

# IMPORTANT: PARENT/GUARDIAN

## Consent Form for Regional Final, Grand Final and data storage

**Congratulations!** Following a communication skills training day, your child has been selected to represent their school in Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge! and now has the opportunity to speak out at the next stage of the programme – the Regional Final.

Date:

Venue:

Time: **Your child should arrive at 4pm\* with their teacher.**

Guests are invited from 6pm for refreshments and the event will start promptly at 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm.

\*Your child will not be able to participate in the Regional Final if they are not in the pre-event workshop at 4pm

Selected speakers from each state school in the region will be representing their schools – only 4% of young people make it this far! Your child will share their speech and speak in front of a large audience and a panel of judges drawn from prominent members of the community.

### Intended outcomes of the programme for your child:

- Understanding that their opinion matters
- Increased confidence
- Improved speaking, listening and feedback skills
- Increased appreciation of diversity
- Realisation that they can thrive outside of their comfort zone

### In the longer term they may:

- Feel more empowered to be themselves
- Increased their self-esteem
- Have improved education and employment prospects
- Enjoy respectful and supportive relationships
- Be more willing to try new things

### Frequently Asked Questions

**How can I help them prepare?** Listen to your child deliver their speech and offer constructive feedback if requested. Help them think through the issues listed on the other side of this page. Please ensure that your child has their dates in their planner.

**Can I attend the Regional Final and can I bring guests?** Yes you can, we would love for your child to have lots of supporters present.

**How will my child get to and from the Regional Final?** It is the responsibility of the school to accompany your child to the event or to agree other travel arrangements with you directly. It is your responsibility to make arrangements to get your child home.

**If I have any other questions?** Please email [jpspeakout@speakerstrust.org](mailto:jpspeakout@speakerstrust.org) or call **020 7073 2616**.

Speaking in public builds confidence and self-esteem but it can also bring challenges. This is particularly true when using social media, especially on personally important or controversial topics. It is likely that members of the audience will be posting clips from events on social media. We strongly recommend that you discuss the speech with your child before the event to support them in their choices.

The welfare of your child is our priority and we recommend you discuss the following points with your child before the Regional Final.

Issues we recommend your child considers when taking part in Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge!

- 1. Identification.** Your name and school will be attached to the video of your speech – which is great because you'll get the credit. But it also means that you could be identified by anyone who has seen your video.
- 2. The size of your audience.** When you are deciding what to speak about and how much to say about yourself, remember that your audience isn't just your class or even your whole school. You will be making your speech in front of a large number of adults and young people you don't know. And because the video may go online many others could see it too. Speakers Trust will take down the video if you (or your parents or your school) change your mind – but like everything else online it is likely never to disappear completely and remember members of the audience are likely to film your speech and post it online too. So, ask yourself – am I happy to say this to the world? How will I feel about it next week? Or next year?
- 3. Online heckling.** As you know, you choose the topic of your speech; please be aware that not everyone will agree with what you say or how you say it. You could receive a variety of positive and negative comments, or someone may involve you in their political arguments, particularly if you are talking about a controversial topic. Comments have been turned off on videos of speeches posted to the Speakers Trust YouTube channel, but there are other ways in which your speech could be used.
- 4. Publicity.** We will be telling a lot of people about your speech. That is a fantastic opportunity. But that also means that the points above need to be considered even more seriously.

If you are worried about anything, talk to your teacher or your parents who, in turn, can contact us.

As part of the event there will be photography and video. This is so we can celebrate the achievement of the students and encourage others to participate in the programme. We may use photographs and footage in the following ways:

- individual speeches and the name of the speakers will be posted on social media and websites linked to the programme or speech topic.
- photographs, names and links to the speeches may be sent to local and/or national press and may be published.
- in printed or digital marketing, promotional and/or fundraising materials produced by Speakers Trust and/or the programme funder.
- as part of our judging process to select those going forward to the next stages of the programme.

We may use the photographs and videos in other ways too, but only to promote the benefits for young people of effective public speaking, and always in a way that seeks to protect their wellbeing. In addition, we will keep speaker contact details so we can send information on further alumni opportunities. You, your child or the lead teacher at their school may withdraw consent to us storing the data about them or ask to see the data we hold. Please see [speakerstrust.org](http://speakerstrust.org) for more information on our policies on safety, wellbeing and data privacy.

Please note we must received a signed copy of this consent form before the start of the workshop (4pm on the day of the Regional Final). This should be emailed by your students' teacher to [hello@speakerstrust.org](mailto:hello@speakerstrust.org) with details of the Regional Final they will be speaking at. **Your child will not be able to participate in the event without this consent form being sent to Speakers Trust in advance of the event.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN

I am the parent/legal guardian of: \_\_\_\_\_ (student name)

Who attends: \_\_\_\_\_ School in: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the information on this sheet. I understand that by signing this consent form I give permission for my child to participate. I also understand that Speakers Trust is not responsible for travel to or from the event.

If you do not give consent for photography and/or videography of your child please write below and also inform their teacher so we can manage this in advance of the event.

If full consent is not given please provide detail on what consent is given:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian to sign) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian name)

Parent/Guardian Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ (essential)

PARTICIPATING STUDENT

I am the student participating and by signing this form I confirm I have read and understood the information on this sheet. I also give my own consent to videos and photos of my speech at the Final, and my contact details being used like this.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (student to sign) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (student name)

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