



Creating global understanding through English  
Debating • Public Speaking • Persuasive Speech

The English-Speaking Union  
Centre for Speech and Debate

# Discover Your Voice

Exciting new Speaking & Listening activities for primary schools

**“Pupils should be taught to ... research, discuss and debate topical issues, problems and events.”** National Curriculum for Citizenship, KS2 (Ci2a)



**Pupils should “respond to each other appropriately, taking into account what they say.”** National Curriculum for English, KS2 (En1 2e)



**“Pupils should be taught to ... construct effective arguments: developing a point logically and effectively, supporting and illustrating points persuasively, anticipating possible objections.”**  
Primary National Strategy, Year 6, Term 2



**Pupils should “participate in a whole class debate using the conventions and language of debate.”**  
Primary National Strategy, Year 6, Term 2

*Discover Your Voice* is a new programme from the debate experts at the English-Speaking Union. It aims to develop a wide range of persuasive speaking activities inside as well as outside the classroom. Using our simple but exciting models you can meet all the curriculum requirements on this page, plus many more.

We provide you with printed and audio-visual resources, regular updates by email and internet, pupil workshops, CPD days for teachers, and support for the running of debate clubs and inter-school debates.

ESU staff, and our squad of trained mentors from university debate societies, can provide you with all the skills, advice and resources you need to use debating and persuasive spoken English as a powerful educational tool across all subjects.

“ I have learnt to think about what people say and how to answer it; I’m not a quiet person after all ... ”

Year 5 workshop participant



## Discover Your Voice membership

£50\*

- 5 copies of our new handbook and DVD (see below) for your school†.
- Bi-termly newsletters to complement the book, with tips and stimulus materials for new debate motions and information about other opportunities for you and your pupils to use your new-found skills.
- Access to our new website (coming in Spring 2007) with an archive of newsletters and contact details of other schools in your area interested in holding inter-school debates or speaking activities.

\* One-off fee - no annual payments required!

† Additional copies available at £5 each.

## About our new KS2 handbook and DVD

The 72-page handbook is a comprehensive guide to debate and persuasive speech. It includes an introduction to various formats, numerous games and exercises, ways to help your pupils prepare for a debate and full information on judging and assessment. The DVD features two debates (one with primary school pupils and one with university student debaters) and commentary by debate experts from the English-Speaking Union.

Here's what teachers say about *Discover Your Voice: Debating Resources for KS2*:

"Very useful – it breaks debating down in a simple, structured way, making it much more understandable."

"Excellent: concise, well-presented and easy to understand."

"The children really enjoyed it."



## CPD for teachers

The ESU has over a decade of experience in training teachers in using debate, discussion and extended speech in the classroom. Our KS2 training sessions in boroughs like Newham and Tower Hamlets have led to primary debate flourishing in those areas.



One of our trainers explaining the basics of how to structure arguments in a debate on one of our training days.

We pride ourselves on running tightly focused training days that are interactive, stimulating and enjoyable. They focus on practical ideas for immediate use in the classroom or school debating club.

We can run a CPD session at your school for an unlimited number of teachers covering the theory and practice of debating, public speaking and other forms of persuasive spoken English. We also explore how extended speaking fits into the National Curriculum and can satisfy key elements of the Primary National Strategy.

Half day

£300

Full day

£400



Membership and resources

£FREE

Discover Your Voice membership (as detailed on the left) and 1 book/DVD per attendee.



## Competitions

If you would like to run a one day debating competition – either internally or against other schools in your area – we can suggest motions, brief your judges, run the scoring system, provide certificates and publish the results on our website.

A competition day can be a great follow-up to a pupil workshop day for a group of schools in your area.

**Competition day: £400.**

Please note that all prices are **EXCLUSIVE** of VAT

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## Pupil workshops

*Discover Your Voice* offers schools a wide range of pupil-centred debate training to kick-start the use of persuasive spoken English formats or strengthen an existing debate tradition. Delivered by the ESU's Debates and Education Officer, supported by our team of trained mentors drawn from skilled university-level debaters, support can be tailored to suit the needs, age range and ability level of your students.

### Half day package

£300

A half day of training lets us introduce primary students to the basic concepts of spoken argument through a series of games and exercises. We can tailor the activities to the experience of your pupils and then leave you with ideas about where to go next with follow-up classroom activities. Whatever you want to do in the three hour session, let us know and we'll design the programme to achieve your goals.

### Full day package

£400

A whole school day devoted to persuasive speaking is a perfect length of time to introduce beginners to all the main elements of debating in a fun and engaging way. It gives time to play games and exercises, learn some theory of communication, and practise extended speaking in a formal context. Your pupils will be well equipped to go further, perhaps setting up a school debate club or taking part in external speaking activities.



### Lunchtime or twilight CPD

£FREE

Any half or full day session also entitles you to a one hour teacher training session, at lunchtime or after school. We can cater for as many colleagues as you like. Explore new classroom techniques and persuasive speech formats, have your questions answered, or receive tailored advice.



### Discover Your Voice membership

£FREE

As detailed opposite, including 5 books/DVDs.

**Group size:** You may want to work with a hand-picked group of students, your existing debate team, or a single class, and our Debates and Education Officer can work with up to 20 students of any age or level of ability in one session.

However, many schools and most LAs wish to work with much larger numbers of students in their sessions. We can support large groups by bringing with us trained university debate mentors (where available). They help the students when working in groups and give live demonstrations of some of the more unfamiliar concepts involved in our special extended speaking formats. If you want to work with more than 20 pupils, we will bring at least one mentor, and keep on adding mentors for each group – or part group – of 15 students.  
**Additional mentors: £100 each.**



A small group of primary school students plays one of our introduction to argumentation games on a pupil workshop day.

## Dartmouth House

The headquarters of the English-Speaking Union are in Dartmouth House, an impressive 19th century mansion in Mayfair, central London.

If you would like to use this building as a venue for your workshop, CPD day or competition (subject to availability and capacity) we can arrange that for you with the building's contract caterers, Leith's. Any event held at Dartmouth House is subject to a 100% surcharge.



## Widening participation

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We want *Discover Your Voice* to bring debating to as many schools as possible, and to encourage the growth of inter-school debating activities.

For every extra school you include in your pupil workshop or CPD day we'll offer you a discount of 5% off the price of your session, up to a maximum of 25% off\*.

So bring pupils or teachers from five schools as well as your own and you could save a quarter, and benefit from dividing the remaining costs between the participating schools.

\* This offer applies to individual schools only, not to local authority or similar bookers.

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## The English-Speaking Union: Leaders in persuasive speech

The ESU has promoted the use of debate since 1922, when we ran the first US-UK Debate Exchange, now an annual programme with a list of alumni including Edward Heath, Robin Day, Tony Benn, Norman Lamont and Leon Brittan. The ESU continues to promote public speaking and debate internationally through ESUs on every continent; through the ESU International Public Speaking Competition, the largest of its kind; and through a close association with the World Schools Debating Championships.

In the UK the ESU runs the national championships in debate and public speaking for schools and universities. The ESU Schools Mace, established in 1957, is the oldest and largest schools parliamentary debating competition in the world, with over 800 schools involved across the UK and Ireland. The 50th anniversary final in 2007 is the first external event ever to be held in the chamber of the House of Lords.

The ESU is the UK's primary provider of training in debate. Between 2003 and 2006, supported by an active partnership of sponsors including the DfES, the ESU ran the London Debate Challenge, offering free debate workshops for staff and pupils to all 423 maintained schools in London. The programme continues to run an end of year London-wide debating competition. Last year teams from all 32 London boroughs took part, with an external study establishing a major and sustained impact in increasing the use of debate in London's schools.

Our summer Debate Academy is an intensive residential course for young people. We also work with adults, refugees and new arrivals to the UK, and partner with organisations such as the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and the Department for Constitutional Affairs to promote the use of debate as a method of raising awareness of particular areas.

The ESU also selects and trains the England Schools Debating Team, and deploys the ESU Speech and Debate Squad, sending our best UK university debate mentors to support persuasive speech in ESUs overseas.



## About the English-Speaking Union's wider mission

The English-Speaking Union exists to create global understanding through the shared use of the English language. We achieve our aim through conferences and seminars, scholarships and exchange programmes, debating and public speaking activities and our network of tens of thousands of members worldwide.

The young people who take part in our programmes nationally and internationally emerge better equipped to contribute to their society and to a better understanding of the world, by using a shared language to reach across the barriers of geography and traditional divisions.

The ESU in London works in partnership with over 50 ESUs worldwide, which have been established, since our foundation in the United Kingdom and United States in 1918, in every continent; most recently we have seen rapid expansion in East Asia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Africa and Latin America. The ESU is a registered charity, dependent on the generosity of our members, alumni, volunteers and individual donors and corporate sponsors. With their support, using communication to build trust, tolerance and understanding, we are taking advantage of the powerful currents of twenty-first century globalisation to tackle social and educational exclusion and empower individuals worldwide.



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