

- **Would you like to try your hand at public speaking?**
- **Do you feel you have something meaningful and inspiring to say on a range of issues?**
- **Are you interested in improving your skills and gaining confidence as a public speaker?**

**WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE START OF
SPEAKERS' CORNER-2015!**

FAQs:

Q: What is Speakers' Corner?

A: It is a contest of presentations and public talks in English.

Q: Can I participate?

A: Yes, if you are a second-, third- or fourth-year student.

Q: When is it going to be held?

A: March, 2015.

Q: Who is going to assess me?

A: Professors and teachers of the Department for Translation Studies, Interpreting and Translation, post-graduate and fifth-year students.

Q: Will there be any prizes?

A: Yes, you will be awarded! Good luck!

Do you already feel like taking part? See more on translatrsuh.ru or ask the organisers (G.V.Gulyaeva, N.V.Ivleva)

Speakers' Corner-2015

A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The contest of public talks and presentations in English aims at:

- familiarising students with presentation techniques used by acknowledged public speakers
- developing students' presentation skills
- providing students with opportunities to practise public speaking and gain relevant experience

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1. The contest is held from March 2nd to 6th , 2015 .
 2. The contest is held among second-, third- and fourth-year students.
 3. Topics for presentations are chosen by the contestants and should address one of the following issues:
 - The Environment
 - Migration in the modern world
 - Consumer society
 - Globalization
 - Sport
 - Multiculturalism and cross-cultural relations
 - Languages and language policies in the modern world
 - Employment and labour market in the 21st century
 - Arts
 - The mass media
 - Political and economic trends in the modern world
 - Advertising
 - Crime and punishment

It is essential that all the presentations should avoid a purely descriptive approach. Rather, they should address a debatable issue which reflects one of the most burning concerns of today's world.

4. Assessment Criteria

- the relevance of the topic
- the debatable character of the topic
- the message of the presentation
- the weightiness of the arguments used in support of the presenter's view
- the structure of the presentation (introduction, main part, conclusion; signposting and linking devices)
- the language of the presentation (advanced vocabulary and grammar, pronunciation)
- artistic and interactive skills of the presenter (arousing interest, establishing and maintaining eye contact, dealing with questions etc.)
- the use of visual aids
- timing

5. Time limit: 3-5 minutes

6. The presentations are assessed and awarded by professors and teachers of the Department for Translation Studies, Interpreting and Translation, fifth-year-students and post-graduate students.

7. You can win the main prize or be awarded in one of the following nominations:

- novelty of approach (for the most thought-provoking presentation)
- eloquence (for the most sophisticated and accurate language)
- artistic talent (for the most artistically delivered presentation)
- technical excellence (for the most impressive use of technology)
- audience award