Tips & Helpful Suggestions for Giving a Speech

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Speech Length

If possible, please aim to keep your remarks at 3-5 minutes long. We understand it can sometimes be hard to summarize everything you want to say in such a short period of time and appreciate your effort to do so.

Introductions

Based on the style of ceremony, the Host or Master of Ceremonies (MC) may only do a brief introduction. We encourage you to say a few words on how you know our honouree as there may be attendees who will not know who you are.

Content

We encourage each speaker to centre their remarks around their relationship with the person we are honouring. Think of a specific facet of your life with this person. If it's helpful, centre your remarks around 1 - 2 words that best describes them to you.

Some of the most dynamic and touching speeches involve guests learning something new based on your remarks and anecdotes.

Best Practices & Additional Speaker Tips

 \cdot If you are printing your remarks, make the size 1-2 points larger than normal. You will want to be able to read your words clearly and easily.

· Print remarks the day before. Bring a pen on the day of for any late additions.

· If possible, insert printed remarks into clear page protectors or a small folio. This will help reduce the rustling of pages.

 \cdot On event day, we will remind you to stand approximately 4" away from the microphone. If there is a wireless mic, the ideal placement is resting on top of your chin.

Please know that it is much easier for us to turn down the volume of someone who is too close to the microphone than to turn up the mic volume if you are standing too far away.



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Professional Event Support for Celebrations of Life



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We promise to bring the same care and attention to detail to your event as we would for our own family.

During the process, you will be in the hands of caring event professionals who will prioritize your best interests in every aspect of event planning.

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EVENT PLANNING

Let us handle the specific details so you can be fully present to honour your person. Services range from day-of coordination to full-service event planning.

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CONSULTATIONS

Book a one-hour call to speak with our team about an upcoming event. We will take your unique plans and tailor our advice to fit your needs.



ABOUT US

New Narrative is an event company with specific expertise in celebrations of life. We have planned over 450 gatherings for groups of all sizes and budgets.

Our hands-on and collaborative approach is always tailored to our clients' specific needs.

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THE PLANNING ROADMAP

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FINALIAZATION &

EVENT: VIRTUAL FILE TRANSFER OR IN-PERSON & WRAP UP



LIVE STREAMING

Give guests the opportunity to participate in your ceremony from anywhere in the world. Allow us to create an inclusive and stress-free streaming experience for your community.



AUDIO-VISUAL NEEDS

We take care of setting up and operating all of the audio-visual equipment to make sure the event elements look and sound their best.



CUSTOM SLIDESHOWS

Preserve photos in a keepsake slideshow. Our team creates a custom-edited video with your curated photos and music of choice.

The first thing my son said after the event was, "I'm glad we hired the professionals." I wholeheartedly agreed. - Dee Dee Downs



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