

## The Public Speaking Challenge

**Title:** The Speak UP Challenge

**Skill focus** (gender based difference): Presentation, Communication, Teamwork

### Description:

The goal of this challenge is to highlight how differently men and women approach public speaking. In phase 1, a group of four team members on each table must work together to research and prepare a 2-minute speech on a preselected topic in a limited timeframe. In phase 2, they need to select one of the group members (male or female) to speak up on behalf of the team, about the topic researched and demonstrate their public speaking skills. Each team will be evaluated based on the speech they presented. The audience will also have the chance to vote for the best speech at the end.

### Supporting Material:

1. Laptops
2. Voting buttons
3. Instruction slides, which include takeaway messages
4. Timer
5. Scoring sheet
6. Red and Green Stickers, for group set up seating arrangements

### Group set up:

80 attendees: 25 tables: 4 per table

Table No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Men	0	4	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	2	0	4	3	1	2
Women	4	0	1	3	2	4	0	1	3	2	4	0	1	3	2	4	0	1	3	2	4	0	1	3	2

## Instructions:

There will be two phases in this challenge:

1. Place red card / sticker for women and green card / sticker for men based on the above table.
2. Once people start arriving instruct the women to sit at seats marked with a green sticker, and men to sit at seats marked with a red sticker.
3. If there are tables that are missing, ask people to complete the tables in order for each team to have eight participants. Once everyone is seated, the facilitator can start.
4. Explain the instructions and supplies needed for each team.

### Phase 1:

5. Give each team a laptop setup with Wi-Fi access to assist them in researching the assigned topic and write up their speech. After 15 minutes, everyone will stop working at the same time, in order for phase 2 to take place.

### These are the rules:

- The group has a maximum of 15 minutes, to work together on the topic assigned.

### Phase 2:

6. Each team will assign a member as a speaker, to come up to the podium and speak about the researched topic, for a maximum of 2 minutes. Judges will have to evaluate the speech based on the scoring criteria listed in this document.

### These are the rules:

- The speech must be between 1 to 2 minutes. More time, or less, results in 0 points being offered in the time management criterion.

## Time break down:

Action	Time (minutes)
Intro safety and demographic polling	3
Workshop Intro	3
Phase 1: Teams Researching Topics	15
Phase 2: Presentations and judging	3 x 15 = 45
Voting for Best Speech	5
Closing: Takeaways and Public speaking tips	10
Total	81 (1 hour, 21 Minutes)

## Scoring Criteria:

Judging Criteria	Points
Time Management	Under 1 minute – 0 points

	1 to 2 minutes – 10 points Over 2 minutes – 0 points
<b>Content &amp; Structure</b> • Does the speech flow properly in terms of structure? • Is the content of value to you, does it make a point?	0 – 10 points
<b>Delivery</b> (clarity, voice, speed, confidence)	0 – 10 points

**Volunteers roles:**

None needed.

**Scoring sheet:**

Team Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria/ Points	Time Management	Content & Structure	Delivery	Total
Group 1				
Group 2				
Group 3				
Group 4				
Group 5				
Group 6				
Group 7				
Group 8				
Group 9				
Group 10				
Group 11				
Group 12				
Group 13				
Group 14				
Group 15				
Group 16				
Group 17				

<b>Group 18</b>				
<b>Group 19</b>				
<b>Group 20</b>				
<b>Group 21</b>				
<b>Group 22</b>				
<b>Group 23</b>				
<b>Group 24</b>				
<b>Group 25</b>				