SOME POWERFUL WAYS TO OPEN YOUR ORAL PRESENTATION

1. Begin with a startling statistic.
2. Quote from a poem, a (preferably famous) person or book.
3. Give your own striking statement or controversial thought.
4. Ask a rhetorical question.
5. Make a confession.
6. Use some appropriate humour with impact.
7. Use some music with meaning or impact.
8. Combine an unusual visual (an object, a cartoon on an overhead etc.) with your clever opening.
9. Demonstrate your knowledge of the audience.
10. Make a surprising entry in costume and keep the role. (Don’t just talk about Fred Hollows, be Fred Hollows – or Shakespeare, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Cathy Freeman, a character from a movie /novel etc. etc.)