

## **Registration and frequently asked questions**

### **What is EYP Ireland?**

EYP Ireland has been in existence for over 18 years as a non-profit youth organisation which actively engages young people in discussion of Europe and the European Union. Since our foundation, we have organised dozens of weekend-long conferences for secondary school students across Ireland, promoting awareness of European issues among young people. It is our mission in EYP Ireland to develop interest in young people in these issues. We seek to empower youth to question the world around them and come up with innovative solutions to global problems, whilst emphasising cooperation and respect. It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us and let the voices of our young people be heard.

### **Who looks after the student's welfare?**

Each of our conferences are supervised and organised by a head organiser and their team of dedicated organisers who look after and supervise the students in attendance. The students themselves are guided through their topics by trained group facilitators (all members of EYP alumni body) who are experienced in working with young people, the majority being college students themselves. The conference is overseen by the National Committee who perform the executive functions of the organisation and ensure that the conference is executed safely and proper adherence to our codes of conduct and child protection policy. The acting National co-ordinator provides further support to ensure the same as well as providing a professional point of contact for the concerns of parent's, guardians and teachers. EYP Ireland prides itself on an excellent track record of care and attention to detail in ensuring that delegates are looked after and enjoy their EYP experience. Many of the students who attend our conferences describe it fondly as "something they will never forget".

### **LOCATION:**

The conference will be held in Our Lady's School, Terenure, Dublin 6w. The school is accessible by Dublin Bus routes 49, 65, 65B and 15.

### **Registration is now open!**

Registration and payment of attendance fee is required to attend the conference. This is to be completed by the 5th October 2018. Registration takes place online (detailed below) & delegates will have to have consent forms completed by their parent/guardians to attend the conference. Details of registration are found further down in this email.

Demand for this conference has always exceeded supply, and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The participation fee for the conference is €60 per individual. Payment must be received before attendance to the conference. Payment after the 5th of October will incur a €10 administrative charge.

### **12th of October – The Conference Begins**

The conference begins! Delegates will arrive at Our Lady's School Terenure and check-in will take place. Further details will be sent to delegates as the conference approaches and via our website. Once check-in is completed, teambuilding will begin. All participants must have a media and consent form signed by their parents or guardians. The media and consent forms must be printed and brought to the session

### **What occurs at our conferences?**

They will be led by trained group facilitators who will guide them through discussion and critical evaluation of these topics as they work together as teams to come up with new and innovative ways of tackling the problems of our times.

The weekend also consists of a very fun element. Not only will groups discuss topics with the goal of putting together a written resolution document to be debated in a general assembly, but they will engage in group games which focus on development of skills such as communication, critical thinking, lateral thinking and also ensure that energy is kept high. For more information on what occurs over the weekend, please consult the information booklet attached.

## **Why should your students attend?**

This conference is a great way to encourage your students to break out of their shell, to make friends with likeminded people and to discuss issues bigger than themselves. From the conference, several students will be selected to attend the national conference due to take place in Spring 2018.

### **Special Guests.**

It is a tradition in EYP Ireland to invite a guest speaker to open and address the students of the conference to the weekend. A number of key political persons have been invited to attend the conference and we eagerly await the announcement of the speaker for the upcoming conference.

### **Important**

School rules apply at all times. EYP Ireland has a strict zero-tolerance policy with regards to drugs and alcohol. Any student found to be in possession will be sent home immediately.

Delegates must arrive on Friday 12th of October between 4 & 4:45pm at Our Lady's School Terenure. Delegates should dress casually for Friday evening but formally for Saturday and Sunday. (A good guideline is to dress as for work in an office – shirts and ties as a minimum for boys.) In addition, students may wish to bring a change of clothes for the Saturday evening disco.

### **NOTES FOR TEACHERS & GUARDIANS:**

Delegates must be either Transition Year or Fifth Year students.

When students register for the conference online, they are given a choice of committees, each with a different topic. We will try to assign students one of their preferred committees, but this is not always possible. Students from the same school will not be on the same committee. Students will select topics in order of preference during online registration.

NB - Contact between students will primarily be by email. Students must make sure to give their correct contact details in the registration process. Students will be notified shortly after registration of their assigned topics.

NB - Students are expected to have done some research on their assigned topics.

NB – Students will be emailed their topics in advance of the conference.

Consent forms are available at;

[http://eypie.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/parent\\_guardian\\_consent\\_forms.pdf](http://eypie.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/parent_guardian_consent_forms.pdf).

**EYP Ireland cannot take responsibility for students without valid consent forms.**