

# Mo Dawodu

D91 Club Growth Director

**Toastmasters member since 2017**



## **Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:**

Division J Division Director – Mar 2021 to Jun 2022

District 91 Logistics Manager – Jul 2020 to Jun 2022

District 91 Hybrid Committee Chair – Sept 2020 to Jun 2022

Kent Speakers Club President – Jul 2020 to Jun 2021

D91 H37 Area Director - Jul 2019 to Jun 2020

Kent Speakers SAA - Jul 2019 to Jun 2020

Kent Speakers Treasurer - Jul 2018 to Jun 2019

Kent Speakers VPM - Jul 2017 to Jun 2018

**Toastmasters honors and recognition:**

Competent Communicator CC

Advance Leader Bronze ALB

Innovative Planning IP1, IP2, IP3, IP4

**Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a District leader:**

I am a qualified Civil Engineer with over 30 years of experience managing small, medium, and large construction projects in various capacities from team member to leader. Building construction projects is very similar to the work required in Toastmasters to build bridges of success for our members. It takes cooperation, collaboration and teamwork, which has been a good basis for my contribution to Clubs and our District to date.

**What experience do you have in strategic planning?**

For the past six years, I have been an active member of my club, area and the district in various capacities developing club, area and division success plans. I have played an active role in the planning and delivery of successful results at all levels, such as the rebirth of Kent Speakers and other clubs, the success and growth of H37, D91 Ashford Conference Logistics Management, Area & Division Conferences and Training events, and International Convention objectives.

## **What experience do you have in the area of finance?**

I have led a limited company for over 30 years, managing strategic financial planning, forecasting, and budgets. I served as volunteer treasurer for a youth community football club for more than 10 years. As a Toastmaster, I served as a club treasurer for Kent Speakers introducing a digital payment option and I am currently a serving member of the D91 audit committee.

## **What experience do you have in developing procedures?**

I was a member of the Chartered Quality Institute for many years and was responsible for developing and implementing quality procedures and processes such as “Inspection & Test Plans” on large construction projects as a Site Quality Systems Manager. My construction management experience is based on developing systems of work and analysing/resolving adverse trends for sustainability and safety. Developing human capacity by reviewing Knowledge, Ability, Training and Experience is a safety statutory risk assessment requirement that aligns with Toastmasters values.

## **What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?**

I believe that people align with leaders who have a clear vision and plan. Since joining Toastmasters, I have improved my communication, leadership, and relationship-building skills. Additionally, I have reinforced my commitment to listening, collaboration, and the importance of keeping things simple.

## **Why do you want to serve as a District leader?**

I want to continue to learn, develop and grow by serving our members. I am passionate about the Toastmasters development programmes, I believe I have the strategic thinking and relationship-building skills, to help envision and create the future.

**In your opinion, what are the District mission's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?**

Toastmasters International continues to be severely impacted by the effects of the pandemic and a cost of living crisis. Now is the time for rebuilding and reshaping the future by growing our membership base and helping members hone their skills in preparation for an ever-changing workforce and economy. Effective communication with our members and promotion of the Toastmasters Pathways programme within the District to organisations and potential new members by effectively sharing the benefits of Pathways and our members' stories.

**Additional information about yourself:**

As President at Kent Speakers my vision was to grow our membership to 50 from a record previous high of 34. As a result we set a new record, attracting over 40 members during the COVID-19 Lockdown. We were able to attract new members from Canada, USA, Mexico and France during this time. Setting a clear vision, encouraging, and supporting our members and committee to further success was good for our club and area. I will continue to encourage aspirational goals and promote the Toastmasters vision.

I am interested in the human stories behind statistical data and I look forward to continue supporting our members by finding out:

Why you joined Toastmasters?

What Toastmasters challenges do you face?

How can we support your Toastmasters aspirations for the future?