

THE LANGUAGE CENTRE OF THE FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, CHARLES UNIVERSITY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR A COMPETITION IN STUDENT ENGLISH PRESENTATIONS - STEP

WHEN Wednesday 11th April 2018, 5 – 8.30 p.m.

WHERE FSV Jinonice building. Auditorium 1034 - the event. Lounge - refreshments

WHY The aims of the contest

- Academic event for students of all institutes, including foreign students
- Presentation of topics related to students' individual fields
- Use of English as a means of communication in a semi-formal environment
- Practice in presentation skills
- A competition for individual students representing student clubs and unions

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Undergraduates and graduates, i.e. students in bachelor's and master's degree programmes, who are not native speakers of English (or whose mother or father is not a native speaker)

HOW MANY PRESENTERS

10 altogether, 2 per institute

Presenters are encouraged to invite friends to attend the presentations.

WHAT CAN BE GAINED

- Prize money
1,000 CZK for all the finalists
and an additional
1,000 CZK for the winner of the Audience Choice award
- Video of the presentation and thorough written feedback on the performance
- Prestige for the presenters, as well as for their fields of study and institutes
- Extra points towards course credits for students taking English

WHAT TOPICS ARE SUITABLE AND APPROPRIATE

Any topic related to the contestant's field of study
The presentation should be understandable for students and teachers from other fields. Ideally it should convince the audience about the attractiveness of studying at the represented institute

Only one particular topic or issue should be dealt with, not presentation of an outline of the field or a list of subjects provided by a given institute

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION

5 - 7 minutes

5 minutes questions from the audience and judges

VISUAL AIDS

No specific visual aid is prescribed, any functional, legal, and commonly used electronic software may be used such as PowerPoint or Prezi

Handouts or even using no visual aid is also a possibility

STYLE OF PRESENTATION DELIVERY

Formal to semi-formal

WHO NOMINATES THE CONTESTANTS?

Student clubs and unions in cooperation with English teachers from the Language Centre

REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION

Via email to kamila.panesova@fsv.cuni.cz

DEADLINE

Monday 12th March, 10 a.m.

MUST INCLUDE

- short video featuring the speaker giving a description of the presentation's aims / introduction to the presentation (2-3min)
- brief written outline of the topic (150 words)

VISUALS (e.g. PowerPoint presentation) TO BE SUBMITTED

by Monday 9th April, 10 a.m.
to kamila.panesova@fsv.cuni.cz

OPTIONAL REHEARSAL

Friday 6th April
Auditorium J1034 at 2 p.m.

For those who wish to rehearse and receive initial feedback

JUDGES

Three English teachers and representatives from the institutes at the FSS (FSV)

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

- **English**
fluency, pronunciation, intonation, grammar and syntax, signposting language, connectives and discourse markers, language register
- **Content and structure**
topic and content relevance, clarity of content, coherence, logical sequencing, keeping to time limits
- **Body language**
voice and pace, gestures, eye contact, body posture
- **Ability to establish rapport with judges and audience**
- **Handling of questions**
relevance and spontaneity of responses

SCHEDULE

17.00-17.10 Introduction
17.10-18.30 Presentations 1 - 5
18.30-18.45 Break – refreshments, discussions, peer feedback
18.45-20.05 Presentations 6 - 10
20.05-20.15 Audience Choice
20.15-20.30 Official announcements