

Who are we?

Broadgate Speakers are a non-profit making educational club run by its members for its members in order to develop their leadership and public speaking skills. It is open to everyone over 18.

We are affiliated to Toastmasters International which is a non-profit educational organization that teaches communication and leadership



skills through a worldwide network of 12,500 clubs with 250,000 members in 106 countries. Since it was founded in 1924 it has helped more than three million people to speak out with poise and confidence.

If you join our club, we expect you to assist the smooth running of the club, welcoming guests and providing a supportive and encouraging environment for all speakers no matter how experienced.

How many times can you come as a guest?

You are welcome to attend Broadgate Speakers meetings as a guest with no charge. You may be asked to say a few words but you will not be pressurised into speaking.

Why should you join?

The only way to enhance your public speaking, evaluation and leadership skills is to put them into practice.

Whatever your starting point, from terrified to eloquent, if you want to improve you will do so. With regular attendance and constant supportive feedback, we see our members rapidly enhance their skills and become more confident of their abilities.

Broadgate Speakers provides an environment where you can safely make mistakes while you practice your skills. People join for many different reasons including:

- I would rather die than speak in public
- I want to get better at speaking and stop being so nervous
- I have to give presentations at work
- I enjoy live entertainment
- I would like to participate more effectively in meetings
- It sounds like fun!
- I want to improve my evaluation and feedback skills
- I would like to communicate more persuasively
- I would like to be able to develop my leadership qualities.

What happens when you join?

As a member, you will be progressing towards the Competent Communicator and Competent Leadership awards by completing a series of 10 short speeches (typically 5 – 7 minutes) and fulfilling various functionary roles within the club. You may ask for a mentor who will guide you through the process.

After the Competent Communicator award, there are advanced courses in specialised speeches and presenting styles.

The Vice President Education uses our automated meeting organiser 'Club Plan' to organise meetings. You are encouraged to book your own roles on www.clupplan.org. Once you are a member, just select Broadgate Speakers, enter your email and you will be sent a password. You may then enter the site and book up your roles. Volunteering for roles is a commitment we expect you to make very seriously. If you cannot attend at short notice, we expect you to find a replacement for your speaking slot.

If you have not volunteered for any of your speeches, you may receive a call from a club member suggesting some dates for your next prepared talk.

To volunteer for a table topic (impromptu speaking), please arrive early on the night and see the table topics master who should be recruiting volunteers for the evening.

What are the benefits?

Once you join, you will receive:

- A manual to guide you through the first 10 speeches, each one with a more complex objective.
- A competent leadership manual to help you develop your leadership skills by taking part in running of the club.
- A manual on evaluation skills
- A monthly toastmaster magazine giving advice and training on communication and leadership issues.

Feedback on each speech both from the audience and an evaluator.

Practice in “off-the-cuff” impromptu speaking skills

Training in the skills required for giving constructive feedback and supportive evaluations to other speakers

- Opportunities to improve your leadership skills by running special events, participation in the committee and promoting the club.
- Access to other toastmasters clubs.
- The opportunity to make a lot of new friends across all walks of life

How much does membership cost?

The investment varies depending how far away you are from our April renewal date, but with a combined joining and annual membership fee under £100, the investment is very modest.

Contact us

Please do contact Rob Cole bertsworld@hotmail.com (Club President) or better still just turn up as a guest and experience one of our meetings.

Venue

Our normal venue is Hemingways Wine Bar at 19 Bevis Marks, EC3A 7JB, near Aldgate and Liverpool Street stations. (See the map below).



When do we meet?

We meet on every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings start promptly at 6.30pm and finish at about 9.00pm for drinks at the bar. Please aim to arrive for 6:15pm

Broadgate Speakers

- Building confidence
- Developing leaders
- Making friends

Confident, charismatic leaders are not born that way - they need to be taught.

Leadership is the art of persuading others to do what you wish to be done.

Broadgate Speakers provides a safe, supportive, low cost and risk free way of enhancing your communication, management and leadership skills that will improve your career and boost your self-confidence.

‘You do not have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great’

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