

Lyon English Toastmasters is the third, most recently created, club situated in Lyon, France. Lyon has three active clubs; Toastmasters Grand Lyon (Francophone), Lyon Toastmasters (Bilingual) and Lyon English Toastmasters (Only English). Each club has its own unique identity, respecting the traditions of Toastmasters International.



Starting a new club requires a lot of self confidence, just like giving your Ice Breaker's Speech. In the beginning, Stephen-Victor and Bob sat looking at each other and asking themselves "Are We Crazy? We have no money, no members and no meeting place." With a small personal investment, a whole lot of self-confidence and creativity, they LET (Lyon English Toastmasters) in happen.

A meeting place was found, the rent was negotiated (No Members, No Rent) as a percentage of the membership dues. Most of the materials were bought from Thrift Shops or were donated. The lectern was constructed from discarded wood found in the city streets and the traffic light that was a converted from a disco light.

Today, Lyon English Toastmasters has 18 active members and soon will become a Chartered Club, joining the Toastmasters Family.