



The Kate Maher Cup is a speech competition for secondary school students who identify as women or as a gender minority. We accept submissions from students who identify as women and as all gender minorities, including, but not limited to, gender-fluid, non-binary, and trans students. This competition is a safe space for students, and students' genders will not be disclosed to anyone outside this competition.

It involves submitting a video for one of the prompts below.

Winners will be contacted in early March and are invited to Trinity College to present their speech in the iconic Debating Chamber in the Graduates Memorial Building in front of family and friends.

**The deadline for submissions is 22nd February 2025.**

All questions can be sent to [schools@tcdphil.com](mailto:schools@tcdphil.com).

The maximum video length accepted is 7 minutes. For Junior Cycle students we expect speeches to be about 3 minutes, while for Senior Cycle students we expect about 5 minutes.

Only one entry per student is allowed.

All year groups can enter speeches under the general prompts category, and there is an additional specific question for Junior and Senior cycles.

***General prompts for all year groups:***

*What does gender mean to you? (Students are expected to give a personal speech about their experience of gender and how the concept of gender has influenced their life.)*

*Critically analyze a film or piece of literature through the lens of gender. (This can include criticisms of the portrayal of gender, what if the main character was another gender, etc.)*

### **Junior Cycle Competition: The Eavan Boland Prize**

This past year, Trinity College Dublin has renamed its Berkeley Library to the Boland Library. The Boland Library is the first building in Trinity to be named after a woman. Eavan Boland was a pioneering poet who was a student at Trinity.

Who is an Irish person, either female or a gender minority, in history that inspires you and why?

### **Senior Cycle Competition: The Gráinne Monks Prize**

Gráinne Monks was a member of the Eliz and was the first woman elected onto Phil Council in 1968.

Who is someone who, in the contemporary world, is working to break down barriers for gender issues?