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PhilSpeaks Public Speaking Competition
for Young Women and Gender Minorities

SIGNUP DEADLINE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

In case you missed it, **there's still time to sign up** for the inaugural Kate Maher Cup! Any secondary school student who identifies as a woman or gender minority (i.e. not a cisgender male) is welcome to take part in this event.

Speech prompts will be sent out in the coming weeks following the close of registration.

For now here is what we can tell you about the format of the competition for those of you interested in taking part:

Pending guidance from Trinity College we are hoping to host at least one public speaking workshop and one round of the competition before the winter holidays. Ideally these will take place on Trinity campus but we are preparing a hybrid model with online events to account for COVID and travel issues. The competition will continue into the new year hopefully culminating with a final in the Debating Chamber of Trinity College.

The format of the competition will involve students choosing from a number of prompts we provide and writing a speech about an issue they care about. Students will represent their schools but compete as individuals, delivering the same speech (allowing for updates and improvements throughout the competition) at each round as they progress towards the Grand Final.