

DCMUN 2017

*The Davis College
Model United Nations*

Cork City Hall
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Invitation



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Dear Principal / MUN advisor,

Davis College has the pleasure of inviting your school to the 4th Davis College International Model United Nations conference (**DCMUN 2017**), to be held in the Cork City Hall on 24th-27th January 2016 in Cork City, Republic of Ireland. DCMUN is open to all secondary school students and is a particularly academic and highly valued activity for TY students across Ireland and senior students overseas.

What is it?

MUN is a debate-based activity and one of the most popular extra-curricular academic undertakings worldwide. It is a **simulation of the United Nations General Assembly**, in which students (mainly in the senior cycle and primarily TYs) represent delegations (countries or NGOs – non-governmental organisations). Due to the high level of interest in DCMUN from schools in Ireland and abroad, the 2017 conference will continue to include a **Special Conference** (this time on Youth & Environment).

What is the objective?

To write clauses and ultimately resolutions that will tackle, resolve or at least minimise problems connected to pressing world issues in the areas of human rights, environment, scientific advancement, politics, ethics, aid, health, disarmament, etc.

How does it work?

In a MUN conference, each student represents a country or a NGO. Students will become experts in the delegation they represent and on the issues being debated (please see Agenda Issues document attached/included). They will then write resolutions (made up of preambulatory clauses and operative clauses), which will be debated and voted on. **DCMUN is a resolution-based conference**. This means that delegates who wish to be more actively involved in the conference must submit whole resolutions with pre-ambulatory and operative clauses.

Can teachers and students avail of training?

Yes. The organisation committee of DCMUN 2017 will be giving one workshop for the teachers and participating students on the following date and location:

Workshop – Tuesday, 22th Nov. 2016 – 10:00-13:00, Rochestown Park Hotel – *for teachers and students*

Enrolment for this workshop is requested (up to 1 week prior to it). Please do so by e-mail, phone or fax.

How to enrol & participate?

- 1 – Divulge activity in school (see leaflets included) and select students to participate (max. 20);
- 2 – Select a teacher (or more) who will be responsible for this activity in your school (chaperone);
- 3 – Initiate preparation of students and carry out research on the agenda issues;
- 4 – Return Form I (attached/included) no later than 14th October 2016 by e-mail, fax or post;
- 6 – Delegation assignments to participating schools will be revealed by organising committee;
- 7 – Return Form II (attached/included) no later than 11th November 2016 by e-mail, fax or post;
- 8 – Attend Workshop (recommended but not compulsory) – Tuesday, 22th November 2016, Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork, 10:00-13:00 (for teachers and students);
- 9 – Write resolutions and speeches (not compulsory but recommended, particularly the speeches on the issues);
- 10 – Attend DCMUN 2017 Conference (24th-27th January 2017) – see provisional programme attached for locations.

DCMUN Videos

For a clearer idea of the workings of DCMUN, please find two relevant videos in the following internet locations:

- [youtube.com - DCMUN Explained \(Link: https://youtu.be/qvcFA909REo\)](https://youtu.be/qvcFA909REo) – Explains DCMUN
- [youtube.com – DCMUN 2016 \(Link: https://youtu.be/aT8-mF4iPAE\)](https://youtu.be/aT8-mF4iPAE) – Shows highlights of DCMUN 2016 in Cork City Hall

There are also a variety of other MUN videos on youtube that can prove to be highly helpful for teachers and students alike.

Please find attached/included in this envelope 10 important documents:

- Form I (to be returned no later than 14th October 2016);
- Form II (to be returned no later than 11th November 2016);
- Agenda Issues;
- Provisional programme;
- Structure and Regulations for DCMUN 2017;
- DCMUN 2017 Explained;
- Preambulatory phrases (**preambulatory clauses** can only start with one of these phrases and must be in italics);
- Operative phrases (**operative clauses** can only start with one of these phrases and must be underlined);
- Leaflets (please put these leaflets in your staffroom to advertise the event);
- Sample Resolution.

Please be aware that there is a fee of **€25 per delegate**, which includes conference/workshop fees, reception, coffee breaks, stationery and shuttle buses from Mallow (Davis College) to Cork City Hall on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th January (however, these buses must be booked well in advance).

Please note that lunches are not included. Chaperones attend the conference free of charge.

Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding queries or further information. Please see contacts at the end of this letter.

Kindest regards,

Stephen Gilbert – Principal

Hope Williams – Secretary-General

José Horta – DCMUN Director