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Happy Birthday Lyon English Toastmasters! Congratulations again for getting into the international Toastmasters circle!

What a month full of good news!

The most exciting part is that our meetings are now taking place at the British Council. Not only do they have such great facilities, they are also easy to find "Le Forum" complex just behind the "Part Dieu" train station.

The setting is now ready for us, Toastmasters members and our most welcomed guests.

The British Council facilitates our warm welcome and coupled with their high end presentation tech nothing can stop us from making our speeches as good as those of TED www.ted.com or for that matter any other occasion where speaking is important.

We are all waiting for your "Ice Breakers" and following speeches. Come and make yourself shine, become better and more confident.

For our first session at the British Council, we were warmly welcomed by their director Stephen. We were pleased to listen to the self introduction of seven guests.

What I found marvelous is that the attendees have such different backgrounds: students, teachers, communication executives, ONG employees, Company Directors, sales representative and so on. They all have the same goals: Improving their communication and leadership skills.

I know from reliable sources that we will soon grow with more new members who are all craving to be better at public speaking in English as well as becoming keen and effective leaders.

Fast improvement in a friendly environment is possible and it is what Toastmasters International has done for decades worldwide.

Whatever our starting level is, whatever our targets are, we will all improve and learn from each other.

By the way, would some of you would be happy to get involved in the international competitions?

As the next competition is taking place so soon, it is highly unlikely we will be properly prepared. However, we will have enough time to schedule the next one in the Spring and quite possibly present some great competitors. Maybe one of these competitors is a guest today, maybe, one of them is you reading this newsletter, looking for information and wondering if our program befits your expectations.

Life is full of surprises. The improvements we've seen over the past year will improve during the second year and will be more amazing and friendly.

On this first meeting at the British Council, we had the pleasure to hear Isabelle's excellent speech about the "He for She" gender equality movement www.heforshe.org. The aim being to have men and women working hand in hand for the equality of genders.

Isabelle did a great job and made some of us think carefully if we would be able to go through the Lyon English Toastmasters' program and become as good as her.

Personally, Isabelle's an inspiration to me. She applies brilliantly toastmaster techniques to really make her speeches shine.

Toastmasters are here to become better in expressing themselves, to make their topics clearer, louder, effective and to reach more people.

As Newsletter Editor, I will share monthly with you, the life of our group and from time to time let my fellow toastmasters share their experiences with you.

Feel free to contact us, come as a guest and understand how Lyon English Toastmasters can help you to become better by developing your communication skills no matter what your level is.

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