

Speech Competition Guide | Rare Disorders Month School Kit



Holding a speech competition is a great way for students to engage in self-directed learning to become knowledgeable and passionate about rare disorders, while encouraging the audience to do the same.

- As a school, year group or class, you could organise a speech competition where students persuade the audience why 'A strategy for rare disorders' is an important first step towards equitable care and services for people living with a rare disorder.
- This could be suggested as a topic for a wider speech competition, or it could be a dedicated theme.
- Alternatively, students could use this theme as a prompt for a persuasive writing piece.
- Encourage students to research:
 - How the NZ healthcare system supports rare disorders patients compared to other OECD countries.
 - The prevalence of rare disorders in NZ, and how it compares to common health disorders
 - Experiences of rare disorder patients in NZ. They may even have a friend, schoolmate or family member who they could interview.
 - What the NZ Government has promised to deliver, compared with what they are still yet to achieve
- Send in any photos or videos from the speech competition to RDNZadmin@raredisorders.org.nz