

The Youth Leadership Course Description

Purpose

In the Youth Leadership program kids can grow to meet the challenges of adulthood and leadership successfully. Sponsored and conducted by Toastmasters International and its local club-- XL Toastmasters Club, Youth Leadership helps young people build their communication and leadership skills so they may become tomorrow's leaders in business, industry and the community.

How it Works

The program is presented in 1-hour sessions during Xilin Chinese school operating hours on Sundays. Activities taking place in the sessions include the following:

- Evaluation of present speaking ability
- Discussion of chairmanship principles
- Presentation of speeches
- Impromptu talks
- Group evaluation
- Discussion of speech organization
- Discussion and practice in listening
- Discussion of gestures in speaking
- Discussion of voice and vocabulary
- Exercise in chairmanship
- (New) Visit the adult Toastmasters club meetings to hear speeches from a key-note speaker or more advanced guest speakers.
- (New and optional) To develop listening skills, each student may be requested to attend the Adult Toastmaster's club meeting once to serve as a grammarian to point out the speaker's language usages and pronunciations errors.

The materials used in the program are produced by Toastmasters International and are provided by the sponsoring Toastmasters club, which orders them from Toastmasters World Headquarters for a small fee.

Generally, meetings follow a format similar to that of a Toastmasters club meeting. There is an announced agenda and participants learn and practice parliamentary procedure during each meeting. Lecturing is minimal, but discussion is held during each session. Participants, working from a handbook, select officers who preside over the meetings. The remaining class members are assigned other duties on a rotating basis, so everyone is actively involved. Participants also deliver short impromptu and prepared speeches. In every meeting, participants learn to apply the principles of listening, thinking and speaking.

