

NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Conveners of the English-Speaking Union Ukraine and America House in Ukraine have great pleasure in announcing the beginning of the **National Public Speaking Competition 2015-2016**.

The competition will run from **1 October 2015 until 26 February 2016**.

The competition is open to **students aged between 16 and 20 in full-time education** at the time of the competition. Competitors must be passport holders of Ukraine and must have a valid foreign passport or travel document.

The winner of the National Public Speaking Competition will **represent Ukraine** in the **International Public Speaking Competition** that will be held in **May 2016 in London**.

To apply for the competition a student should:

- 1) **send a filled in application form** (in English and Ukrainian) by email to the address: **esu.ukraine@yahoo.com**

Please, take the application form on the site <http://www.esu-ua.org.ua>

- 2) **make a video presentation** (in English) **on the topic "Integrity has no need of rules"**, **save it on Youtube**, and in the application form indicate the reference to it, send the application form by email to: **esu.ukraine@yahoo.com**

Requirements for the video presentation:

- *Full length shot, formal style*
- *Presentation should be shot indoors, in one place, at one time in sequence*
- *Presentation should last for 3 minutes*
- *It is not allowed to use animation, pictures, accompanying music, any arranging and editing*
- *Speakers may interpret the theme in any way they see it, but **they should not use the theme as the title of the speech***

The presentations, which do not meet the above mentioned requirements will not be taken into consideration.

The Deadline for application forms and video presentations is **30 November 2015**.

The results will be announced on 20, December 2015 on the site <http://www.esu-ua.org.ua> and the semi-finalists will be invited to take part in the Final stage of the Competition, that will be held on 27 February, 2016 at America House, Kyiv.

Final Stage

1.Presentation of impromptu speech

Requirements for the impromptu speech:

- *Participants will receive their topics 10 minutes in advance of giving their speech.*
- *Speakers may interpret the theme in any way they see it, but **they should not use the theme as the title of the speech.***
- *Speakers should not be afraid to be provocative, hard-hitting or humorous.*
- *Speakers must avoid speeches that are likely to be perceived as diplomatic or highly political.*
- *Each speaker will be allocated 3 minutes.*

2.Presentation of the prepared speech on the topic “The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any”.

Requirements for the prepared speech:

- *Speakers may interpret the theme in any way they see it, but **they should not use the theme as the title of the speech.***
- *In choosing their title, speakers should not be afraid to be provocative, hard-hitting or humorous.*
- *Speakers must avoid speeches that are likely to be perceived as diplomatic or highly political.*
- *Each speaker will be allocated 5 minutes. Judges may penalize speakers who overrun. Marks will be deducted for speeches which vary more than 45 seconds either side of 5 minutes.*
- *Each speech will be followed by **the questions from members of the audience and the judging panel.***

Please, feel free to contact us in case of any questions.

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