

TOASTMASTERS TALK #11

Monthly Updates From Around the District

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DD Elizabeth Jordan, DTM

As I reflect on the journey of the past 10 months, I am filled with pride at the strides we have made as a district. Pulling together with purpose has propelled us towards becoming a fully Distinguished District for the first time in 10 years.

The metrics on our dashboard tell a promising story: achieving Distinguished club status is a mark of excellence by the PQD team led by Danny Banks. The membership payments are close to reaching distinguished status. However, the challenge of reaching distinguished status for paid clubs remains, with 7 clubs still needed by June 30th.

We need every member to focus on achieving our individual goals, as well as achieving the district mission. Together, we can finish strong.

Late March and April marked an exciting period as contests were held across the District. Thanks to the Division Directors, contest officials, and contestants for orchestrating such professional, engaging, and enjoyable events.

Your dedication and commitment made these contests truly memorable experiences for all involved. We look forward with eager anticipation to the semi-finals at the upcoming District conference in Portlaoise on 10-12 May.

Don't miss out on this invaluable opportunity to connect with fellow Toastmasters and grow both personally and professionally. Purchase your conference ticket today and be part of this unforgettably exciting experience.

Elizabeth Jordan, District 71 Director (DD)

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D71 Speech Contest Special

Division A

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: SIOBHÁN FITZGERALD
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: PAUL O'MAHONY

James Finnegan ~ Division B Director

Contributer



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D71 Celebrates



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EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: MICHAEL COLLINS

D71 Speech Contest Special



James Finnegan ~ Division B Director Contributor

The Division B Finals of the International Speech Contest and the Evaluation Contest were held last Saturday under the auspices of Contest Chair Gerard Mannix DTM, Chief Judge Anthony Garvey DTM, and Division B Director James Finnegan at St Brendans Parochial Centre, the home of Tralee Toastmasters. District 71 (UK and Ireland) Club Growth Director Mairead Dillon was also present on behalf of the District 71 Leadership Team

First, in an eclectic combination of speech styles and subject matter came the International Speech Contest. Competitors spoke for between five to seven minutes on a speech chosen and written by themselves

Shannon Maura Meaney "Autograph" Tralee Anne Lawlor "Success" Killarney Anne Hannan "Chicks must leave the Nest" Speak Easy Bobby Buckley "Quest for Kindness" Roscrea Larry Lyons "The Road Less Travelled" Thomond Marius van Niekerk "Throw your Hat over the Fence" Speak Easy Claire O'Connell "The Winner Takes it All" Shannon Michael Collins "Behind the Numbers"

In what was an extremely tight result, the final placings were Third Larry Lyons (Roscrea), Second Anne Hannan (Killarney) and in First Place Michael Collins (Shannon)

In the Evaluation Contest, a specific bespoke speech was delivered by notable Toastmaster Sean Lyons entitled "Every Story is a Picture", and each contestant delivered a two to three minute critique.

In another very close result, Third was Helsa Giles (Speak Easy), Second was Vicky McCarthy (Tralee) and First again was Michael Collins (Shannon) in a notable Double.

Michael now goes forward to the District 71 (UK and Ireland) Finals of both Competitions in Portlaoise on 10-12th of May.

There was universal praise for the organisation of this event, the quality of the completion and the warmth of the welcome to all attendees.

Thank you to everyone involved in helping put this event together and we invite everyone to support our Division winners at the District 71 Conference in May (Further details available at www.thefort2024)

D71 Speech Contest Special

Division C

**INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: TONY MCINTYRE
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER:BLAKE BOLAND**

Division D

**INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: PHILLIP KHAN PANNI
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER:BRIAN MARSHALL**

**John Cox- Division E Director
Photo credits**



**INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: VIOLETA SALADIENE
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: PRINCE ACQUAH**

D71 Speech Contest Special



Charles Malone
Division F

Photo Credits



**INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER:FRANCES LEONARD
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: ITA FINNERTY**

D71 Speech Contest Special

Julie Kenny - Division G Director
Contributor & Photo Credits Cathy Shelborne



District 71 Division G SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday 20th April 2024
Great Barton Village Hall
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk

DIVISION G DIRECTOR:
Julie Kenny

HOST CLUB:
Ipswich Electrifiers
Speakers' Club

SPEECH CONTEST
WINNER:
Julian Hammond,
Articulate Speakers Club

EVALUATION CONTEST
WINNER:
Callum Gillett,
Chelmsford Speakers
Club

WORKSHOP PRESENTER:
Teresa Dukes
Speak Easy @
Martlesham



**INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: JULIAN HAMMOND
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: CALLUM GILLETT**

D71 Speech Contest Special



JENNIFER ELEVIQUE - DIVISION H DIRECTOR CONTRIBUTOR



Division H had a great time at their International speech and evaluation speech contest on Saturday 20 April. The quality of speeches was outstanding and everyone came away with much appreciation for the contestants' mastery of the art of speaking.

Chris Baker of West Herts triumphed in the International Speech contest , with Ben Mallett of Northampton Speakers in second and Adrian Podmore of Huntingdon in third.

In the evaluation speech contest, Russell Anderson from Pegasus speakers claimed first place with Ryan Parke of West Herts in second, and Geoff Huntington of Stamford speakers in third.

Congratulations to all who participated and thank you to all the contest officials.
Best wishes for the district contests in May!

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: CHRIS BAKER
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: RUSSELL ANDERSON

D71 Speech Contest Special

Division J

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: DALILA BURIN
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: COLM MCGLADE

Division M

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: ÁINE NÍ GHLINN
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: NEIL D'SOUZA

Division N

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: POL DONALD NKANA NKANA
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: SATYA MORARJI

Philip Cooper - Division S Director



INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: JAMES MCCRAE
EVALUATION SPEECH CONTEST WINNER: JAMES MCGINTY

Poem for April

Poet In Residence - Mike Keenan



“Young Voice”

by Mike Keenan
D71 Poet In Residence

If I held up a mirror to me
Is there a part that's still a bit raw
Through the lens of identity crisis
I can better accept what I saw

He waits for me by the door
He's one that I tend to ignore
He's the teenager trying to be free
He'll bring out the young man in me

An adventure has just begun,
Our mission to care for the young
We'll meet them wherever they're at
And take things as easy as that

The future's in safe hands,
Is a song to be sung
We see it each day
In the eyes of the young

They say that the meek
Will inherit the earth
The next generation
Will all play a part

For the young person needs love
That is patient and kind
For the time that they're searching
For what they can't find

And young people need love
That is not angry or rude
That says I accept you
With your brash attitude

And young people need love
That's gently inclined
For times when there's pressure
They need peace of mind

And young people need love
That's strong and endures
A shoulder to lean on
And that shoulder's yours

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News From Across the District

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 71

100 VOICES

14
February

SHARE
YOUR
STORIES

CELEBRATE

♥ #ILoveToastmasters

On the 14th of February we launched the I love Toastmasters campaign.

We invite your contributions no matter how great or small success every member matters, every voice matters, all ages and lengths of service can make a contribution.

Monthly draw the lucky winner wins

€ 100 for their club

Share your 'I ♥ Toastmasters' stories

Video, poems, short stories, achievements, etc.

Share on social media ♥ #ILoveToastmasters #District71 #100Voices
#PullTogetherWithpurpose

[Submit your 15-30 second video here](#)

Register Now for the District 71 Convention thefort2024.com

Download the full conference program here!



Friday 10th May -12 May
Special Events
Workshops
Keynote Speaker
District Speech Contests
International Speech
Table Topics Contest
Humorous Speech Contest
Evaluation Contest



Sponsorship levels

	PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Audience Reach 200 in person attendees from UK & IE 11k followers on D71 N. UK & Ireland Toastmasters	2500€	1500€	1000€	500€
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company Banner at Registration/ Keynote speaker room/competition Full Page ad on Program 4 tickets to Conference Package or day Logo and link placement on website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company Banner at registration/main room Full Page ad on Program 3 tickets to Conference Package or day Logo and link placement on website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company Banner at registration/main room Half Page ad on Program 2 tickets to Conference Package Logo and link placement on website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company banner at registration Quarter Page ad on Program 1 day ticket to Conference Package or day Logo and link placement on website

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1000€

Full Page



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Celebrating 100 Years of Communication Excellence

Get excited for 2024—the hundredth anniversary of Toastmasters—a year to be filled with grand ceremony and celebration!

Order Your Gifts from the TI Store: <https://www.toastmasters.org/shop/gifts>

Limited-Edition Souvenirs

Mark this milestone year by collecting exclusive centennial memorabilia.

Shop now



Centennial Resources



From the Toastmasters Vault

Watch an archival video showcase, including footage of our founder.



100 Years Logos

Use these dazzling logos all year long to commemorate everything Toastmasters.

Your News Articles



NEW
NEW
NEW
NEW



You can now submit your club, area or division news to the District 71 website for consideration for our next newsletter please add your newsworthy article here:

<https://d71toastmasters.org/share-with-the-district/share-a-news-article/>

**Copy Deadline for next Issue
19 May 2024**

Dates for Your Diary



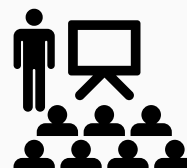
Beat the Clock - Toastmasters Membership Building Program

01 May 24 - 30 Jun 24

Club Officer Elections

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Date (s) - 01/05/2024 - 31/05/2024

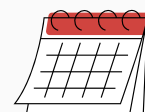


District Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting

Date 07/05/2024 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Candidate Showcase

Date/Time 08/05/2024 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Semi-Finals Friday 10th May see conf. agenda

District Council Meeting

Date/Time 11/05/2024 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

10-12 May 2024 - District Contests at the District Conference in Portlaoise

- Area Director visits - second round - Deadline - 31/05/2024
- Deadline for second round club visit reports - 31/05/2024
- Deadline for all items in the Distinguished Club Program 30/06/2024 -



You can view events on the District Calendar

<https://d71toastmasters.org/home/events/>

You can submit events to the District Calendar

<https://d71toastmasters.org/home/events/submit-an-event/>