

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.)**