



SpeechExpress

Volunteer Recruitment 2014-15

Want to inspire and get inspired? Are you a competent English communicator? Would you like to make a difference around? Join SpeechExpress!

Introduction.

SpeechExpress is a non-profit organization founded in 2013 at HKU which aims at helping local primary and secondary school students develop into competent English communicators and public speakers.

Our Philosophy.

We have adopted the word "Express" in our name for three reasons.

Firstly, an "express" helps people move forward. Students who used to be shy and quiet can become good communicators and public speakers. In the efforts to pursue excellence in the art of speaking, students will be encouraged to continuously improve; volunteers will be equally enlightened to continuously improve.

Secondly, an "express" serves a large number of people. Philosophers in ancient Greece and politicians nowadays frequently deliver speeches to the public. Public speaking is, nonetheless, not exclusive to prominent figures. We believe everyone, including children and teenagers, can become excellent speakers who inform, entertain, persuade, and inspire.

Thirdly, we invite people to "express" themselves. John Ford once said, "You can speak well if your tongue can deliver the message of your heart." Expressing oneself is important in both interpersonal communication and public speaking.

Participants.

The programmes can flexibly be tailored for primary and secondary school students of different levels. With a small class size, students will be able to receive personal attention and will not be afraid to interact. Both CMI and EMI schools will be involved, since weaker students at EMI schools may also need assistance adapting to an English learning environment.

In the academic year 2013-14, SpeechExpress partnered with 6 secondary schools and 1 primary school: Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College, Clementi Secondary School, King's College, Fukien Secondary School (Siu Sai Wan), Ning Po No.2 College, Leung Shek Chee College, and Shaukiwan Tsung Tsin School. Around 200 local students have benefited from the programme. Communication is underway to partner with more schools in the future.



Programme commencement at Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club College (October 2013)



The last class at Clementi Secondary School (April 2014)



Fukien Secondary School (Siu Sai Wan)



Shaukiwan Tsung Tsin School

The Hong Kong Programmes.

Volunteers conduct classroom activities with classes of 4 to 10 students for 8 to 12 1-hour lessons. Classes are held after school on weekdays or during weekends. Workshops are organised at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) from time to time. In January 2014, an “HKU Fun Day”, which comprised game stations and campus tours, was held. To offer students more public speaking experiences, an annual Mini Conference – “Speak Your Mind” was organized on 5 July 2014 at HKU. 30 students from various schools delivered speeches and performed at the conference.



HKU Fun Day (January 2014)



Mini Conference – “Speak Your Mind” (July 2014)

Four programmes will be conducted in the academic year 2014-15:

Programme	Level	Key Components/ Features
A	Secondary 1 to 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic delivery and speech crafting skills • Suitable for students who have never attended any SpeechExpress lessons
B	Secondary 2 to 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate speech delivery, impromptu speaking and evaluation skills • Recommended for students who have participated in the 2013-14 programme
DSE	Secondary 4 to 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HKDSE English oral examination training: group discussions and individual responses • Useful techniques, practice and feedback
P	Primary 4 to 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpersonal communication skills, e.g. describing things and answering questions • Game-based learning to spark interests in English

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We are looking for people with excellent English communication skills and who are compassionate, committed, willing and able to serve on a regular basis for at least one academic year. If you meet these criteria, please fill in the application form at <http://bit.ly/1qj7aNP>. Local and non-local, undergraduate and postgraduate, full-time and exchange students from all faculties are welcome. The application deadline is **19 September 2014 (Friday)**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview.



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More information is available on our website: <http://speechexpress.org/> and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SpeechExpress>. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email us at contact@speechexpress.org.

Media Appearances.

South China Morning Post on 30 December 2013:

<http://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/family-education/article/1390995/hku-programmes-help-students-gain-confidence-speaking>

RTHK Radio 3, Morning Brew on 17 January 2014:

http://gbcode.rthk.org.hk/TuniS/programme.rthk.hk/channel/radio/programme.php?name=radio3/morning_brew&d=2014-01-17&m=episode