

Workshop on Public Speaking for Junior High School Teachers in Yogyakarta

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this Community Service program is to equip the senior high school English teachers of Sleman Region, Yogyakarta Special Province, with better understanding on public speaking and to provide these teachers with opportunity to practice and perform two public speaking events; MC-ing and Speech Delivery. As part of speaking microskills clearly stated in English Curriculum in senior high school, doing monologue has to be mastered by the high school students, therefore it was also expected that through this workshop, the teachers have the ability to teach the skills of public speaking to their students.

To reach the aims, direct and individual practices as well as theory deepening were the main methods applied in the workshop. The activities were started by a lecturing activity in which the participants were introduced to the verbal expressions of MC-ing and Speeches. In the next activity the participants were grouped into small groups, accompanied by tutors, and practiced with peers. At this stage the participants distributed among group members the tasks of being MCs and Speech speakers. Also during this activity, the participants shaped their fluency and pronunciation accuracy. Self-confident and gestures were introduced through singing a song deliberately chosen for the participants. The final step is to have the participants performed the public speaking events and feedbacks were given by three instructors who acted as judges.

The results of the program among others are the workshop participants acknowledged the features of a monologue that differ it from a dialogue, participants acquired the verbal aspects of a public speaking event (the special expressions used) and the non-verbal aspects like self-confidence, gestures, and facial expression, participants were able to differ the characteristics of MC-ing and Speech Delivery, the participants were able to perform two kinds of public speaking events; MC-ing and Speech, and lastly the participants were able to teach public speaking skills to their students.

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