

PATHWAYS

Learning Paths at a Glance

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A member's quick guide to every current, vintage, and legacy learning path in the Toastmasters education program.

Pathways is Toastmasters International's education program for building communication and leadership skills. Every member chooses a learning path aligned to their goals; each path contains five levels of increasing complexity, at least 14 projects, and a minimum of 15 prepared speeches.

Current Learning Paths (6)

These six paths are open to all members today and receive Pathways' latest role and speech-series enhancements.

PATH	WHAT IT'S FOR
Dynamic Leadership	Builds strategic-leadership skills. Projects explore leadership and communication styles, how conflict affects a group, and the skills needed to defuse and direct it — plus strategies for leading organizational change. Culminates in a project applying your leadership skills.
Engaging Humor	Builds your skills as a humorous, engaging speaker. Projects develop your sense of humor and how it connects with an audience, including using humor in challenging and impromptu situations. Culminates in an extended humorous speech.
Motivational Strategies	Builds your skills as a powerful, effective communicator. Projects focus on building connections with others, understanding what motivates people, and successfully leading small groups to accomplish tasks.
Persuasive Influence	Builds your skills as an innovative communicator and leader. Projects focus on negotiating positive outcomes while strengthening interpersonal communication and public speaking, with an emphasis on leading through complex situations. Culminates in a self-designed High Performance Leadership project.
Presentation Mastery	Builds your skills as an accomplished public speaker. Projects focus on how an audience responds to you and on strengthening your connection with audience members.
Visionary Communication	Builds your skills as a strategic communicator and leader. Projects cover sharing information with a group, planning communications, and creating innovative solutions, with emphasis on speechwriting and delivery. Culminates in launching a long-term personal or professional vision.

New Legacy Additions: The Vintage Paths (2)

Introduced in 2026, these two **“Vintage Paths”** give members access to retired, historic Toastmasters content on Base Camp. Any member who has completed Level 1 of another path may add one. They earn full Distinguished Club Program credit and new badges, offering a window into the organization's past alongside the modern curriculum.

PATH	WHAT IT'S FOR
Basic Training For Toastmasters	Works through a version of the original Basic Training for Toastmasters manual, first introduced by TI founder Ralph C. Smedley in 1943. Its 12 speeches — from “The Ice Breaker” to “Carrying On” — cover foundational skills still valuable to speakers at every level, presented in their historic form on Base Camp.
The Communication Series: Entertaining Speaker + Storytelling	Draws on beloved retired content first used in clubs in the 1990s. Levels 1–3 use the Competent Communication manual; Levels 4–5 add the advanced Entertaining Speaker and Storytelling manuals, building humor, dramatic delivery, and storytelling craft.

Retired Legacy Paths (5)

As of October 23, 2024, these five original paths closed to new purchases. Members already working in them may continue but do not receive newer role and speech-series enhancements.

PATH	WHAT IT'S FOR
Effective Coaching	Interpersonal-communication and coaching skills for guiding others' development (no longer available for new purchase).
Innovative Planning	Project-management skills — time management, planning, and execution — culminating in running a real event.
Leadership Development	Strategic-leadership skills, including managing group dynamics and organizational change.
Strategic Relationships	Building strong professional relationships alongside public-speaking skill.
Team Collaboration	Skills for leading and motivating small groups to accomplish shared goals.

Note on terminology: Toastmasters International officially labels the two newest additions “Vintage Paths” and keeps the term “Legacy Paths” for the five retired 2024 paths above. Both groups are sometimes referred to informally as “legacy” because they preserve older program content.