



UNITED SPEAKERS
INTERNATIONAL

BRANCHING INFO & APPLICATION

FOR FUTURE LEADERS



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WHAT IS USGC?

ABOUT US



USGC, otherwise known as **United Speakers Gavel Club**, is a non-profit organization founded and located in the Greater Toronto Area. It is an organization that strives to achieve higher standards for public speaking for those who wish to refine their skills, or for those who wish to get better at impromptu speaking sessions. Evolved from Vocal Confidence Youth Gavel Club, USGC offers students an opportunity to practice public speaking with speeches, impromptu games, and leadership activities. The program has taught over 100 students across the Greater Toronto Area and hopes to expand their impact with the USGC International Program. Since 2021, it has launched two new branches in Ontario and one in Quebec.



Vocal Confidence Youth Gavel Club started in 2010 as an initiative of ASotH members Joyce Troung and Penny Batey to offer Toastmasters' eight-week Youth Leadership Program. Today it is rebuilt as United Speakers and offers a full-fledged club serving youth aged 10 to 17. Under the guidance of experienced Toastmasters and youth leaders, the club helps young people build communication and leadership skills to carry them through life. Members achieve an increased level of self-confidence, while having fun along the way.



OUR GOALS



TO EDUCATE

students on how to effectively write and present speeches



TO INSPIRE

members to speak on topics they care about



TO EMPOWER

and develop confidence within students to public speak effortlessly

MEET OUR FOUNDERS

THE ONES WHO STARTED IT ALL

MEET PENNY



Penny Batey pursued the path of a scholar at Sheridan College and York University. For the past 10 years, she has been associated with Toastmasters to support youth in need of help in areas of public speaking and accomplishing one's dreams for the future. In 2010 itself, she attempted and succeeded in founding 2 clubs: Brampton Speakeasy Toastmasters, and Advanced Speakers on the Hill. Following suit, her motivation for educating youth to follow their dreams has inspired numerous individuals across the GTA, to incentivize their goals and overcome their obstacles throughout their lives.

MEET MAX



Max Hu is a grade 11 student currently enrolled in Holy Trinity School. He is very involved at his school as he is the founder of the TEDed club, Head of Training for MUN, and Head of Marketing for HTSMUN. He also organized the first-ever TEDx event for his community. Max has to lead several leadership initiatives and has won awards in DECA, Model UN and debate. He is a primary mentor for USGC Toronto, and manages and prepares for the meetings that take place as well as lessons are given.

MEET CHRIS



Chris Ho is a fellow alumnus of York University and continues to follow in the steps of a librarian accompanying his Masters in Library and Information Sciences from the University of Alberta. He is also an established teacher for the York Region District School Board, he joined Toastmasters in 2018, pushing forward to create and lead USGC, giving out encouraging lessons and words to those who look for successful speech skills.

MEET MICHAEL

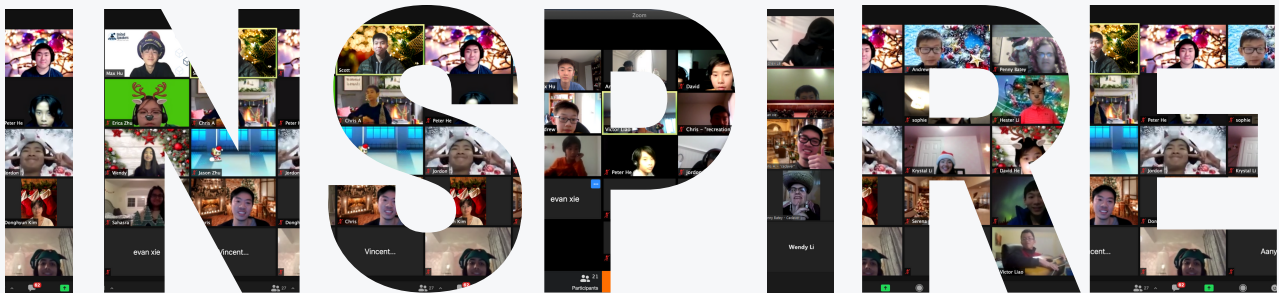


Michael G. Li is a real estate agent and a founder of the iHome Realty Team. In 2018, he collaborated with Penny to form the iHome Gavel Club, which ran for over a year to participate in many activities surrounding public speaking. He then worked with the 3 founding members to make today's USGC and helped many members from the iHome Gavel club to find residing spots in the organization. Despite his busy schedule, Michael focuses numerous hours to improve on his efforts to make non-profit organizations that give back to the community, and support those in need of the services provided.



WHY CHOOSE USGC?

Joining USGC comes with numerous perks. If you are new to all of this, it is a great opportunity to start familiarizing yourself with a leadership opportunity, as the skills needed will be crucial to use in the future. If, on the other hand, you are already used to putting yourself out there, it's an amazing experience to refine your skills, push yourself to your limit and have a chance to make new friends! USGC hopes to provide a platform where you can inspire others. With our international program, you can bring a higher level of impact on your community! We value high-quality low-cost education to empower the next generation of speakers. And we hope that you join us too!



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We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

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WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?



There are many reasons why you should apply to start a branch. Not only will you get an amazing opportunity to inspire others, but you also get a rich and fulfilling leadership position. Starting a club takes a lot of effort, and with the United Speakers International program, we have done all the heavy lifting for you. All of the lesson plans, activities, games, marketing materials, registration forms, etc. are all completed for you. All you need to do is to market in your city, gain members, and lead your club! With this model, you can start your club in your area with high-quality resources, while having the support of the organization if you encounter any hurdles along the way. **We suggest running all meetings digitally given the current situation.** Once your application is approved, we will go over every detail of how you can run your club. And as a non-profit organization, you won't need to pay any start-up fee to get going. Once you have established a functioning club, you get full autonomy and flexibility. Plus, you will be the founder of a branch of United Speakers International. Talk about an achievement!



HOW TO APPLY

1

Apply to start your branch with the google form linked at the last page of this booklet



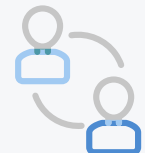
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Your application will be reviewed within 14 days of submitting it. You will be notified through email if your application was successful.



3

A USGC executive will contact you to book a 30 minute run through of how the process will work, the rules of the program and the licensing of material.



4

All training, registration, and marketing materials will be shared with you for use. All material and meetings are digitally based and can be accessed from anywhere!



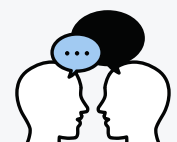
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Start your club in your city! We have many advertising materials for use to get your club off the ground.



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You have launched a successful USGC branch! There will be bi-yearly meetings for all branch founders to build a network of connections.



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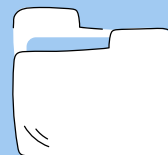
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Application Form:

