

# Bohemian Toastmasters

## External training – indicative program

### Proposal for “ad hoc” external training program.

#### Objectives:

- To provide in depth trainings and workshops for members on the broad topic of communication.
- To provide a forum for members to present longer workshop format presentations in accordance with Toastmasters manuals and objectives.
- To ensure that external training complements but does not compete with regular club meetings and the toastmasters manual system.
- To provide greater variety in terms of venues, times, presentation formats and presenters.
- To provide forums for PR to publicise toastmasters in the broader community.
- In certain instances, to raise funds through admission fees and provide a sense of value to members through discounted admission for BTM members.

#### Pros/Cons:

- To be presented in a formal 2-on-2 debate at the club meeting on 7 July.

#### Trial period:

- 1 July – 31 Dec 2008. Active members to vote on whether to adopt trial in week following 7 July.

#### Outcome:

- At the end of the trial period active members to vote on whether to retain flexible training sessions or return to fortnightly training meetings at UNYP.

## Proposed flexible training schedule

The following is an indicative 6 month training schedule that illustrates what the BTM executive committee envisages for external training meetings – the final schedule will be subject to a training subcommittee of VPE.

### Member workshops (twice)

- To build members’ skills presenting long educationals or workshops
- Preference for members presenting workshops for leadership requirements
- Held at UNYP on a weeknight for 1.5 hours
- 1x40min workshop and 2x20min educational
- Members and guests attend for free

### Combined training and social event

- “The power of games – how to use interactive games to facilitate training” by Brandon Munro
- Held on a Friday night in fun, relaxed atmosphere with social event afterwards
- Charge including social event (member discount)

### BTM sponsored professional workshop

- A professional trainer provides a high quality training on an aspect of communication that is not covered by competent communicator manual
- Similar to presentation by Gihan Perera in 07
- Held on weeknight in a professional venue
- Charge to raise funds (member discount)
- Widely publicised in advance to promote BTM

## BTM weekend away

- Held in October in country side near Prague
- Starts Friday night, concludes Sunday morning but members have the option of staying only Friday night and leaving Saturday night
- Modest cost to cover expenses only, discount for members
- All workshops to be professional standard and content approved in advance

### Indicative program:

#### Friday

20:00 Arrive and check in  
20:30 Drinks and organised debate in fun style (eg “That chocolate is better than sex”)  
21:30 Light supper and further socialising

#### Saturday

08:30 Breakfast  
09:30 Workshop 1 (45mins) “Speaking to concepts”  
*How to prepare a speech in less than 100 words; and vastly improve your semi-impromptu speaking skills.*  
10:30 Workshop 2 (45mins) “Interactive presenting”  
*How to effectively win interaction from your audiences in workshop and speech formats.*  
11:15 Morning tea (30mins)  
11:45 Member workshops (75mins) – members can present a 20 minute workshop on communication topic of their choice. Up to 6 workshops in 2 streams  
13:00 Lunch (60mins)  
14:00 Free time or fun activities (horse riding, etc)  
17:00 Workshop 3 (45mins) “Risk-free humour”  
*How to use humour without dying on stage*  
18:00 Pre-dinner drinks  
18:30 Dinner with fun communication event hosted by MC (eg BTM academy awards). Until late!

#### Sunday

09:30 – Breakfast followed by free time or fun activities (golf, etc). Return to Prague at leisure