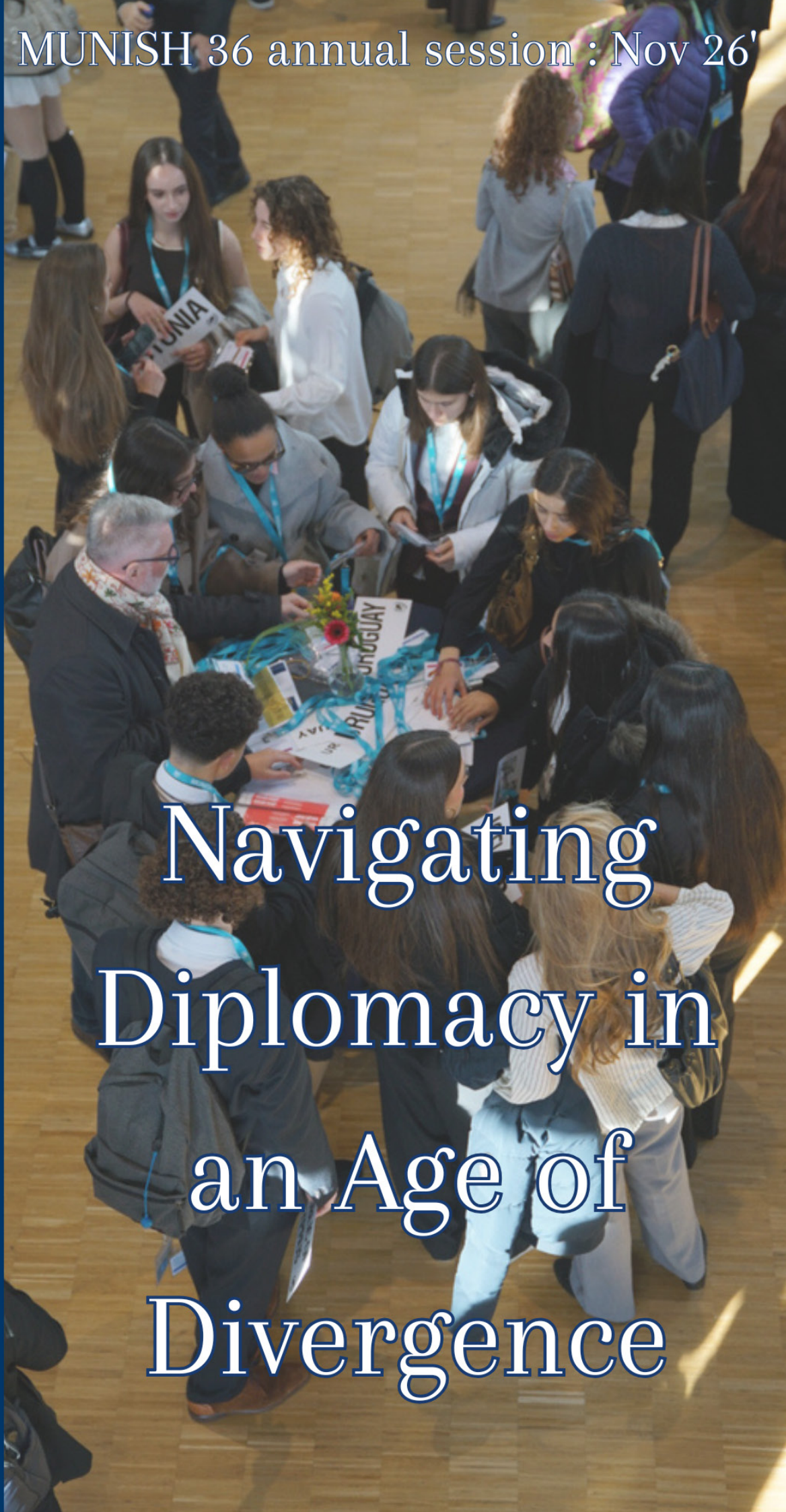
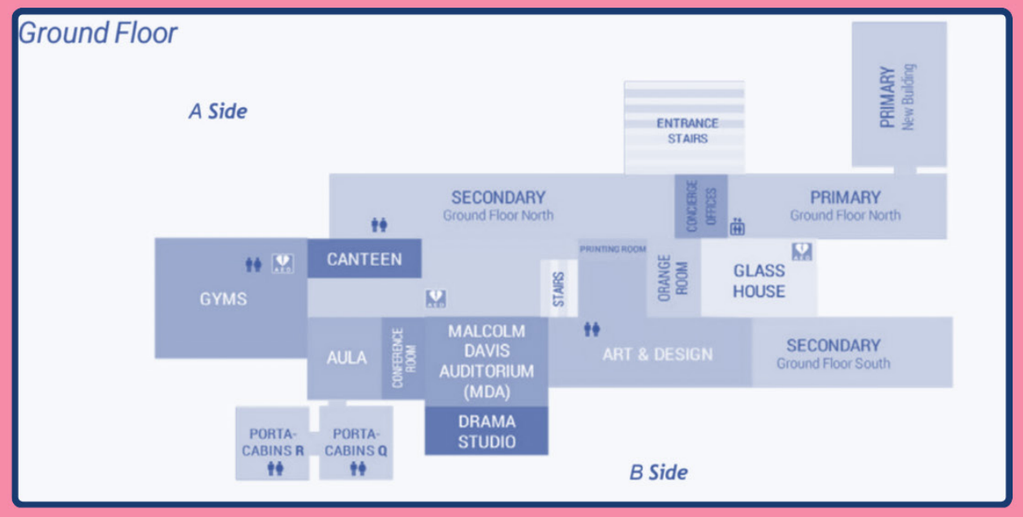
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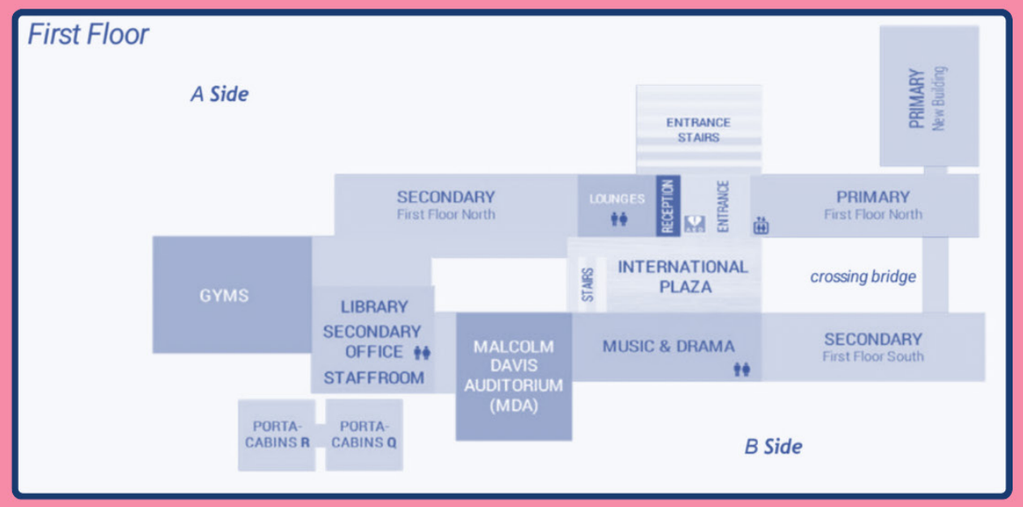
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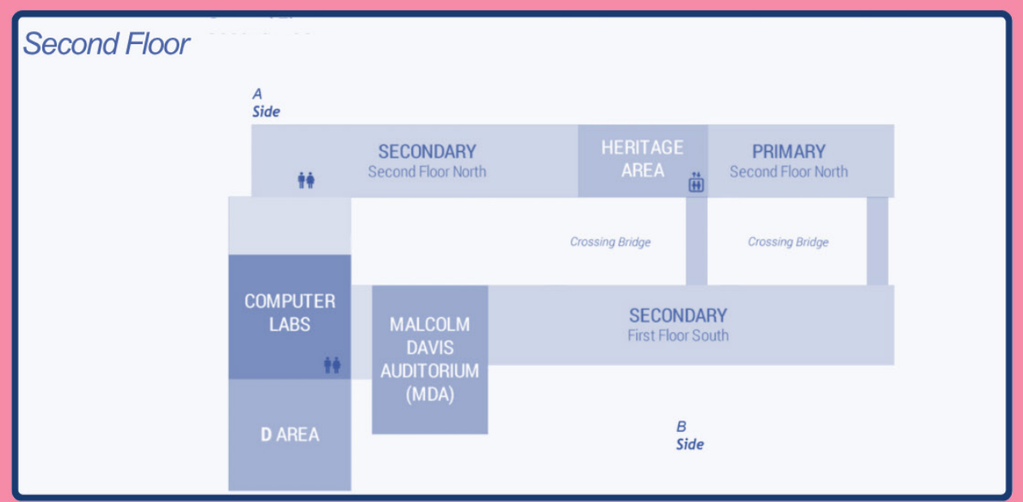


Navigating Diplomacy in an Age of Divergence

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Welcome to the 36th annual MUNISH Conference!

Welcome, delegates, chairs, MUN Directors and guests!

The moment we have all been waiting for is finally here.

After weeks of preparation, countless ideas and anticipation, MUNISH begins! Over the coming days, we invite you to step into the world of diplomacy, challenge and communication to tackle some of the world's most pressing issues.

Whether this is your first conference or not, bring your ideas, embrace new perspectives and don't hold back from making your voice heard.

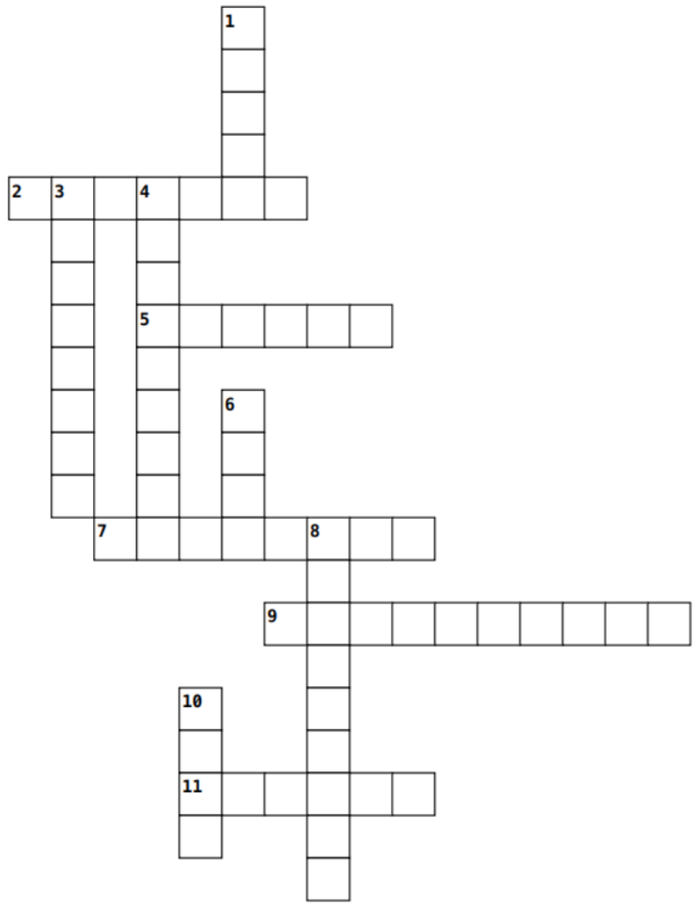
Enjoy every moment and make this conference one to remember.

We wish you a successful MUNISH!





Crossword Puzzle



Across

2. country sign
5. This MUN!
7. student representative of a country
9. final committee decision
11. monologue

Down

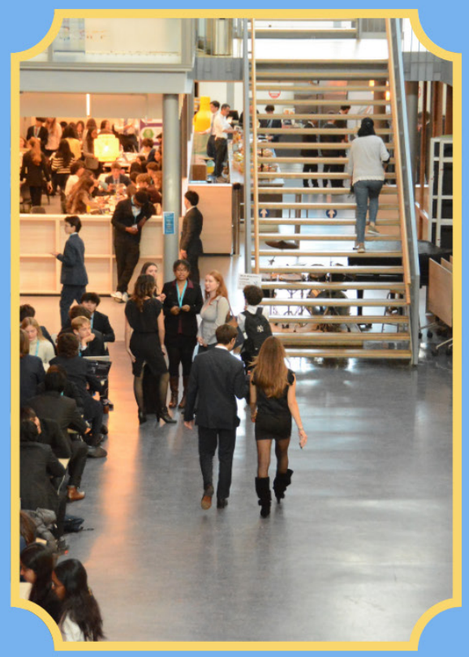
1. officer of a committee
3. networking
4. council
6. poll
8. adjustment
10. ...dressed

What are the participants' hopes for the MUNISH this year?

We have come to the beginning of the 36th annual MUNISH and everyone seems to be looking forward to it. Of course, MUNISH is a great experience to have on your University application, but that's not the only reason why this year's participants have decided to attend. After speaking with Admin staff, MUNISH Directors, Delegates, and the Hospitality Team there have been some interesting answers as to what they hope for this year's conference and their own personal goals and reasons to be in MUNISH this year.



A common hope within the participants this year is that they will meet new people and be able to connect with an audience that they usually do not connect with.



"I hope to meet a bunch of new people and I hope that people feel welcomed as they walk in the school."

Hospitality team staff, Noura Greene

Representing the warmth of ISH students who are excited to meet new people and make sure that guests feel as comfortable as possible in this new space.

"I hope to just see how MUNISH goes. I want to make new friends, and I want a new experience."

Admin Staff member, Roman Sorokin

Which highlights the desire to learn as much as they can during these three days both about diplomacy and working in a community.



"I hope to get Best Delegate or Honorable mention, and I just want to make a lot of speeches."

Delegate, Shreyas Sriram

"I'm really excited to see so many students come together from so many different, not just schools, but countries. I'm excited for the flag ceremony, if that's still happening. I'm just really looking forward to some great young minds getting together to share their ideas."

Model United Nations Director, Sarah Staveley

All of these interviews tell us that people are not only looking forward to improving their debate and diplomacy skills, but also working in a community, meeting new people, and sharing their ideas in a context where they are fully heard.









DAY 1 in PHOTOS!!

















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Navigating MUNISH Conference Fashion

Before every MUN conference it isn't uncommon for participants to be reminded by the conference or by their MUN Directors of what is MUN appropriate or not. The dresscode itself is part of what makes MUNISH so particular. Usually described as Western Business Attire, the dress code is formal and prohibits casual and athletic wear, revealing clothing and flashy accessories. Often, delegates struggle to find the right balance between respecting the dress code requirements, being comfortable and feeling good about their outfit choice. Today, we will see the do's and don'ts of MUNISH fashion and how to actually pick the right outfit with the help of our fellow delegates and admins.



Noah Sheriff Jr

Noah Sheriff Jr, an admin, tells us that dressing well and feeling comfortable is possible as long as you choose a well-fitted suit and adequate footwear. To him, the main requirement you have to follow is : "*the suit and tie […] a good button-up shirt that you don't forget to tuck in*." In terms of footwear, he also recognizes that wearing specific shoes such as loafers can really affect how comfortable you feel. He also adds that when having a role that requires you to be seen by a lot of people it's important to look professional. For that you can use a darker color palette and keep your outfit consistent overall by not wearing too many colors at the same time.

By Gabrielle Dubuisson

Navigating MUNISH Conference Fashion



Felicia Buettner-Loennerfors



Benjamin Alexander

Felicia Buettner-Loennerfors, from the Human Rights council and Benjamin Alexander, from the Peace Building Commission both talked about the MUN fashion staples, for Felicia it was a blouse and for Benjamin it was a tie. Both agreed that a darker color palette was usually easier to create an appropriate outfit and both mentioned how this dress code boosted their confidence as it allowed them to "*get into the Model United Nations environment*" and "feel more confident" when debating. Felicia mentioned how :"*It's not the point to wear the fanciest thing possible. The point is to look good, it's to feel good.*" Benjamin also added that "*You feel more confident when you look good […] We're forming the environment by participating and following the dress code.*"

Generally, MUNISH's dresscode can be interpreted in many different ways and be respected while still including personal preferences and comfort. Using steady and familiar color palettes, tailored clothes that suit your personal preference, practical footwear, classic accessories and something simple that represents you can help achieve all these things. Most importantly, clothes are a way to show who you are, get into the gist of the conference. A dress code shouldn't stop you from meeting new people, discovering new things, fulfilling your role and learning.

By Gabrielle Dubuisson

Best Dressed...









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First Time Delegate at MUNISH? Here's the Deal! By Viola Giudici

Being a delegate at MUNISH isn't just an opportunity to engage with people from around the world, but also to discuss crucial real-world issues. Model United Nations is meant to simulate government level debates with the aim of developing skills in diplomacy. The best way to get the most out of your MUNISH experience is to understand that the way the conference is structured is to benefit the youth of tomorrow.

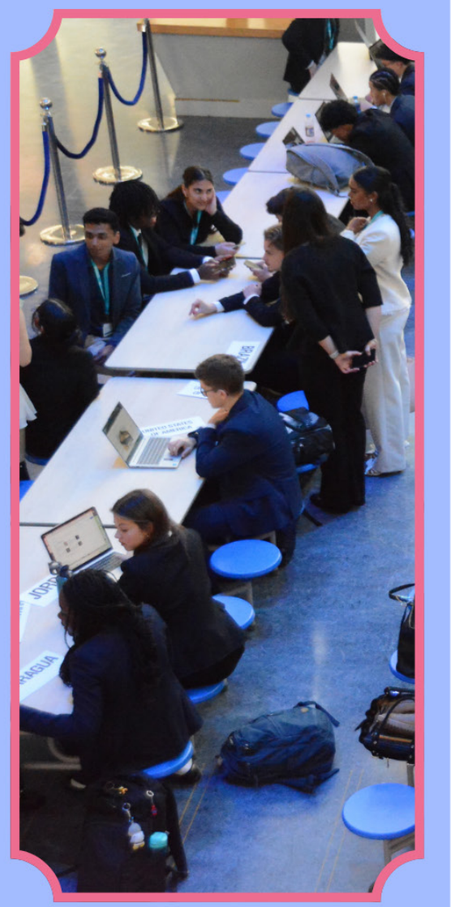
Just as a reminder, throughout the conference it's important to adhere to the rules in the Delegate Handbook. For example, remember that the use of personal pronouns ("I","Me","You", et.) is prohibited when speaking. This is because delegates are meant to represent their country, not their personal interests! Use"This delegate","The delegate of __","Honorable chairs", and other such addresses instead. Whenever you want to ask a question or make a speech, raise your placard only when the chair signals that you can.

Position Papers!

Being a MUNISH delegate means understanding the responsibilities you carry. It is your obligation to research and understand the concerns and interests of your country. The best way to do this is by writing a position paper. If you haven't already compiled one, a position paper is a one to two page document that summarizes your country's background and recent political stance on the discussed topics.

Research & Planning Tips!

- Find your countries voting records; Dag Hammarskjöld Library has a United Nations Digital Library where you can access over 862,000 UN documents containing maps, voting records, and speeches!
- Make sure to note down ally and opposition countries. Draft short speeches to convince them of your stance and use specific data, events, or real world examples specific to them to support your argument!
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs websites are an amazing source because they often post speeches given at real UN Conferences. This is useful in understanding how to structure your speeches!



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Winning Best Delegate!

The key to winning the best delegate is to actively participate in the conference. The winners from previous years have usually written and led resolution papers. It shows the chairs that you're committed and have made meaningful contributions to the conference. It's also important to build diplomatic ties early, because it shows the chairs you have the key persuasion and communication skills needed to be a delegate. Speeches are also key moments for delegates to show off the research they've put in. Remember to reference real events, past alliances and oppositions, political stances and governmental decisions, while employing statistics and data that supports your point. Doing this proves to the chairs that effort has been put in and you clearly understand the issue being discussed.

Being at MUNISH for the first time can be an extraordinary experience. Remember to participate in the debates and enjoy your time here this weekend. Best of luck to all the new delegates!



The MUN Red and Green flags:

What everyone notices at MUNISH

By Eleanor Glackin

Every year, the same 'flags' fly. Not mistakes anyone is being told to fix, just the things everyone notices. So we asked people who keep coming back one question: What do you always see?

Delegates in action:

Ask a handful of delegates what they notice first, and the answer is almost always the same. "We must act now.": a line that follows a speaker from speech to speech until the room knows it by heart. One delegate in the Historical Security Council said that the problem is how contagious the sentence is. "We must act now," and then nobody says what we must act on.

The green flag is an aspect we don't see enough. A delegate in GA3 said the ones who stand out are those who "actually know how to answer questions". Being able to respond to the room and contribute is encouraged rather than sticking to a script.



Debate preparation

One flag is newer than the rest. A member of the press team was blunt about artificial intelligence: she doesn't object to the tool, but to what it replaces. Using AI to help you write isn't the problem, but being unable to form an idea without it is. "No AI, please," she said. "Use your own heads."

The red flag came from a delegate in GA4: the one who makes speeches for the entire session and then "gets mad" when the chair picks someone else. It's the kind of behaviour that reads as selfish, and it's noticed more than the person doing it realises.

The most fundamental green flag of MUN isn't procedural at all. It's the extroverts, the ones who make newcomers comfortable and pull people into conversations they'd otherwise stand outside of. They are the key to turning a room of strangers into a delegation. One prosecutor in the ICJ remembered her first MUNISH that way: she didn't know anybody, and two girls "accommodated me and encouraged me to talk and debate." Because of them, she said, she had a great experience.

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