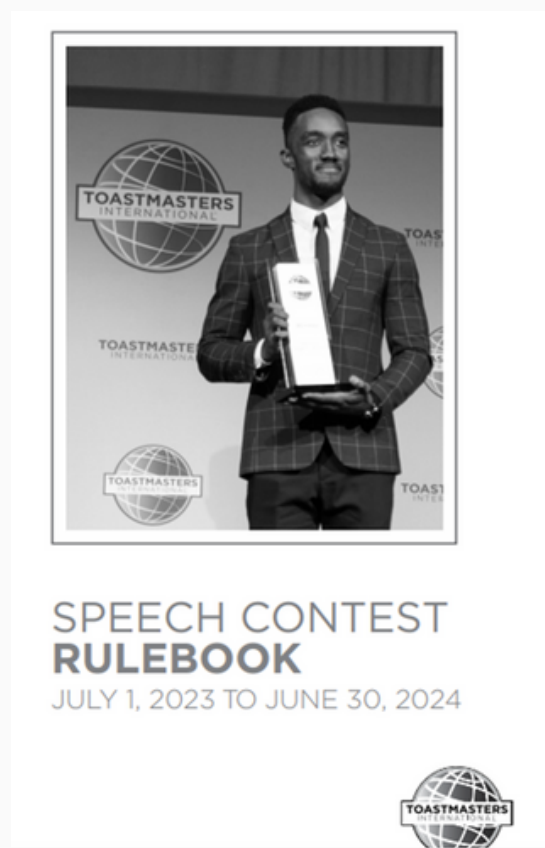
**Leading the  
Future with  
Leadership and  
Communication**

Closing date for Applications  
from **UK Divisions** only  
by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.  
Email: CGD Mairead  
[cgdmairead.dillon.md@gmail.com](mailto:cgdmairead.dillon.md@gmail.com)

# Come & Support the Division

## Humorous Speech & Table Topics Contests

Division	Contest Date	Guest DLT Member	Status
S	4th November	PQD Danny Banks	
D	5th November	None	
A	6th November	None	
C	11th November	CGD Mairead Dillon	
M	11th November	IPDD Brenda Lannon	
B	12th November	CGD Mairead Dillon	
E	18th November	PDD John Cox	
F	18th November	FM Anthony Phelan	
G	18th November	PQD Danny Banks	
N	18th November	DD Elizabeth Jordan	
H	19th November	DD Elizabeth Jordan	
J	19th November	FM Anthony Phelan	



# Highlights From Division 'S' Contests & 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on 4th November



## Contest Winners

### Humorous Speech Contest

1. James McGinty
2. Rory McGuire
3. Eddie Gordon

### Table Topics Contest

1. Kyle Murtagh
2. David McCrae
3. James McGinty



Division 'S' 10th Anniversary celebration

# Highlights From Division 'D' Contests on 5th November



## Division 'D' Contestants

### Contest Winners

#### Humorous Speech Contest

1. Bernard Traynor
2. Aidan Scannall
3. Tom Murphy

#### Table Topics Contest

1. James Prendergast
2. Warren Furlong
3. Jody Power



Division 'D' Director Angela Afieghe and Jillian Geraghty at the DivD Contest

# Highlights From Division 'A' Contests on 6th November



DivA Director, Eric Downney with TT contest winners



DivA Director, Eric Downney with HS contest winners

## The Winners were

### **Humorous Speech**

- 1st Place - David Haskett, Powdermills Toastmasters Ballincollig
- 2nd Place - John Corbett - Talking Heads Toastmasters Garryvoe
- 3rd Place - Declan Drummy - Analog Devoices Toastmasters

### **Table Topics**

- 1st Place - Margaret O'Flynn - Talking Heads Toastmasters Garryvoe
- 2nd Place - David Clinton - Toastmasters 4 Golf
- 3rd Place - Tara Lokhorst - Kinsale Toastmasters

# Highlights From Area 9/Division F Contest



**Winners Sioban Fitzgerald (HS) and Eileen Fleming (TT)**



**Area 9 contestants**

## **Reflection on the Area 9 Contest by Sioban Fitzgerald**

Article submitted by Division 'F' Director Charles Malone

The Area 9 Final of the Toastmasters Humorous Speech and Table Topics contest took place in St. Mary's Youth and Community Centre on Saturday last, 4th of November. It was very well attended with Toastmasters from Athlone, Mullingar and Tullamore Toastmasters taking part. The competition was very professionally and warmly chaired by Mullingar Toastmaster, Lorraine Murphy with Athlone and Longford Toastmaster, Deirdre O' Murchadha acting as Chief Judge. The audience was treated to plenty of humour on speech topics ranging from our use of language, innovative ways to learn, the colour blue, aging and dieting. The topic 'Challenges are gifts' also produced some varied inputs from the contestants. One audience member was heard saying, "It was so wonderful to be able to meet in person and enjoy one another's company again in a relaxed environment. Because of Covid, this was our first time back together in 4 years and it felt great." First place in the Humorous Speech contest went to Siobhán Keenan Fitzgerald. Second was Brian Mc Loughlin and third, John Waldron. In the Table Topics contest, Eileen Fleming placed first, with Niamh Tubridy placing second and Sharon Dooley, third. The top two in both contests will progress to the Division F final which will be held in the Cregan Court Hotel, Athlone on November 18th from 12 noon - 3pm. All are welcome to attend for an afternoon of entertainment, humour and laughter.



# Forthcoming District Events

## Wednesday Webinars



**D71 Wednesday Webinars**  
Wednesday 15th November at 19:00 GMT



**'Resolving Conflict'**  
Gerry Dunn



**D71 Wednesday Webinars**  
Wednesday 22nd November at 19:00 GMT



**'Telling Our Stories'**  
Vinette Hoffman-Gibbs, DTM



**D71 Wednesday Webinars**  
Wednesday 29th November at 19:00 GMT



**'Canva Basics'**  
Paola Perina, D109 PRM 2021-22



**D71 PR Masterclass**  
Thursday 30th November at 18:30 GMT



**Anthony Garvey**  
"How to get great PR for your Club"

Register for these events via the [D71 website](#).  
You will also be sent a reminder nearer the date

# Forthcoming District Events

## History Quiz Night on 24th November at 19:00

### Inspired by Our History

## District 71



- A Gift of the book to every club in District 71
- Fun History Quiz Night on Friday 24th November at 19:00 - 20:00
- Clubs are invited to send a 1-2 mins) video on the history of their club to email:



[d71prmsueburnett@gmail.com](mailto:d71prmsueburnett@gmail.com)

**[Register here](#) for the Quiz Night on Friday  
24th November at 19:00**

# Milestone Anniversaries



**District 71 extends  
CONGRATULATIONS...**

## **Club Anniversaries this month!**

Lilly GBS Cork Toastmasters - 4 yrs

Warwick Speakers & Leaders - 4 yrs

Perth Toastmasters - 11 yrs

Hull Speakers- 11 yrs

Ballina Toastmasters - 18 yrs

Longford Toastmasters - 20 yrs

Drogheda Toastmasters - 23 yrs



Thanks to Olga Byrne & Nigel Smith  
D71 Recognition & Awards Co-Chairs

# Guest Article

By Division B Director, James Finnegan



James Finnegan  
District B, Director

## Tips For Running a Successful Roadshow

Last Wednesday, in the latest of the District 71 Webinar Training Series, a record number of attendees from around the District and beyond, interacted, worked and learnt together on the benefits of running a Roadshow.

Division B Director James Finnegan has extensive experience of running Roadshows and Events at every level from local to international level. He emphasised how important it was to raise awareness of Toastmasters in our local communities.

James gave some case studies of different organisations who engaged with the Community to their benefit. “We as Toastmasters must be more proactive in getting our message out, which will, in time and turn, increase our membership”

Sharon Doody, President of Athlone Toastmasters, told of two initiatives their club had done this year, including attending the local University Student Freshers Event and Table Topic sessions at local landmarks during the day.

“We can be inventive, imaginative and inclusive” said James.

“These can be great fun, involving many members of your Club and can be used for a multitude of Pathway projects. Commit yourselves to delivering one as soon as possible”

CGD Mairead Dillon and James are available to help, support and advise any Club who want to do a Roadshow, and you are strongly encouraged to do so.

For further information, please contact James at [jamesfinnegantutor@gmail.com](mailto:jamesfinnegantutor@gmail.com)

Presentation Link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/rw7qSzXChcg9s1lqdN3KL6cmkZriof-vJqsZ5-zA3rHGc3oiu6x1Dweu\\_rOFw3A6.E4LiPGS61FHSz\\_Kf](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/rw7qSzXChcg9s1lqdN3KL6cmkZriof-vJqsZ5-zA3rHGc3oiu6x1Dweu_rOFw3A6.E4LiPGS61FHSz_Kf)  
Passcode: Ro@dshow1

If you wish to be a guest contributor, submit your article to <https://d71toastmasters.org/share-with-the-district/share-a-news-article/>

# Shout Out to D71 Members



Eileen O'Neill completed the Dublin marathon on xxxx. Congratulations to other Toastmasters and volunteers who took part.



Read Phillip Khan -Panni's article that has been published on 9 Nov. <https://www.business-reporter.co.uk/human-resources/standing-out-from-the-crowd?Preview=1>



Ged Byrne from West Herts Speakers, delivered a TEDx talk on 'AI' on 26th October.

We are keen to share highlights of your adventures inside and outside of your clubs in the weekly newsletter.

Please submit your stories to: <https://d71toastmasters.org/share-with-the-district/share-a-news-article/>



Rae Saleem from Herts Speakers completed 3 Alpine Peaks challenge to raise funds for Spinal Research.

Dundee team have been sharing how they live core values.



# Key Dates Coming Up



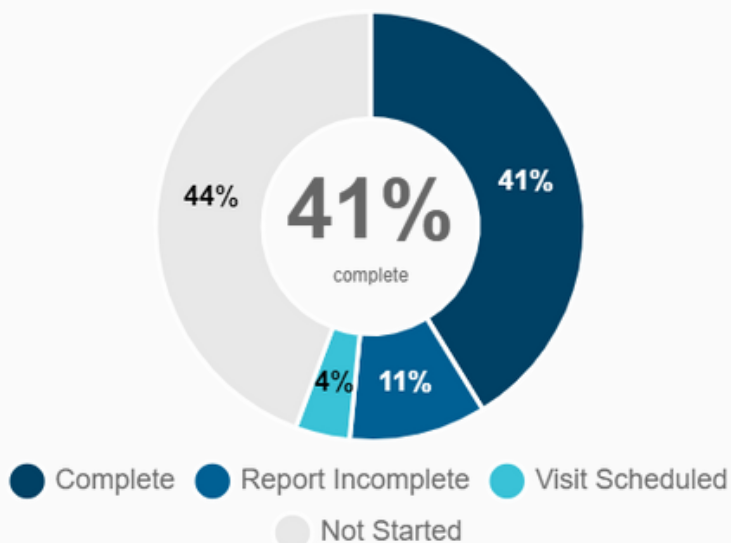
**COT1 Completed 31 October 2023  
Thanks to the 78% Officers trained**

**The COT2 Training Window is now opened  
1 Nov 2023 - 28 Feb 2024**

**For Area and Division Directors to Offer COT Sessions  
COT2 Target > 90% Officers Trained**

## **Area Director Club Visit#1 Report Status**

**Target: 100% report submission  
Deadline: 30 November**

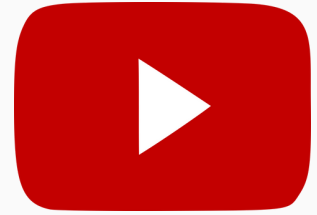


**Current status**

# Useful Resources to Support Clubs & Members

[District 71 website](#)

[District Youtube Channel](#)



[Toastmasters International Website](#)

[District 71 'Help Hub'](#)

[Visit the District Store](#)

Did you know?

District 71 has  
44 Area Directors  
12 Division Directors  
7 Member DLT Team

Interested in learning more about what they do?

email Admin manager: [stevecampiontm@gmail.com](mailto:stevecampiontm@gmail.com)  
and book an appointment

