



What helps develop an oracy culture?

Any activities which help students build skills and confidence in speaking and listening are applicable. These may include debating, public speaking or similar.

ESU Oracy Culture Award Application Form

The ESU Oracy Culture Award is a prize that recognises the efforts and initiatives that schools put forward to cultivate a long-term oracy culture within their school community. Your school is eligible to apply if it has taken part in any of the following ESU programmes from **September 2018 to January 2020**:

- Big Debate Day
- Debate-able
- Discover Debating
- Discover Your Voice
- House of Lords Partnership
- London Debate Challenge
- Performing Shakespeare
- ESU-Churchill Public Speaking Competition
- Schools' Mace

Please answer the following prompts with as much detail as you wish. At the end, you may also **attach any photos and/or videos** of internal school debating or public speaking events, activities, wall displays, staff training, etc., as well as any resources you've created that have had a particular impact on your students. Please send the completed form to elle.mcloughlin@esu.org.

The winning school will receive an **ESU Oracy Culture Award trophy and a full day Discover Your Voice workshop for up to 24 students**.

Applications for the ESU Oracy Culture Award will close on **Wednesday 26th February 2020**. All applications for the Oracy Culture Award will be anonymised and judged by an impartial panel with experience in oracy education. The winners will be notified by **email in early March**, and **representatives from the winning schools will be invited to accept their award at the Schools' Mace 2019-20 English National Final on Monday, 23rd March 2020 at Dartmouth House, London**.

School name	
School postcode	
School stage (primary / secondary)	
Submitting teacher's name	
Submitting teacher's email	

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Please answer the questions below in as much detail as possible within the spaces provided. Give specific examples in your answers, rather than just general statements. Submissions will be assessed on each school's demonstration of inclusivity, innovation & creativity, resilience & growth, and community outreach related to their culture of oracy.

1. Which ESU programmes have your school participated in from September 2018 to January 2020? Please mark all that apply:

- Big Debate Day
- Debate-able
- Discover Debating
- Discover Your Voice
- House of Lords Chamber Debate
- London Debate Challenge
- Performing Shakespeare
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2. How did your school begin introducing an oracy culture to the student community? (e.g. starting a debate club, school assemblies, interest in any competitions, etc.)

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3. Which initiatives within your school, occurring **in the last 12 months**, have been particularly successful and enjoyable? (e.g. trials for competitions, flash/mystery/backwards debates, outreach work with other local schools, public-speaking workshops, etc.)

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4. Can you tell us about any particular students who have grown in confidence and oracy ability as a result of your school's oracy culture? (You may use a first name or initial only for the student if this is more consistent with your school's safeguarding policy.)

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5. In what way has oracy had an impact across your whole school curriculum (i.e. outside of extra-curricular debate clubs, for example)?

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6. What specific outreach, if any, has your school done in terms of promoting oracy in other schools or in the wider community?

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7. What are your school's future ambitions and plans to maintain and develop the oracy culture you've already established?

8. Please attach to your application any photos, videos or resources that you feel will help your application stand out to the panel! [These will only be circulated privately as part of your application amongst the panel members and never passed onto a third party or published without your school's express permission.]



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9. The English-Speaking Union may wish to celebrate some of the work you have done on oracy by sharing written testimonials (drawn from your answers to the previous questions) for promotional purposes, including the ESU website and social media. Would you be happy for us to use information from this application in this way?

Yes

No

By registering for this programme you understand that we will need to use the contact information provided to successfully deliver this programme. We will never share your information with a third party.

We would like to keep you updated with information about other opportunities, our news and free resources. You are free to change your mind at any time.

If you would like to be emailed with news about other oracy opportunities and free oracy resources please click here:

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