



## BRAINSTRUST

### Public Speaking Day

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

VENUE: Wales YFC Centre/ FUW Building, RWAS

(Entry Date: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023)

Entry Date: 06/11/2023  
Winter Marks: 50  
Last Amended: 26/10/2023  
Withdrawal by: 27/11/2023

#### ELIGIBILITY

A team shall consist of 4 members, each of whom must be 21 years of age or under on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

#### PROCEDURE

The team shall consist of a Chairman and a panel of three members. The draw for order of appearance will be made prior to the day. All competitors must be present 20 minutes before going onto the platform; the Chairman will be given a choice of sealed envelopes. One will be chosen, which will contain six question topics, three of a general nature and three on rural affairs, from which he/she will select three for discussion by the team. One question must be selected from each section plus one other.

The Chairman will have no prior communication with the team about the questions he/she has selected to be discussed. ***No written communication on the topics to be discussed may be given to the Panel or any use of a mobile phone at any time.*** The penalty will be automatic disqualification.

The Chairman will be responsible for introducing the panel to the audience, putting each question to the panel, summarising their answers, concluding the meeting, timing, control of the panel and coverage of each question.

The competition should be treated as a formal meeting.

Competitors may make their own notes **FOR REFERENCE** on the platform, but excessive and obvious use of notes will be penalised. No other reference books or papers may be used while on the platform.

Teams will be penalised for using distasteful jokes or bad language. Teams are reminded that this is a Public Speaking Competition and marks are awarded for speeches - characters to the extreme will be penalised. Judges reserve the right to disqualify teams/ members they perceive to be offensive or discriminatory.

#### TIMING

Twenty (20) minutes will be allowed for each team from the commencement of the Chairmans's introduction, and the teams will be expected to keep to the timing stated.

**Time penalties:** Time deductions are one mark for each half minute (or part thereof) over the allotted time.

#### SCALE OF MARKS

<b>Chairman</b>	Opening Introduction & handling questions	10
	Handling of panel including timing	15
	Summing up of discussion	10
	Closure of Meeting	5
	Ability and Style	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Panel- Each Question</b>	Quality, relevance & range of discussions	20
	Co-operation and teamwork	15
	<b>35 x 3</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Panel- General</b>	General department and style	15
<b>Overall</b>	Audibility	10
	Overall impression of team	20
		<b>45</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>200</u></b>



Competitors before and after the competing may be admitted to the Competition Room.



The judges will have before them a duplicate copy of the question topics from which the selection was made for the team that is competing.

The Judge's decision is final.

The Adjudicator/s to select the team to represent the Federation at the Wales Final

(For the Wales YFC Public Speaking Day 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024)

**Judges & Stewards Please Note: No joint positions for 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Placings**

Entries to be submitted online by 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023. NO LATE ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

**WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITIONS**

Clubs/ Members are asked to notify the YFC Office of any withdrawals 5 days prior to a Competition. **PLEASE NOTE: All withdrawals from Club secretaries/Members must be made by email or by telephoning the YFC Office. If telephoning out of office hours then a message should be left on the YFC Mobile phone.**

**Please Note:** That only members with up-to-date membership cards and are on the database in the YFC Office are eligible to compete. Members must apply online at least 5 Days before the competition.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If a member does not produce an up-to-date membership card at the competition, it will result in a £5.00 fine. The fine will be refundable only if they provide confirmation of membership within 7 days of the Competition.

General Rules apply to all competitions alongside the competition's rules.