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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

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by
LCC International University

We are excited to invite your school and students to take part in the **LCC International English Public Speaking Competition**.

THE GOAL

LCC International University is a North American style university in Klaipeda, Lithuania where classes are taught in English. Being a truly international university – where 67% of all students are international students coming from 50+ different countries and 70% of professors are English speakers from the USA and Canada – LCC seeks to promote intercultural dialog through the use of English as well as reward students who excel in their studies.

LCC International University has partnered with schools in Eastern Europe and Central Asia since 2004 and we believe our university is a great place to continue education for many students. In our gratitude for the cooperation and friendship with schools and educational departments, we present **LCC International English Public Speaking Competition** as a way to motivate students to learn English *well*, since this international language opens a door to many opportunities for the future.

As an extrinsic motivation we present a valuable prize: the winner of the final competition will be awarded **free participation** in our three-week **Summer Language Institute (SLI) at LCC International University in July 2021.** LCC International University will cover the program and housing fee which is worth 650EUR. There will also be many other prizes for all the participants and the best speakers, so that each student would feel motivated and encouraged to participate.

THE THEME

The theme for the competition is: "***Listen first: Understand before responding***". Participants can choose to interpret the theme in any way that they choose and should have their own title for their speech.

PARTICIPATION

Each school can delegate only **one** participant and register him/her by filling out the registration form at https://lcc.lt/public-speaking-competition/ies-competition-registration. We strongly encourage schools to organize their own Public Speaking Competitions in order to choose the best speaker, but that is up to each school.
Participants must be in their last two years of school.

The registration deadline is **December 23, 2020.**
The national competitions will be held in **February**.

The idea of the Public Speaking Competition has originated from the ESU Public Speaking Competitions. LCC International University has been responsible for leading country wide competition in Lithuania for the last 22 years.

The final international competition will be held at the beginning of **March**.

Exact dates will be announced in January.

THE SPEECH

The instructions and guidelines on how to prepare for an online competition, how to record a speech, and how to prepare for impromptu speeches will be sent later in December.

National Competitions

Participants will have to **deliver and record a speech** and submit the best recorded version to LCC International University. The title and content of the speech will have to be connected with the competition's theme.
Participants may interpret the theme in any way they wish, but may not use the theme as the title of their speech.
Participants may be as creative as they can in interpretation of the theme because the judges will be looking for memorable speeches.

Public speaking is more than just an act of speaking: it reveals personality, attitudes, general intelligence of the speaker, ability to concentrate, address the public, control one's body and voice, and sustain a positive atmosphere in the audience. The speech should not be shorter than 4:30 minutes or longer than 5:00 minutes.

Judging Criteria:
Judges will pay attention to a speaker's:

1. Substance
    - Clarity
    - Structure (Attention-getter, Intro, Body Conclusion)
    - Development and Knowledge of Subject
    - Exposition and Balance

2. Style and Technique
    - Oral Delivery
    - Eye Contact/Facial Expression
    - Use of Gestures/Posture
    - Creative Use of Language

3. General Effectiveness
    - Effective relationship with audience
    - Achieved the overall purpose of the speech

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THE PROCESS

1. National competitions

Participants will have to send a recorded speech by **January 18th by 5:00pm (Vilnius time)**. Speakers are not allowed to use any notes, props or visual aids. The speech should not be shorter than 4:30 minutes and not longer than 5:00 minutes.

First round. During the competition, speakers will be divided into groups of 10-12 people. The recordings will be used for the first round in order to avoid technical issues. After each recording judges and audience will have a chance to ask questions live.

After the first round, the judges will have up to 15 minutes to evaluate and select 3 participants for the second round.

Second round. The finalists will be given three topics in the general area of current events. Speakers will have to choose one and have 10 minutes to prepare a speech that is the original work of a student. The maximum time limit for the speech is 3 minutes. Limited notes are permitted. Students will speak in a predetermined order.

2. International Finals

First round. The participants will be given another topic/question prior to the competition day that is related to the main competition theme. On the competition day, they will be assigned whether they have to be for or against the topic. Each candidate will have up to 5 minutes to prepare and 3 minutes to present their position and answer questions from the judges.

Final round. The finalists will be given another question related to the competition theme. Speakers will be given up to 7 minutes to prepare and 3 minutes to deliver a speech. Limited notes are permitted. Students will speak in a predetermined order.

NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in sending your school representative to this competition, fill out the registration form https://lcc.lt/public-speaking-competition/ies-competition-registration and we'll inform you of the next steps in the process. If you have any questions, email at study@lcc.lt or call +370 46 310 460 for more information.

We look forward to working alongside you in motivating your students!

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