

## **What speakers clubs tell us, and their potential role**

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Existing and potential activities of Speakers Clubs are considered in relation to the Conference's themes. The particular function of the Speakers Trust, as facilitator and trainer, are set out. That charity's potential roles in relation to a nationwide drive to upgrade communication skills are then delineated.

Demographic factors, motivational issues and particular initiatives, such as Speaking in the Community, are addressed. It is emphasised that the extensive and expanding networks of Speakers Clubs are key elements in the campaign to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the Spoken Word