

Jillian is the toast of Speakers Club

Jillian Haslam, from Hertfordshire Speakers Club, a local Hatfield-based Toastmasters club, has received the highest educational award from Toastmasters International, the organisation that is dedicated to helping people from all walks of life improve their communication and leadership skills.

This is the highest level of educational achievement in Toastmasters. To receive it you must show excellence in both public speaking and leadership.

On receiving her DTM, Jillian said "This is one of the proudest moments of my life.

"It's been worth doing the 40 plus speeches, the community outreach projects, leadership projects and mentoring and coaching members.

"I would recommend anyone thinking of improving their public speaking to try Toastmasters."

Jillian has been an active member of Hertfordshire Speakers Club for 10 years, during which time she has held the role of club President and led the club to President's Distinguished status this year and to being named Division H Club of the Year.

Jillian has taken the public speaking skills she learnt at Toastmasters and used them to become a highly-sought after motivational speaker.

She is also the author of the highly inspirational book 'Indian.English' in which she tells the story of a life of abject poverty on the street of Calcutta, and shares life lessons for taking control and reshaping your life. Jillian was awarded the prestigious Mother Theresa Memorial Award in 2017 for her philanthropic work with six charities both in the UK and in India.

If you would like to see Jillian and



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other speakers in action and learn more about Toastmasters and how it could help you to build confidence and competence as a public speaker and learn leadership skills, you are very welcome to join us as a guest at one of our fortnightly club meetings on every second and fourth Monday of the month.

You will get a chance to share the club experience: Prepared speeches, impromptu (off-the-cuff speeches) and evaluations

(feedback) of all the speeches. A warm welcome awaits our guests.

Due to the pandemic, meetings are currently virtual and we look forward to returning to a mix of face-to-face and virtual meetings in the future. For further details, email us at hertfordshirespeakersclub@gmail.com

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