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Generating authentic 'real' language practice for your students: two motivating projects (and other ideas)

Other ideas for practicing outside the classroom with minimal teacher assistance

1. Rostrum This is a club for people interested in public speaking. It's the oldest public speaking club in the world (founded in 1923 in UK and in 1930 in Australia).

They meet several times a week. There is training in **formal speaking** (presentations, speeches, etc) with a lot of practice and useful, formal, honest feedback from club members. You can participate as a non-competitive member or enter competitions. Rostrum members have to be at least 18 years old.

In Hobart recently, there have been several foreign uni students who have participated and benefited greatly (socially and with language development e.g. giving academic presentations).

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2. Sports clubs
3. Community & church groups or clubs
 e.g. for gardening, crafts, walking, dancing, playing music, photography, film ...
4. Church groups

Other ideas for (near) authentic practice *with* teacher or school assistance

5. International student exchanges
6. 'Penpals' ('e-pals'?)
7. Task-based 'lessons' (cooking, road rules, getting a driving licence, etc)
8. Lessons based around extended pieces of authentic material e.g. movies, songs, video clips, etc