



**A GUIDE TO  
AGORA SPEAKERS - KAUNAS**



## Our Mission

As an independent entity affiliated with Agora Speakers International, we share the global mission of the organization which is to:

*"Empower you to become a brilliant communicator and a confident leader who will actively build a better world"*

Agora Speakers – Kaunas is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help people improve their abilities to communicate their ideas effectively – with conviction and clarity.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT  
PUBLIC SPEAKING

it's about  
**IDEAS** and  
**INFLUENCE**

AND TAKING THE  
CHANCE TO LEAVE THE  
WORLD A BETTER PLACE  
THAN YOU MET IT

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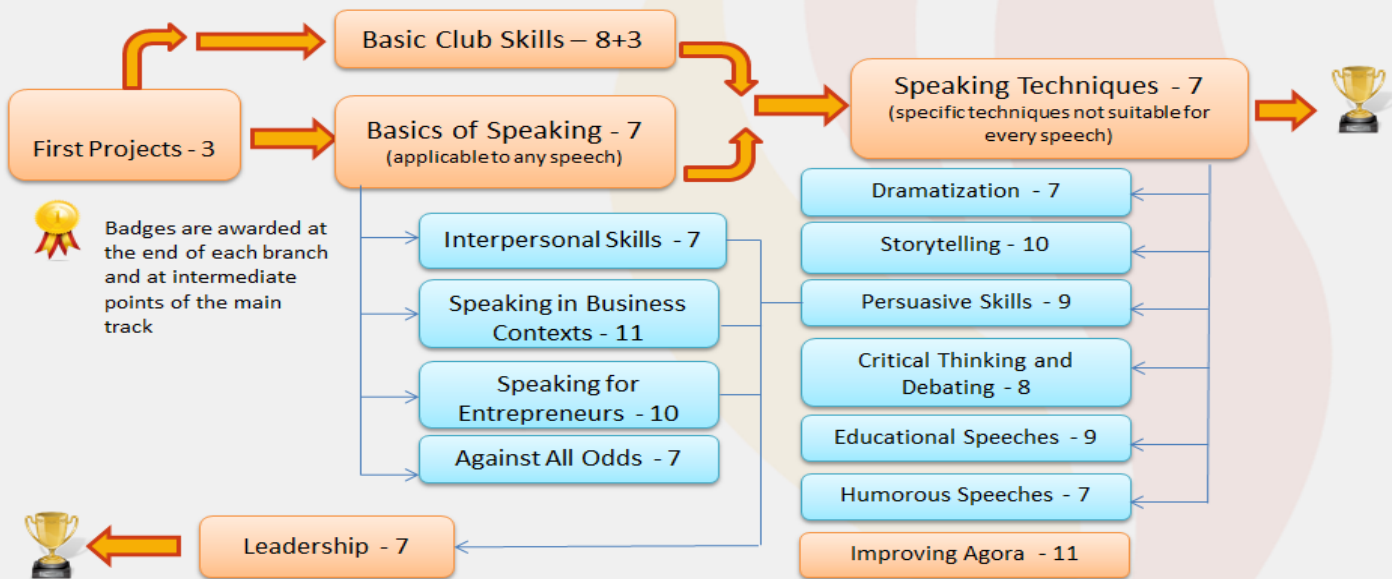
We are committed to the notion that everyone has ideas, and that they deserve to share these ideas, and also, that they deserve to be heard. It is even better, that the value of our ideas increase exponentially when we share them with other people.

With a personalized program –you move at your own pace - and a supportive environment with people from diverse backgrounds that are eager to listen to you; Agora Speakers -Kaunas is a platform to challenge yourself by sharing your thoughts, and improving your overall ability to do so.

## Our Educational Program



### OVERVIEW



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Our Educational Program has been designed by experienced speakers and people with over 20 years of experience in adult education, and is based on solid, peer-reviewed scientific research about what works and what doesn't, in terms of public speaking, persuasion, confidence, charisma, control of nervousness, motivation and leadership.

The program leads you gently from very humble beginnings to more and more complicated and challenging projects, where you will first speak in front of your fellow club members, and from there proceed to spread your wings outside the nest and speak in front of ever-increasing and wider audiences.

The Educational Program is formed by series of projects with specific learning goals and designed to help you acquire and practice specific skills - either public speaking or leadership. You progress at your own pace, and as you progress along the main educational path, you unlock access to more specific paths that explore public speaking in special contexts or environments. You can learn to be a storyteller, or a business presenter, or an educator, or many other options available

We believe that every speaker is unique, so the Educational Program is also designed to help you **discover** your own style, instead of imposing on you artificial techniques that will only result in your audience perceiving you as unnatural or - even worse - dishonest.

Detailed information can be found here: <http://wiki.agoraspeakers.org/Educational+Program>



**PROJECT EVALUATION CARD**

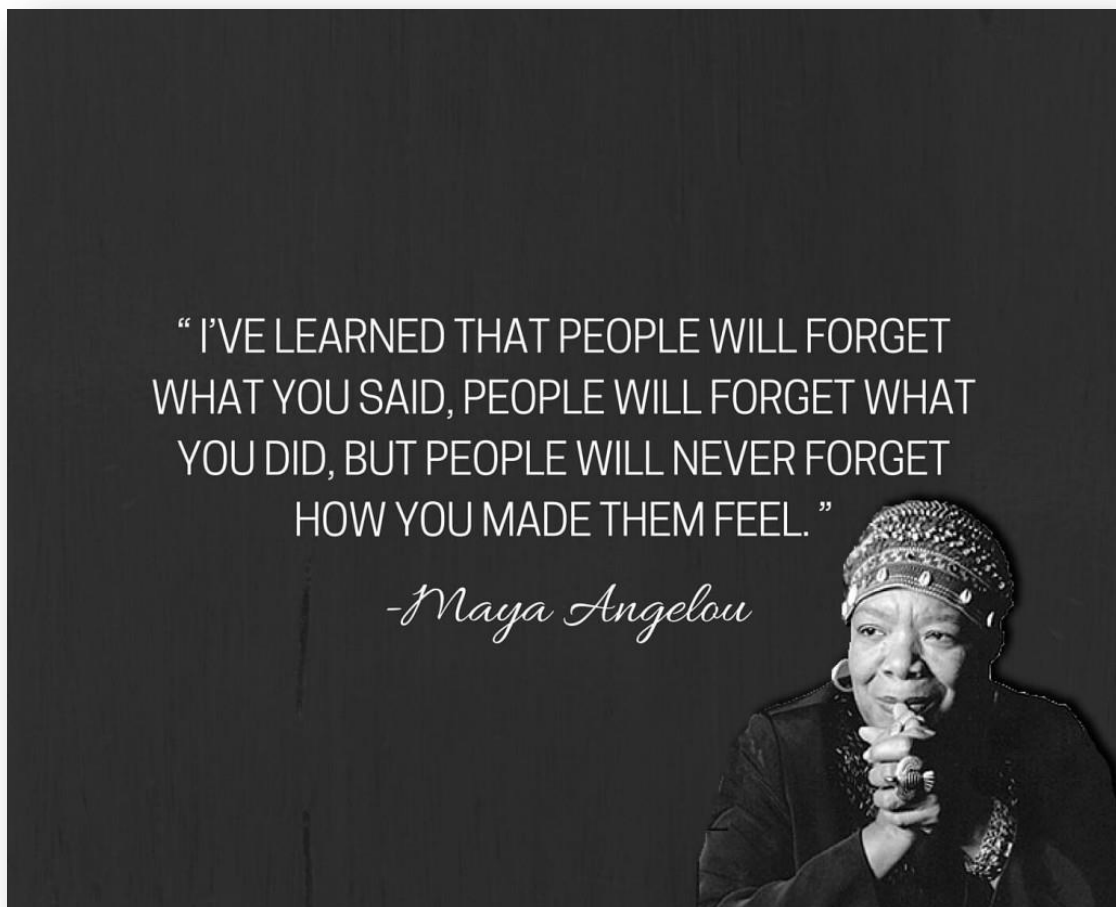
Educational Path Basic Path		Project Number and Title Body Language - Part 1	
Project or Speech Title		Speaker	
Evaluator	Club name (or location/venue if not in a club setting)	Date	
Additional or specific goals of the speaker			
Allocated Time 10min + 5-7 min	Actual Time	Do you believe the project educational goals were met? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> A few were missed <input type="checkbox"/> Incompletely <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Which was the speech chosen by the presenter for analysis?
Do you feel it was an appropriate speech from the point of view of usage of body language?
Was the speech distributed to members before the presentation? In which format and how?
Was the presenter's analysis accurate? How?
How was body language used in the speech chosen by the presenter?
Did the presenter explain the impact of all gestures and movements and the reason for their usage?
How could the presenter improve the accuracy of his analysis or his insight of the speech?

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After every speech you make, there is a trained evaluator specifically pre-assigned to listen to you, and at the end of your presentation, give recommendations on how your ideas can be more effectively communicated.

Most importantly, you get constructive feedback from every member of the meeting, so that you can know the kind of impact your speech has on an audience.



## Our Meetings

Our meetings are structured, detailed, and well planned. There are no boring moments. Every meeting is a challenge which is designed to add value to you and help you add value to others. Most of all you will undoubtedly feel like you are making progress on the journey towards mastery of communicating your ideas.

 <b>THE SILENT TOWNS</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> AGORA CLUB ON MARS</b> MEETING AGENDA				
Empowering People MEETING # 1	THEME OF THE MEETING: NEW BEGINNINGS	WORD OF THE DAY: VIGOR	OCTOBER 5 <sup>TH</sup> 2016 9:00 – 11:00 PM	
<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>  <b>President</b> AS Mob:  <b>VP Education</b> AS Mob:  <b>VP Membership</b> AS Mob:  <b>VP Marketing</b> AS Mob:  <b>Treasurer</b> AS Mob:  <b>Secretary</b> AS Mob:  <b>VP Mentoring</b> AS Mob:  <b>Community Managers</b> AS M:	2:30	<b>Secretary Opens the Meeting</b> Mission Statement, House Keeping Rules Call on President	AS Hagar Ehab	
	2:32	<b>President Calls Meeting to Order</b> Welcome Guests	AS Binoy Sebastian	
	2:35	<b>President Introduces Meeting Leader</b>	AS Binoy Sebastian	
	2:39	<b>Meeting Leader - Introduces the Role Players</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grammarian + Filler Word Counter</li> <li>● Timer</li> <li>● Meeting Evaluator</li> <li>● Listening Evaluator</li> <li>● Impromptu Master</li> </ul>	AS Noor Mohammad AS Murali Krishna AS Carol McKinsey AS John Darwin AS Mathew Jacob	
	2:45	<b>PREPARED SPEECHES SESSION</b>  <b>SPEAKER</b> AS Manisha (CC # 1) AS Rishi Kumra (CC # 2) AS Priya Chandy (CC # 1)	<b>SPEECH EVALUATOR</b> AS Noor Mohammad AS Maya Seyno AS Yousef Baniyan	
	Vote for the Best Speaker			
	3:30	<b>IMPROMPTU SESSION</b>	AS Mathew Jacob	
	3:45	<b>EVALUATION SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting Evaluator calls for reports from meeting role players</li> <li>● Provides meeting evaluation</li> </ul>	AS Carol McKinsey	
	Vote for the Best Evaluator			
	3:55	<b>BUSINESS SESSION</b> MIF Returns Control to Club President Presents Awards & Guest Comments Business Session	AS Binoy Sebastian	
	4:00	Meeting Adjourned		

"Set fire to the broken pieces; start anew." – Lauren DeStefano, Sever

On the left is a sample of the typical agenda of every meeting. Every meeting typically has

- A Meeting Host
- A Grammarian
- A Timer
- Speakers
- Evaluators

**There are no constraints and the community is open to trying new things. We will always accept your ideas on how the meetings can be improved.**

Meetings now hold every Sunday:

Daukanto g. 28; Auditorium 402;

Time: 16:30 – 18:00

We are punctual! Always arrive on time so you can get a chance to talk to our members before the meeting begins.

Join our Facebook group: **Agora Speakers Lithuania** to be updated on the information about the upcoming meetings.



## Just so You Know...

### The Origin of the Name and Logo

The city-state of Athens is widely regarded as the birthplace of democracy, and the Ancient **Agora** of Athens is considered the best example of the ancient Greek agora. In the Greek cities, those were the center of the artistic, political and spiritual life of the city. All citizens could gather there to hear their politicians and orators speak, and discuss all aspects of city life... From this word comes the Modern Greek *ἀγορεύω* - to give a speech, make a declamation.

The logo pays homage to this heritage, and represents everything we want for this organization. OPEN, DEMOCRATIC, PASSIONATE and PURPOSEFUL.



It is made up of four elements:

- Three Greek columns both representing our connection to the birthplace of democracy, the timeless principles we defend and believe in, and the solidity and stability of our organization
- A stylized representation of a Greek Amphitheatre symbolizing the audience.
- A speaker silhouette in a calm, yet firm pose, with a wide open arm gesture.
- The flames that symbolize the passion and knowledge emanating from the speaker.

### How is Agora pronounced?

Agora is pronounced as /'æɡərə/ (british) or \'a-gə-rə\ (american). Either way, the stress is on the first A, instead of the common confusion of placing it on the O

## **Need more information?**

- Visit our meetings:
  - Every Sunday; Daukanto g. 28; Auditorium
  - Time: 16.30 – 18.00**Arrive Early!!!**
- Visit our website: [www.agoraspeakers.org](http://www.agoraspeakers.org)
- Check the ever-expanding list of Frequently Asked Questions:  
<http://www.agoraspeakers.org/faq.jsp>
- Find detailed information about the Educational Program:  
<http://wiki.agoraspeakers.org/Educational+Program>
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