

Debaters Association of Victoria Teacher Inservice 2013

A professional development program for teachers and debating coordinators

Monday February 25th
Stamford Plaza, 111 Little Collins St, Melbourne

Debating promotes confidence in oral presentation and teaches structured argument and analysis—skills essential far beyond debating itself. Through debating, students can learn how to work in a team and to argue with confidence and precision. Debating also encourages awareness about the world at large as students grapple with challenging issues.

The Debaters Association of Victoria's Teacher Inservice is an excellent opportunity to learn about debating and to develop the skills to pass this knowledge on to students in classrooms, or coach them to success in competitions. The Inservice will provide an array of useful hints, practical tips, activities, real life applications, and examples.

Who should attend?

Debating coordinators, English teachers, librarians, and anyone interested in debating.

The Program

The training will include:

- a discussion of the benefits of debating,
- adjudicator's advice on how to prepare and present a case,
- tips on how to adjudicate debates and coach a debating team,
- seminars on dealing with definitional debates, secret topics and using rebuttal to win debates, and
- an extension session exploring Public Speaking and the British Parliamentary Style of debating.

You will also receive a comprehensive set of materials to use throughout the year.

What Previous Participants Say...

The DAV has run similar Inservices since 2003. Teachers from Government, Catholic, and independent schools across Victoria have attended. Some teachers had not seen a debate; others had been involved in debating for decades. Here are some typical comments from those teachers:

"One of the best PD days that I have ever attended. It was very useful and interesting with practical advice on how to conduct debates in school"

"I was extremely impressed by this PD—it was informative, helpful, thought-provoking and well planned. I can't praise it enough!"

"An open and practical session that gave good advice and illuminated some aspects of the mysteries of adjudication"

"Very informative and interesting—As a first year coordinator I feel it's a critical intro into DAV debating"



Program

There will be a choice of two sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon. You are free to choose which you would rather attend, or alternatively to send different staff from your school to each session.

9:00	Registration and Welcome	
9:30 Session 1	<i>Introduction to Debating</i>	<i>Public Speaking & the British Parliamentary Debating Style</i>
11:00	Morning tea	
11:30	Plenary and Networking	
12:45	Lunch	
1:30 Session 2	<i>Introduction to Adjudication</i>	<i>Advanced Debating Strategy (Case construction, definitions & manner)</i>
3:00	End of day	

Session Information

Introduction to Debating

Charisma Taylor

A beginners' guide to the aims, benefits and rules of debating. This session will cover the format of 3 vs. 3 debating, including the rules of debate, speaker roles and assessment criteria. It will also provide resources and activities for teachers to use to assist students to develop the basic skills involved in preparing and presenting an argument.

Charisma has been the DAV's Executive Officer since 2006. She has been involved in training students, teachers, and adult debaters for the last 6 years. She has co-created and managed pilot initiatives such as the Junior Public Speaking, Primary Schools and Public Speaking programs.



Public Speaking & the British Parliamentary Debating Style

Amit Golder

This session will explore public speaking and the British Parliamentary debating style. Speaking in public is an invaluable skill for students—but effective public speaking requires the synergy of many different factors: style, form, and content. This seminar aims to demystify the skills of public speaking by examining the use of the voice and the body; the development of effective content; ways of organising speeches to hold the audience's attention; preparing for impromptu speeches; and assessment of public speaking. It will also detail the BP debating style, common in adult debating competitions, which involves four teams of two speakers speaking as *Government* or *Opposition* teams, and allows questions during speeches.

Public speaking and the British Parliamentary debating style

Amit Golder

Amit Golder was the Vice President (Schools) of the Debaters Association of Victoria from 2010–2012. He was selected as the captain of the 2009 Australian National Adults Debating team and was a member of the winning team representing Monash University at both the Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships in 2010 and the World Universities Debating Championships in 2012. Amit has coached of the Victorian Schools Debating Team and has also been involved in training secondary school and university students in Melbourne and Hong Kong.



Introduction to Adjudication

Jonathan Benney

The adjudication session will teach how to judge debates in a fair and consistent fashion and will focus on the three key criteria which adjudicators use in deciding debates: manner, matter and method. This session forms the basis of the understanding of how debating works. It will aid staff in understanding what is required of students and ensuring they are well prepared, and to ensure that they can make the most of the feedback they are given by adjudicators. We will also cover scoring and definitions, and any queries or questions raised by participants in the session. It is also a useful refresher for those staff who have had experience with debating for some time.



Jonathan has been involved in debating since the 1990s. He has represented the University of Melbourne as a debater and adjudicator at the Australian, Australasian and World University Debating Championships, and was on the team that represented Australia at the world Chinese-language debating championships in 2007. He was the Vice-President (Adjudication and Training) of the DAV from 2007 to 2009. Jonathan has a PhD in Chinese Studies from the University of Melbourne, and is currently working as a research fellow at the National University of Singapore's Asia Research Institute.

Advanced Debating Strategy (Case development & hard/soft lines)

Christopher Hibbard

This session aims to extend on previous debating knowledge. It will look at advanced research techniques and present ideas for enhancing rebuttal. As well as looking at how to improve presentation, we will also examine the principles involved in building a case – hard/soft lines, use of models, and winning definitional debates.

Chris is the President of both the DAV and the Australian Debating Federation. He has been adjudicating and training since 2005, has attended successive National Championships as the official Victorian adjudicator and recently attended the 2012 World Schools' Debating Championships in Cape Town as one of two Australian adjudicators. Outside of debating he works as a lawyer and previously edited the Melbourne Journal of International Law.



Registration Form

To register, return this form by fax or email to the DAV:

Fax: (03) 9348 9466

Email: tda@dav.com.au

Cost: \$160 per day for the first teacher from your school
\$130 per day for each additional teacher.
(includes all materials, arrival tea/coffee, morning tea and lunch)

\$90 per half day (includes one session and lunch)

Please return this form by **WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2013**.

Places are strictly limited and will fill up fast, so please get in early to guarantee your place.

Please select your preferred module for each session:

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Morning session: Introduction to Debating
 Public Speaking & the British Parliamentary Debating Style

Afternoon session: Introduction to Adjudication
 Advanced Debating Strategy

School: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Name(s): _____

Dietary requirements: _____

The DAV's ABN is 36 529 609 712. We will invoice your school when your registration is received.

If you have any questions, please call the Training and Development Administrator, Andrew Costa on (03) 9348 9477 or email him at tda@dav.com.au