

BOROUGH SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2018

SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2018 IN SOLIHULL COUNCIL CHAMBER

Solihull and District Club of Soroptimist International will once again be organising a Borough Secondary Schools public speaking competition. We are delighted that once again this will be held in Solihull Council Chamber – a unique venue for these young people to speak.

The competition is open to 11 to 13 year olds (Intermediates) and 14 to 18 year olds (Seniors). The winner of each category will win a trophy which their School will keep for a year. The winner and runner up will also win individual prizes. The winner of the Senior competition will then become Solihull and District Club of Soroptimist International candidate for the Regional Club finals which will be held on Saturday 17th March, in Rugby Council Chamber. They will be competing against students from schools in Central Birmingham, Bromsgrove and Redditch, Coventry, Hereford, Kenilworth, Kidderminster, Leamington and Warwick, Rugby, Stourbridge, Stratford-upon-Avon and Worcester.

The students have 4 minutes to speak on one of the topics listed below. They are not allowed to use microphones; read from a script or use power point presentations. They will be judged on their timekeeping; content; vocals; and personal presentation.

1. Miracles do happen
2. Natural disasters are the earth's way of restoring balance.
3. Immigration laws are there to protect us.
4. Women and Voice - 100 years of votes for some women, yet women are still under-represented in the work place and politics.
5. Does the paparazzi help or hinder the purpose of free press?
6. To err is human, to forgive is divine.
7. Human Trafficking – Modern day Slavery. How can we stop it?
8. How playing games raises your IQ

The ability for young people to be able to present to small or large groups is essential in today's workplace. In addition public speaking helps students develop self confidence. Please support this fantastic competition.