

Job Description & Person Specification

Job title:	Oracy Coach
Reporting to:	ESU Education Team
Direct reports:	N/A
Hours of work:	Shift work for the duration of the event, running Monday, 12 May - Saturday, 17 May 2025
Salary:	£600 per week
Location:	Central London

About the ESU

The English-Speaking Union delivers education programmes and projects across England and Wales that enable a wide range of young people to ‘discover their voice’. Central to our mission is a commitment to working with schools and young people to reduce gaps in opportunity and attainment. We also organise international programmes and competitions that foster connections between individuals from across the globe. Many of our programmes are delivered by our ESU Oracy Coaches, who bring our programmes to life.

About the International Public Speaking Competition

The International Public Speaking Competition is at the heart of the English-Speaking Union’s mission, bringing together oracy teaching, cultural exchange and a hefty dose of friendly rivalry. Established in 1980, the competition now reaches over 100,000 young people in more than 50 countries across the globe, showcasing the highest standard of public speaking, while giving delegates an opportunity to meet and engage with other young people of diverse backgrounds and nationalities.

Here in London, we host the Grand-Final week in May each year. This brings together the winners from each national feeder competition to crown a Grand Final winner. Our six Oracy Coaches work with us to make the week an unforgettable experience for each of these young people.

About the role: Oracy Coach

We are looking for motivated and positive individuals to join us for a fun-filled week at our International Public Speaking Competition 2025. As an Oracy Coach, you will be the first port of call for our young people throughout the week and will be guiding participants through activities and workshops. Our aim is to develop confidence through public speaking and cultural immersion. This is a fantastic opportunity to empower young people from around the world through this life-changing programme.

Core Responsibilities:

- Chaperone young people around London to do activities and sight-see
- Deliver workshops in public speaking
- Be responsible for and safeguard participants at all times
- Facilitate a fun and safe environment throughout the week

- Be alert and proactive, ensuring the young people are all accounted for
- Be an ambassador for the ESU by supporting and promoting our mission and values

Person Specification

We are looking for people with:

- Experience in debating and/or public speaking
- Experience working with young people
- Experience in delivering training and/or teaching

Safeguarding

The ESU is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All appointments are subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks. This may include a satisfactory Enhanced criminal record with Barred List check through the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Diversity and Inclusion

We encourage applications from all candidates regardless of race, gender, age, disability, economic background, or any other factor. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to talk about reasonable adjustments in this role.