

September 2022

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

Tuesday, September 13th: Is nationalism a force for good?

Does my flag look big in this?

On Tuesday 13th Aug. at 6.45 for 7p.m. (UK time) 104 London Debaters will tackle the ever current issue of Nationalism – British, Scottish, Ukranian, Russian – with the motion **This House Believes Nationalism is a Force for Good**. If you disagree with this claim, hurry up and join the Proposition – David Sexton will be happy to slot you in, but hurry, this one is proving popular!

Join a team by contacting our VP of Education, David Sexton, through EasySpeak or on the club's WhatsApp group, and let him know you are willing to take a role.

Become a member today

Membership costs less than £6 per meeting and enables you to participate in the main debates, receive coaching, mentoring and gives you access to exclusive workshops by excellent and experienced presenters.

Contact our VP Membership, Renata, on info@104londondebaters.club.

Calling all members:



Workshop Tuesday 30th August: Mastering Zoom

It is only fair that all members should share equally in the various supporting roles that make our meetings possible.

This, and the fact is that Zoom has now come to stay in the world of work, makes this exclusive workshop for members extremely valuable.

Our Zoom Goddess, Sasha Kovyazina, will lead the course on TUESDAY 30th at 6.30pm on [Zoom](https://zoom.us), ably supported by Kamal Khan and Renata Bailey-Sokol.

Sasha has been crucial in making our online meetings work smoothly since 2020; she is extremely capable and will share her practical knowledge with us in a way that makes it easy and straight-forward to learn.
A wonderful opportunity to pick up a new skill.

Laziness is a virtue!



On Tuesday 27th September the debate will be on the extremely laid-back motion that **Laziness is Next to Godliness**. The question is how lazy the Proposition will be in arguing in favour and how non-lazy the Opposition will be? Can the Proposition win without going against the motion itself? Come to 46-47 Russell Square in London or tune in to the Zoom-room to find out.

Great fun with Mini-Debates



Some of the 37 attendees at the Table Topic Evening - notice big brother David in the background

37 people turned out on Tuesday the 23rd August to have a night of improvised debating, or Table Topic Debates; 24 in person at Russell Square and 13 on Zoom. William Hagerup, Lo Luong Lo and Paul Carroll divided being mini-debate chair for a third of the meeting each.

The best speakers were Henry (next to William standing far left below), Haiyang, Siso and Val (on screen).



See more pictures and details on the website:
<https://104londondebaters.club/>

Next debates:

13th September: Nationalism = good, Zoom only

27th September: Laziness = godliness, hybrid

See website for details

New members welcome

Chiko Maranga

Chiko is from Zimbabwe and came to London 10 years ago.

"I became a member of 104 London Debaters to build, practise and improve my debating skills. It's been great fun to be challenged, and to learn new ideas and perspectives. I'm very excited to continue my journey with 104!"



Tomas Zboril

Tomas moved to London in 2020 from the Czech Republic.

"I joined 104 London Debaters to continue improving my debating skills, to get my point across and to better understand the views of the opposing side. This club seems like a perfect place to do just that."

The Bill is back

We welcome back returning member, Bill Moss, one of the original members of 104, and a long-time debater



Special guest from Debate London: Mike Pautsch

Mike Pautsch is the chairman of Debate London, and came to the mini-debate meeting on Tuesday 23rd August to inspect the competition. He also gave a great Table Topic debate speech. The committee is in discussions with Mike to hold two joint events in November: watch this space!



William (mad hatter) and Mike at the pub after the meeting on Tuesday