

## Speech Competition Guide | Rare Disorders NZ School Kit



Holding a speech competition is a great way for students to engage in self-directed learning to become knowledgeable and passionate about rare disorders, while encouraging the audience to do the same.

- As a school, year group or class, you could organise a speech competition where students persuade the audience why 'New Zealand needs a dedicated strategy for rare disorders'.
- This could be suggested as a topic for a wider speech competition, or it could be a dedicated theme.
- Alternatively, students could use this theme as a prompt for a persuasive writing piece.
- Encourage students to research:
  - How the NZ healthcare system supports rare disorders patients compared to other OECD countries.
  - The prevalence of rare disorders in NZ, and how it compares to common health disorders
  - Experiences of rare disorder patients in NZ. They may even have a friend, schoolmate or family member who they could interview.
  - What the NZ Government has promised to deliver, compared with what they are still yet to achieve
- Send in any photos or videos from the speech competition to [RDNZadmin@raredisorders.org.nz](mailto:RDNZadmin@raredisorders.org.nz)