

Alicante International Speakers Club - part of Toastmasters International

Alicante now has its own International Speakers Club which is part of Toastmasters International, a truly international organisation of speakers clubs with over four million members world wide. Already well established in Spain, there are Toastmasters International clubs in Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and Torrevieja - and now Alicante. As a new club we are immensely grateful for the help and support from the members of Torrevieja Club and for being 'under their wing' as we grow to full independence.

Why a Speaking Club? Well, you may be more comfortable communicating with people by phone, email, talking to a few friends or just on a one-to-one basis. Speaking to small or larger groups is often seen as really frightening and to be avoided at all costs. Yet in this age of almost instant world wide communication, good personal communication skills are more vital

than ever if you want to be more successful in business, clubs, formal family occasions (like a wedding speech!) or even with friends and neighbours. What will it do for me? The aim is to empower people to achieve their full potential and realize their dreams. We do this by providing a mutually supportive and positive environment for members and guests to improve personal communication skills and enhance self confidence.

Being able to express yourself clearly means you can get your ideas across to others, be more understood and gain more confidence to speak out about, and influence or change, those things that really matter to you, your family and your life.

Most schools and universities don't offer this kind of know-how so most of us learn is by stumbling along doing the best we can, and probably wishing we knew how and what to do, and had the poise and confidence

to do it.

One great advantage we have is our truly international membership represented by our committee of English, Irish and Spanish members. An exciting part of the Club is the opportunity to exchange ideas and understand other cultures which helps non-Spanish members to integrate more into local Spanish life and customs.

Club meetings are where you will be able to learn and practice talking to others in small groups and improving your communication skills. You will learn, at your own pace in your own time scale, firstly from other members by watching them and then by participating yourself.

Members have the benefit of helpful and constructive feedback on any talk or speech they give to be able to learn and gain confidence, speak with clarity, persuasiveness and enthusiasm.

To get you off to a good start you can have the support of a mentor. A mentor is friendly, experienced fellow member who will help you with your first few talks or presentations and answer any questions you may have. A mentor was once a new member too and so knows how important help can be to someone just beginning.

So if you want to improve on or polish up your speaking skills then come along - as our very welcomed guest - to any of our twice-monthly Wednesday evening meetings to see just what you can gain from being part of Alicante International Speakers Club. It's absolutely free for you to come along and there is no obligation to join. We recommend that you come to a couple of meetings first to comfortably make up your mind to join us.

Club meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each

month from 8 pm until 9.30 pm throughout the year. The next meetings are on the following Wednesdays - 25th June, 16th July, 30th July, 13th August & 27th August.

We meet, with the kind permission of Alicante University, at:

Sede Ciudad de Alicante (Segunda planta Aula 2.1)

Avda. Ramon y Cajal 4
03001 - Alicante

This is a convenient venue overlooking Alicante Marina, close to the famous 'wavy pavement' and with ample public car parks nearby.

Guests are always welcome so if you would like more information please get in touch with the Club President John Chocqueel Mangan -

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