



“SpeakOut” Challenge!

Jack Petchey’s “SpeakOut” Challenge! operates in almost every secondary school across London and Essex.



Every year the scheme trains over **20,000 young people** in public speaking skills, providing them with up to six hours of training from leading professionals. It is delivered in partnership with SpeakersBank, the training arm of the charity ‘Speakers Trust’.

The annual programme culminates in a high profile public speaking challenge at which the young people can ‘speak out’ on an issue of their choice. Competitions are held at school and borough level, progressing to the

Grand Final.

In July 2009 the SpeakOut Challenge Grand Final saw participants address an audience of 600 people. Winners were selected by a panel of distinguished guests, including Richard Barnes, Deputy Mayor of London, BBC Radio 1 controller Andy Parfitt, and Duncan Harrison, winner of BBC2’s ‘The Speaker’. Speeches tackled issues ranging from advertising to immigration.

Eniola Alonge from Hatcham’s College and winner of the Lewisham Regional Final took the 2009 SpeakOut Challenge trophy home after delivering her touching yet amusing speech on ‘The Way we Were’. Eniola was the first girl to win the Challenge. As well as a feeling of immense pride and achievement, she won a cash bond of £2,000 for herself and £3,000 for her school.



For more information please visit www.speakoutchallenge.com or watch the 2009 Grand Finalists at www.speakoutchallenge.com/pages/grandfinalthree

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