

4-H Public Speaking and Communications Advisory Committee

Contact Information

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Purpose

Helping young people improve their public speaking skills is a cornerstone of the 4-H Youth Development Program. California 4-H offers a robust public speaking program where 4-H members practice, learn, and grow their competence and comfort to communicate and speak in front of people. The 4-H Public Speaking and Communications Advisory Committee is comprised of a diverse group that ensures the 4-H public speaking program utilizes best practices, while improving organizational capacity, to help 4-H members grow their public speaking and communications abilities and self-efficacy.



Scope:

- Strive to strengthening young people’s public speaking competence and confidence; e.g., provide training on integrating public speaking opportunities at the project, club and county levels; as needed, provide guidance to county staff and volunteers in starting public speaking projects; publicize and respond to inquiries regarding 4-H presentation events.
- Provide leadership to the system of regional 4-H presentation events (with events implemented locally with staff and volunteer teams) and the state 4-H presentation events.
- Manage the 4-H Presentation Manual and 4-H Interview Contest Manual, reviewing and revising as needed.
- Develop and manage presentation evaluator orientations and calibrations.
- Conduct evaluation to assess event quality and youth growth in communication self-efficacy and abilities.
- Gather input from county staff and key volunteers on program direction and educational opportunities pertaining to strengthening the 4-H public speaking program.
- As needed to support the previous goals, aid in fund and resource development for 4-H public speaking programs.

Committee Member Responsibilities

- Gather input on agenda items before meetings; attend scheduled meetings and express ideas of constituents.
- Assist in the development and delivery of group goals.
- Complete action items assigned at meetings.
- Help with the organization of regional and/or state 4-H presentation events.

Committee Membership

The California 4-H Public Speaking and Communications Advisory Committee has 13-20 participants:

- 6-8 Youth (ages 14 to 19)
- 2-4 4-H Adult Volunteers, Recent 4-H Alumni, and Program Partners
- 5-8 County 4-H Youth Development Program Staff and Advisors

Meetings

Meetings as needed, typically twice per year, held at the State 4-H Office in Davis, CA or online, scheduled based on member availability. Additional virtual meetings scheduled to accomplish committee responsibilities. All travel and related costs will be reimbursed by the State 4-H Office in accordance with University policies.