

LIMUN: HS 2021

A GENERATION IN A CLIMATE OF CHANGE

From debating guerrilla warfare in the Democratic Republic of Congo to honour-based violence against young women and girls, a dozen Duby students were fully occupied during the weekend of March 13 and 14 at the LIMUN:HS (London International Model United Nations High School) on-line conference.

With the theme of “**A generation in a climate of change**”, the online event briefly transported the students to an online reality where they joined dozens of other delegates to debate the world’s most pressing problems. An opening ceremony speech from Kate Gilmore, Australian Human Rights activist and United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, got the weekend off to an inspiring start. With the help of a virtual map and clear instructions, participants went on to represent their countries and committees, debating their positions with conviction, imagination and determination.

Successfully switching from one Zoom meeting and slack channel to another, the excellent organisation and high quality chairing made it a good substitute and training ground for face-to-face debating. Everyone is nevertheless looking forward to attending such events in-person in the future.

The topics for discussion on each of the Committees were as follows:

UNEP (Environment Programme) - Making the change to renewable electricity generation; UNSC (Security Council) - Guerrilla warfare in the DRC; WHO (World Health Organisation) - Improving global healthcare equity; ECOSOC (Economic and Social Committee) - Ensuring equal access to scarce resources; UN WOMEN - Preventing honour-based violence against young women and girls; SOCHUM (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee) - The rights of activists and border security.

Registered participants included: Corto BASTIAN (UNEP, Iceland); Yann BOBER (UNSC, Ireland); Lorraine HALL (WHO, Argentina), Océane LE NY, (UNSC, Vietnam), Violette MENAGER (UNSC, Estonia), Kim OSTBERG (ECOSOC, Philippines), Eline PEEKS (ECOSOC, South Africa), Maëlys PETITGAS (UNSC, DRC), Baptiste SCHMIEDER (WHO, Japan), Garance MYCZEK, (UN WOMEN, Japan), Gabin VIAL (SOCHUM, Japan) Adrianos ZISSIS (SOCHUM, USA).