

VERMONT SPEAKER RESOURCES

Better Business Bureau

<http://www.linkedin.com/company/974181/bbb-speakers-bureau-284736/product>

BBB Speakers Bureau topics include identity theft; scams & fraud; giving wisely to charities; BBB standards of trust; money-handling advice for young people. This is a FREE service.

Birds

<http://www.vermontbirds.com/speakers.php>

Experts in birding, bird identification, the economics of bird watching, gardening for birds and backyard bird feeding and observation are available. Call 888-613-9973 or e-mail info@birdzilla.com.

Center for Research on Vermont

<http://www.uvm.edu/~crvt/SpeakersList/SpeakersList.pdf>

The list is dated, but still offers good leads. CRT is part of UVM.

Colleges & Universities

Call the Public Affairs Office of the nearest college or university to locate a speaker for a topic you'd like covered. Green Mountain College maintains a speakers bureau of faculty ready to address particular topics. See the listing at

<http://www.greenmtn.edu/academics/speakers-bureau/topics.aspx> .

Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)

<http://cotsonline.org/resources/cots-speakers-bureau/>

The COTS Speakers Bureau is designed to educate the public about the many causes of homelessness, solutions that can end the tragedy of homelessness, and what individuals and organizations can do to make a difference. Speakers include COTS staff and board members, advocates, and people who are or have been homeless.

Community of Vermont Elders

<http://www.vermontelders.org/wordpress/about-c-o-v-e/community-education-programs>

Programs on basics of state government; legislative forums; kinship caregiving; and elder abuse. Contact Gini Milkey, gini@vermontelders.org , 802-229-4731.

Efficiency Vermont

<https://www.encyvermont.com/>

Can discuss what consumers can do in their homes, or their businesses, to save energy and possibly money. Contact Bob Murphy, bmurphy@veic.org , 802-540-7718.

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Freedom & Unity: The Vermont Movie

Purchase the six part DVD movie at <http://www.thevermontmovie.com/> . Possible associated speakers include Vermont filmmakers Nat Winthrop (natw99@together.net), Nora Jacobson (norajacobson@gmail.com) and Dorothy Tod (dtod@madriver.com).

Islamic Society of Vermont

<http://www.isvt.org/speakerrepresentative-request-form.html>

Outright Vermont

<http://www.outrightvt.org/education-outreach/youth-speakers-bureau/>

The most powerful way we reach people in the wider community is by sharing our personal experience as LGBTQ/Queer folks and allies. Our Speakers' Bureau panels provide opportunities for youth (ages 22 and under) speakers to share their personal stories, and for audience members to ask questions in a safe environment.

Trains

<http://www.railvermont.org/about-vran/activities/speakers-bureau/about-the-vermont-rail-action-network-speakers-bureau>

The Vermont Rail Action Network Speakers Bureau is composed of advocates and railroaders who can tell the story of how railroads touch the lives of your group. Topics include: railroads in Vermont overview; all about the railroad in your group's town - what it does, how it operates and how to be safe; how railroads power commerce and development and grow the economy; the environmental benefits of railroad transportation and its benefits for land use; 10 cool things we bet you didn't know!; planned rail projects that could transform the landscape of transportation in Vermont; Operation Lifesaver grade crossing safety. To request a speaker, fill out the form on the web page or call Christopher Parker at 802-579-3394.

Vermont Arts Council

<http://www.vermontartscouncil.org/>

Vermont Department of Financial Regulation

<http://www.dfr.vermont.gov/>

Informing the public is one of their main goals. This department licenses all banking, insurance, and securities agents in the state of Vermont, and is available to present programs on fraud and consumer complaints. Contact Dale Schaft at dale.schaft@state.vt.us , or 802-828-4872.

Vermont Electric Coop

<https://www.vermontelectric.coop/speakers-bureau>

The Speakers Bureau provides information with an age-appropriate focus on anything from energy 101, electrical safety and real life experiences to discussions on Vermont's energy future and the development and implementation of Smart Grid technology.

If your school or civic organization is interested in having a speaker on any facet of VEC's operations, programs, or services please contact the communications department at **1-800-832-2667**.

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Vermont Humanities Council, Speakers Bureau [http://www.vermonthumanities.org/
http://www.vermonthumanities.org/WhatWeDo/SpeakersBureau/tabid/95/Default.aspx](http://www.vermonthumanities.org/http://www.vermonthumanities.org/WhatWeDo/SpeakersBureau/tabid/95/Default.aspx) The Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau offers nonprofit organizations an easy, inexpensive way to host quality lectures and living history presentations in Vermont communities. The bureau offers more than ninety programs. We offer two types of programs: History Alive! presentations and lectures. All programs afford opportunity for discussion. Lectures present scholarship on diverse humanities topics. History Alive! programs bring historical characters to life through well-researched and well-acted portrayals.

Voices of Recovery Vermont

<http://www.friendsofrecoveryvt.org/get-involved/speakers-bureau/>

Speakers may be sharing their own personal experiences with addiction, or may be family members, friends, or service providers.