

Seeing the CC in a Pathways World

A number of members have concerns about the change from the CC manual to Pathways, often about the loss of the structure which helped ease new members gently into public speaking.

However, all the CC projects are still available in Pathways; each CC project could easily meet requirements for all of part of a Pathways project.

Consider someone working the Presentation Mastery path.

CC Speech No	CC Name	Pathways Level	Pathways Name (E = Elective)
1	Ice Breaker	1	Ice Breaker
2	Organise Your Speech	1	Evaluation and Feedback 1
3	Get To The Point	1	Evaluation and Feedback 2
4	How To Say It	3	Using Descriptive Language (E)
5	Your Body Speaks	2	Effective Body Language
6	Vocal Variety	3	Understanding Vocal Variety (E)
7	Research Your Topic	1	Researching and Presenting
8	Get Comfortable With Visual Aids	3	Creating Effective Visual Aids (E)
9	Persuade With Power	3	Persuasive Speaking (E)
10	Inspire Your Audience	3	Inspire Your Audience (E)

For the two missing required projects from Level 2 (Understanding Your Communication Style and Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring), consider this.

There are several level 3 electives mentioned above. Simply ask the member to give a speech about being mentored and another about their communication style; these can easily be evaluated for “Vocal Variety” or “How to Say It” – and it is unlikely that a member would complete all those projects without experimenting with visual aids.

Therefore, in this path, completing Level 3 meets the great majority of the requirements of the CC manual. Also, Level 4 and 5 projects match with content from the Advanced Communication Series. Pathways combines communication and leadership skills that were previously separated; filling gaps that you believe need to be filled is “your leadership opportunity” to help create new paths and projects.

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