

"He who knows only his own side  
of the case knows little of that"  
- John Stuart Mill

## Duelling – but not with banjos



Duellists: Kamal, Sasha, Tomas, Daniel, Sarah and Oliver also had to tackle challenging questions from the audience. The duels were expertly chaired by Lo, Kristina and Paul respectively.

Three pairs of duelling debaters went head-to-head on Tuesday 25th in the first ever Duel Debate session at 104 London Debaters.

Duel 1 was THW introduce a universal recycling system across the whole UK.

Proposer was Sasha with Kamal opposing. The motion was carried with no swing.

Duel 2 was THW End daylight saving time.

Proposer was Daniel, doing his first debate ever (well done!) with Opposer Sarah.

The motion was defeated with a swing to the Opposition.

## Income tax stays!

Our long-time member, Bill Moss led the Table Topic mini debates on our Zoom debate on the 11th October.

The prepared debate in the second part of the meeting was on the motion **"This House Would Abolish UK Income Tax"**. The pre-debate vote had 6 in favour, 9 opposed and 4 don't knows. After the debate the Proposition and the Opposition had persuaded 1 doubter each, and so the post-debate and final vote was: 7 in favour, 10 opposed, 2 don't knows. The motion was rejected with no swing; congratulations to the Opposition.

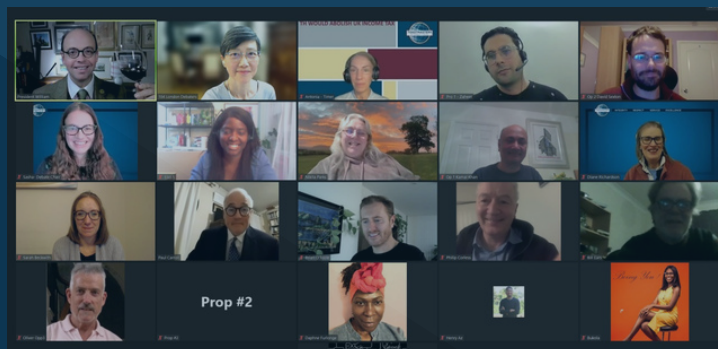
The Debate Evaluator was our founding member, Paul Carroll, who said he found the debate even more interesting than he had expected. Strong praise indeed from such an experienced debater as Paul.

Winner of the vote for best debate speaker was the Proposition's opening speaker, Zaheer Bheda.

Duel 3 was THW bring back the woolly mammoth. Proposer was former president Oliver with second time debater Tomas opposing. The motion was defeated with a swing to the Opposition.



Guest & Toastmaster, Kamidu (standing), asks a tricky question of Sarah and Daniel



The gang who turned out for our Zoom debate on the 11th October.

The Proposition's first speaker, Zaheer Bheda, won Best Speaker. Well done, Zaheer!

It's central to our  
**club ethos**  
to attend meetings to support our  
fellow members' progress

## NEXT EVENTS: joint debates, impro night, abolish X-mas presents

Founding member of 104 Paul Carroll  
showing the way



For the next couple of months we have a packed  
and exciting programme:

### November:

**Wednesday 2nd:** Joint debate with the London  
Debaters club! We will be the Opposition.  
Motion: THW Disclose All Salaries

**Tuesday 8th:** Table Topic Debates  
An evening of improvised mini-debates on Zoom!

**Tuesday 22nd:** Joint debate at Russell Sq. with  
the Debate London club! We will be the  
Proposition.  
Motion: THW End All Military Aid to the Ukraine

**Tuesday 29th:** Workshop on **How to build a  
Proposition case** by our resident Maestro Paul  
Carroll, DTM.

### December:

**Tuesday 13th:** Last debate of the year, at Russell  
Square - THW Abolish Christmas Presents! (About  
time too!)

## Become a member today!

Membership costs only around £6 per  
meeting and enables you to participate in  
main debates, workshops and get support.

Application form is on the website:  
<https://104londondebaters.club/>



Although this was Tomas Zboril's (left) only second  
debate (as a debater) he won the much coveted Special  
Prize for Best Overall Debate Speaker of the evening –  
with a very special diploma made by the President  
himself! I hope he'll frame it and put it pride of place!

## New members welcome

### Daniel Fulvio



Eighteen years ago Daniel moved  
from one historic city to another,  
coming from picturesque Salisbury  
to vibrant London.

"I have joined Toastmasters  
because, whilst I feel fairly confident  
at public speaking, I am slightly  
terrified at debating on the spot. I  
really look forward to sharpening  
my thinking and my ability to  
persuade."

Welcome, Daniel, you're in the right  
place!

## Welcome back, Sarah!



Sarah in the act of duelling (left) with  
Debate Chair Kristina looking on

It's a great joy to welcome back to the club Sarah  
Beckwith, an experienced and skilled debater who  
will no doubt contribute greatly to our meetings!  
Great to have you back, Sarah!