

# English-AHS-CONTEST 2018

WIFI Dornbirn  
Tuesday, 20 February 2018, 08:30 – 12:30

## Format

### 1. Conditions of Participation

See application form ("Teilnahmebedingungen").

### 2. Procedure

#### Round 1: PANEL DISCUSSION

- **Preparation time** (15 minutes): Candidates are provided with the discussion topics. In addition, each candidate receives a particular question he /she is supposed to refer to in a one-minute opening statement at the beginning of the panel discussion.
- **Panel discussion** (15 – 20minutes): Each group consists of 4 - 5 candidates. The discussion is introduced with a short **opening statement** by each candidate (see above) and is moderated by a native speaker.
- The **8 best candidates** move on to round 2.

#### Round 2: SELF-PRESENTATION and SPEECH

- **Preparation time** (10 minutes): For their speech the candidates are offered two topics they can choose from. Together with their topics, they are also given bullet points, which they are supposed to cover in their speeches.
- Round 2 starts with short **self-presentations** (about 1 minute long), in which the candidates talk about the meaning of languages in their lives. After this, they continue with their **speeches** (about 3 minutes).
- The **3 best candidates** move on to the final round.

#### Round 3: Final Round: ROLE-PLAY

- **Preparation time** (10 minutes)
- **Role-Play** (5 minutes): The remaining three candidates individually take part in a role-play with a native-speaker.
- The **winner** will represent Vorarlberg at the **WIFI Sprachmania** in Vienna on April 19-20, 2018.

### 3. Assessment Criteria

#### Contents:

Variety of ideas and arguments, knowledge of subject, relevance, persuasiveness, coherence, awareness of audience, coverage of bullet points (speech)

#### Fluency and interaction:

social competence, interacting, reacting, taking initiative, identifying with a certain role

#### Spectrum of spoken language:

register, range of vocabulary and constructions, idiomatic expressions

#### Accuracy:

Vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, intonation

These criteria are based on the “Analytischer Beobachtungsbogen – B2”, which is also used for jury-assessment at the Sprachmania in Vienna.

### 4. Topics

Examples of last year's topics are attached below (“Topics Contest 2017”).

### 5. Our Team

Moderator: not fixed yet

Jury: not fixed yet

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## TOPICS AHS-E-CONTEST 2017:

### Round 1: PANEL DISCUSSION

## Stereotypes

According to the video stereotypes can cause a lot of misunderstandings in communication. But what are the reasons that we have stereotypical images of other countries and their inhabitants? And what do they think of your country?

Discuss in your group the following:

- As an Austrian, how do you see yourself?
- How do you think people outside Austria see Austrians?
- What are other typical stereotypes?
- What do you think are stereotypes based on?
- Which harm can stereotypes cause?
- Can you think of any positive effects of stereotypical images?
- Think of situations where it is very important to be aware of cultural differences.

Opening statements:

Consider the following points and give a one-minute opening statement on one of them.

- the Austrian stereotype
- negative effects of stereotypical images
- positive effects of stereotypical images
- importance of knowing cultural differences
- personal experience with stereotypes

### **Info about the procedure in the panel discussion:**

All candidates first give their one-minute opening statements and then start a discussion on the questions above.

## Round 2: SPEECH

Prepare a short **self-presentation** (about 1 minute long), in which you talk about the meaning of languages in your life.

After this, continue with your **speech** (3 - 4 minutes).

For your speech, choose **one** of the following topics and answer the questions below. You may, of course, also add your own ideas in your speech.

<p>1. Politics and voting</p>	<div data-bbox="673 770 1321 922"></div> <ul data-bbox="571 949 1415 1218" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• reasons for low turnout for elections</li><li>• dangers of political apathy</li><li>• Voting at 16 – political awareness of adolescents</li><li>• political situation, for example in the USA or France</li><li>• role of politics in your life</li></ul>
<p>2. Sports</p>	<div data-bbox="635 1352 1369 1505"></div> <ul data-bbox="571 1532 1206 1800" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sports and today's youth</li><li>• benefits of sports</li><li>• dangers of sports, e.g. extreme sports</li><li>• money in sports</li><li>• role of sports in your life</li></ul>

## Round 3: ROLE PLAY

(5 Minutes)

### Expired ticket ...

Right now you are sitting on a train because you have been travelling per Interrail through Europe. You have been travelling for some weeks already and now you are on your way back home. You are glad that you still have your ticket, because you do not have any money left and you have already exceeded the limit of your credit card. Unfortunately, you have not realized until the conductor appears that your ticket became invalid yesterday. Now you have to persuade him/her not to throw you out of the train.