



Let me teach you. I can teach you to debate. I can teach you to rebuttal. If needs be I can teach you to love.

My little Literificlings, the world of the competitive debate is harsh, the Irish circuit is masturbatory in its insularness and finds our sort outside Dublin to be both unpalatable and a little frightening. However I have frolicked amongst their ranks for manys a year, wreaking havoc as I went. As Training Officer I would forge the Literific into an army of darkness that can take the competitive debating world by storm. Find below a list of some of my more notable debating/public speaking accolades alongside my usual competition participation:

Winner - Toastmasters Public Speaking 2015
Finalist - Europe Direct Soapbox 2014
Finalist - West of Ireland Schools Debating 2016
Finalist - Irish Times 2018

As part of my position I would organise manys a workshop, going from basic debating skills to more nuanced concepts such as “finding your style” and “podium presence.” These would be hosted either by myself or any notable names I could lure in from the wider debating community. I would also create a humorous “How To Debate” short video which introduces the basic concepts of debating within the Literific and can be sent to maiden speakers. I would also work with the Outreach Officer to organise schools debating workshop days.

Vote Russell for Training Officer and together we can put the fear of Godkin into the Irish Debating Circuit.