

Dear MUN Directors,

We are glad to announce that we are organizing the **Mini ILYMUN 2021 on the 5th of June**. Sadly, the conference of ILYMUN 2021 was canceled due to these hard and uncertain times. Despite this, the executive team has been working actively to prepare this conference that will be on the theme of: **Refugees, moving towards a better world**.

We have chosen to participate in the UNHCR MUN Refugee Challenge, this challenge is hosted by the UNHCR and allows the resolutions that will emerge from the conference to be examined by a jury. The best resolutions will then be shared with policy makers. This is a wonderful opportunity to move our delegates' research, actions and debates into the increasingly important realm of international policy development. It is also a fantastic opportunity for our delegates to get closer to the real UN, bringing them a step forward towards concrete change.

The conference will focus on three main issues: **Refugees and the impact of COVID-19, Protecting the rights of refugee women and Empowering refugees through technology**. These issues are strongly tied to our present times with the drastic consequences of the pandemic on those that were already struggling. At the same time, as refugee conditions deteriorate, women are in greater danger than ever and face many obstacles on their journey. Moreover, as technology becomes a bigger part of our everyday lives, it is important to consider the impact, benefits and difference it could have on refugees. All these themes are central questions that structure today's debates and the world of tomorrow.

The Mini Conference will take place on the 5th of June, online, from 9am to 4pm (9h-16h). The Cité Scolaire Internationale de Gerland and the International School of Lyon are delighted to organize it and to invite the Nazarbayev Intellectual School from Kazakhstan to participate as well as our usual ILYMUN school partners. Any student from grade 9 to grade 12 (3ème to Terminale) is welcome to participate. This conference will be the occasion for our delegates to debate as well as get to know each other, meet inspiring guest speakers and through an interactive time, discuss the resolutions that have emerged.

If you wish to participate in Mini ILYMUN 2021, please fill in the form attached by **Friday 21st of May**. If you need further information about registration or how the conference will take place, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Executive team members through our email address: ilymun@gmail.com or through our media accounts.

We look forward to your participation in Mini ILYMUN 2021!

Sincerely,

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