



# District 91 Newsletter

## May 2021

### It's time to encourage

As we enter May and the Spring's reaches its peak, it's a perfect time to encourage existing and potential members and reinforce your Toastmasters Club.

According to Edwin Way Teale, "*The world's favourite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.*" - so why not discover more and reach your full potential?

Fantastic things for you and your club are within reach:

- Beat the clock contest
- D91 Online Conference highlights
- Awards and incentives
- Inspiring message from our District leaders

## Strengthen Your Club

### Beat the clock!

Membership Building Contest  
1st May - 30th June 2021

Beating the clock and  
earning this award is easy



Keep building your club membership to support the strength and health of your club. Use the final two month of this Toastmasters year to help your club recover and thrive.

#### Why?

- Showcase your club and attract new members
- Motivate existing members
- Leave behind something remarkable

#### How?

- Turn your guests to members - learn how in the [webinar by Jamie Hamer 9 May](#)
- Organise an Open House - grab our [support package](#) and check this [guide](#)
- Participate in a virtual fair or organise a workshop - like in this [case study](#)

#### When?

- Simple - action now!

**Beat the clock! Get back to base**

The first 25 clubs adding 5 new, dual or reinstated members during May and June will receive £50 for their club in the Beat the Clock award.

**#D91Conf2021 Highlights**

Wow, what a week for District 91. Together, we made history with #D91Conf2021

Congratulations to our District Champions and contestants. BIG thank you to our 8 world-class keynote speakers, 30+ brilliant workshop presenters, amazing Conference Partner QS, countless talented MCs, Zoom Masters and helpers, but most importantly, YOU.



Want to hear more from our Conference Partner QS? Learn about MBAs, meet leading business schools like Warwick & Imperial, and access exclusive scholarships at QS's next [FREE online event](#) on 27-May.

### Lucky for you, the event doesn't just end here...

- Join our Conference App [Guest Board](#) to continue the conversation and watch the recordings when they're available.
- Congratulate your District Champions and re-live conference moments on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Youtube](#).
- And lastly, you played a role in helping us make this year's conference a success. We value your feedback so [let us know](#) what you liked about #D91Conf2021 and how we can do even better next year!

## Conference Bid Process

And to ensure the Conference next year is as splendid and remarkable as it was this time, we organised the Conference Bid Committee and created a dedicated process. The aim is to select the best team, and then help them to progress towards the best possible event.

If you would like to organise the Conference next year - go for it! Check the requirements and learn more about our new Conference bid process [here](#).

## Awards and Incentives

Congratulations to the clubs that won [80-20 \(Spring\)](#) challenge, [Talk Up Toastmasters, Evolution](#) and [Santa's Seasonal Surprise](#) awards!

### Claim Your Incentives

If you haven't claimed your prize yet - hurry up! Claims process is still open for *Talk Up Toastmasters*, *80-20 (Spring)* and *7/7 Club Officers Trained* rewards. Support is also available to those who organise Open House events and for chartered clubs.

Watch [this video](#) to find out why you should claim and use our step-by-step instructions to get prizes straight to your club account:

- [80-20 \(Spring\) Reimbursement Guide](#)
- [Talk Up Toastmasters Reimbursement Guide](#)
- [7/7 Reimbursement Guide](#)
- [Open House Reimbursement Guide](#)

## Message from our District Director



## News from Helena and Rupa



### Excellence in Education

This year 77 of our clubs have already attained Distinguished status, and an average of 83% club officers were trained in both rounds. With the trials of the 2020/21 Toastmasters year, what an amazing achievement!

There's still time for your club to achieve Distinguished level. Fellow members, ask what your club requires! Let excellence in education and training continue.

[Read More](#)

**Helena Boden-Brewer**  
Program Quality Director

### What will your club look like in July 2021?

In the next club meeting, look at the members of your club. Are they happy? To what extent have they changed? Maybe, an energy boost is needed. Then an Open House event might help. Recommend a friend and play your part in the success of your club. Look around and have a word with someone who might need a nudge to lead your club in the next year.



[Read More](#)

**Rupa Datta**  
Club Growth Director

# District Council Meeting

The semiannual assembly of club and District leaders took place online on 1 May 2021. You can find comprehensive information about the meeting [in our website](#), but at the moment please welcome and send your best wishes to the team that will lead our District in 2021/22 Toastmasters year!

## District Leadership Team

Helena Boden-Brewer - District Director  
Rupa Datta - Program Quality Director  
Diane Richardson - Club Growth Director  
Antonia Harrison - Administration Manager  
Eddy Quah - Finance Manager  
Olga Galaiko - PR Manager



## Division Directors

Barbara Saph - Division A  
Amar Visht - Division B  
Michaela Talbot - Division C  
Massimo Guadagnino - Division D

Debbie Williams - Division H  
Mo Dawodu - Division J  
Pamela Odukoya - Division K  
Sarita Yadav - Division L

Congratulations and streak of luck! 🍀

## Save the Date



District Program Quality team is working hard to ensure useful and interesting events are there for you.

Check what's on in May  
in [our District 91 Calendar](#)

## May Magazine Available Now



The May issue of the [Toastmaster magazine](#) is packed with exciting news and valuable advice.

- Learn how debaters [sharpen speaking skills](#), feat. our fellow **Hamwic Speakers** and **104 London Debaters**
- Meet five Toastmasters - Instagram Influencers
- Discover the basics of creating your personal brand

[Read more...](#)

### Explore opportunities beyond club level

Check our leadership [vacancies](#) and chose one where your talent with grow the most!

Follow us on social media

- [Facebook](#) - We would love to hear from you, join our fan page!
- [Twitter & Instagram](#) - Want to know what's happening right now?
- [YouTube](#) - Watch fun inspiring videos on our YouTube channel.



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