



## EMPOWERING THE YOUTH THROUGH PUBLIC SPEAKING

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Our thoughts are with all during this perplexing time in our Country. We need to give our youth (Future leaders) a voice to speak throughout this unsettling and demanding phase.

The Covid-19 National lockdown will be a challenge for every individual. We take this challenge to channel our thoughts into generating creative solutions. We are going to push our participant's boundaries in the most exiting ways. Because of the strict social distancing measures, the Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue platform will take on a different approach to addressing an audience in 2020 and possibly onwards.

Humans are adaptable, creative and innovative. We are living in exciting times where we must find new solutions with a lasting effect.

Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue is breaking new grounds with a complete live online public speaking platform. Leading the charge to gather online. We are the forerunners of meeting together, while being apart.

### **This is how easy it will be to connect:**

1. You need to own a smart phone with a camera.
2. Ensure that your smart phone is charged for your performance.
3. You will need a dependable 3G internet connection or better.
4. Download the BlueJeans app from your Google Play Store (Android) or IOS App Store (Apple). This is an audio and video conferencing medium.
5. Participants will receive a unique code which will allow them to form part of the scheduled session in which they have to perform.
6. Everyone in your house can also enjoy the competition.

### **Keep in mind:**

1. All public events will be cancelled **but** it will be replaced with a LIVE video performance to a panel of Adjudicators.
2. Programmes will still continue on the days as set out. Participants need to available themselves to the timeslots as set out in the programme. Programmes will indicate registration times.
3. This is still a National competition and we cannot afford for programmes to run late.
4. It will remain the participant's responsibility to connect to the session on time.
5. Do your camara angle setup beforehand.
6. Please keep this professional. Performances will take place in school uniform.
7. Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue will contact participants direct via whatsapp messenger with instructions and directions (All the participant contact numbers must be supplied to us via the organisers responsible for the entries)
8. Our adjudicator's can only adjudicate what they see and hear.
9. A photo of your feedback form will be sent to you via the whatsapp platform straight after your session.

10. The following sections will be adjudicated in this way:

- Oorredingstoespraak-Afrikaans: Individueel Voorbereid
- Persuasive Speech- English: Individual Prepared
- Afrikaans: Motiveringstoespraak
- English: Motivational Speech
- Afrikaans: Vermaaklikheidstoespraak
- English: Entertainment Speech
- Afrikaans: Die Goue Tong
- English: The Golden Tongue
- Afrikaans: Oorredingstoespraak Individueel Onvoorbereid
- English: Persuasive Speech Individual Unprepared

11. The Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue National final will continue as planned at Midstream Ridge Primary school in Midrand on 01 & 02 October 2020 until further notice.

**Pointers to adapt your public performance to a live video performance.**

- It is not a pre-recording at all. This is a LIVE performance.
- You are still addressing a live audience (your audience may vary).
- Position your camera to display your head, shoulders and upper body to your waist. (We do not have to see your toes).
- It is important that you find yourself in a well-lit, free of background noise space for your performance. (Isolate yourself and focus on the task at hand).
- Utilize hand gestures in a natural way.
- You will only have one opportunity. Be prepared.
- EYE CONTACT- you need to look into the camera to ensure eye contact with your audience. Do not pretend to have an audience. You are addressing a live audience through the camera lens.
- The focus will fall on the following:
  1. The content of your speech
  2. The structure of your speech
  3. The presentation of your speech
  4. Communication skills and audience connection
  5. Performances need to be natural at all times (Candidates with a natural conversation approach will be promoted)

With any new venture there will be teething problems but with a positive attitude and open mind we will be able to overcome the obstacles and continuously improve.

Feel free to contact us at any point.

Keep Safe,

Oppie Tong Af / On The Tip Of Your Tongue Team