

Official Languages Committee
Canada School of Public Service
Government of Canada



All Things Considered - ATC
À toutes fins utiles - ATFU



Increasing your ease in your
second language through
debates

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How do you stand out in a business meeting?

How do you express yourself eloquently and give weight to your arguments?

How do you tell a particularly compelling story?

Objectives of the ATC initiative

Encourage the desire
to communicate in
one's second
language

Suggest public
speaking techniques

Give weight to your
arguments

Tell a compelling story

A monthly meeting



First Wednesday of
the month



From 12:00 p.m. to
1:00 p.m. (EST)



What resources?



One-hour sessions



4 groups (2 in English,
2 in French)



5+ participants per
group



4 facilitators (2
francophones, 2
anglophones)



1 community
manager (e.g., send
emails)

Participants

- Have an advanced level in your second language
- Have an appetite for maintaining a natural level in your second language
- Master verbal communication
- Socialize with other participants

Facilitators

- Passionate about sharing ideas
- Have participated in a refresher course given by the initiative's leads
- Willing and available

Examples of topics

- Diversity, equity, inclusion (e. g., workplace biases)
- The regions VS the center
- Succession in the Federal Government
- The federal public servant of 2022. How are they perceived?
- Professional and personal development (i. e. internal and external training)
- Non-public actors of the Federal Government (e. g., Microsoft, Adobe, etc.)
- The use of private consultancy (e. g., think tanks)
- The new public management and how to develop a sense of belonging within the Federal Government
- The impact of new technologies (e. g., social networks)
- Climate change
- Which United Nations for today's world?
- Open government and its limits
- The privacy of federal public servants
- Accessibility
- Telework
- Well-being in the workplace
- The indigenous issues (e. g., reconciliation, treaties, governance)
- Interaction between the Federal Government and the academic world
- Etc.

Now, it's up to you!

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