



Embargo in the Congo



The delegates of all of the committees were presented with an exciting emergency scenario just before lunch. Some information about the crisis was available beforehand on the WIMUN VI website but a wonderful crisis video highlighted just how bad the emergency was. The government of Democratic Republic of Congo had attacked a rebel stronghold that possessed a chemical weapon provided by a Chinese weapons factory in Zimbabwe. The rebels within the stronghold were instantly killed by the attack and the stronghold was destroyed. As a result there was considerable fallout amongst the surrounding villages with many suffering severe burns and breathing difficulties as well as a concern over their

water supply. The rebels proceeded to attack the Chinese facilities in Zimbabwe injuring several technicians and causing structural damage to the factory. The Zimbabwean government responded to the attacks and Iran, Egypt and Libya offered support and threatened military retaliation against the rebels of Democratic Republic of Congo. The delegates were hard working and diligent in their research over lunch and so entered their joint committees well-prepared and raring to go. The joint committee consisting of delegates from the Security Council, Middle East and Disarmament committees sent in numerous amounts of creative solutions including the use of sanctions, giving aid, and military intervention. Several different delegations took the floor with

many making challenging points of information. However, the highlight of that joint committee had to be receiving a petition to evict the delegation of China, which was signed by China themselves! In the Human Rights Council, Human Rights Committee and the Political the resolution was submitted by Japan and after much deliberation, controversy and an amendment from Australia, the resolution managed to pass with a significant margin and diplomatically resolve the issue. The Press Team was very impressed with the standard of debate for a crisis that was thrust upon the delegates and we're sure you would agree that it was one of the highlights of the day.

Opening Ceremony: WiMUN has begun!

After all the preparation and planning that went into this weekend we cannot believe that WiMUN is officially here. We hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend and this year's Press Team are here to report the events of the conference, in case you missed any of them! 2014 has seen Withington's biggest ever conference, with seventeen schools taking part, with a total of 287 delegates. The Conference was kicked off with the Opening Ceremony in the Arts Centre with an introductory speech from our Headmistress, Mrs Marks, highlighting the importance of the UN and the need to learn about global events to better our society, something that MUN greatly facilitates. A truly inspirational and thought-provoking speech from our Guest Speaker, Aamer Anwar was a very fitting opening to our conference, focusing on the difference we can make through standing up against human rights abuses in society and taking a stand against inequalities, something the UN is a great defender of. Then followed a rousing speech from this year's Secretary General, Sheanna Patelmater, illustrating the value of simply standing up in debate and speaking with confidence, an obvious but highly important piece of advice for first time delegates. Sheanna emphasized the numerous roles involved in MUN, not just delegates, showing how all can get involved in MUN, a process that can enable active change in the future through the UN. She ended by declaring WIMUN VI officially open! So now it's over to you delegates. Good Luck!



Interview with Guest Speaker : Mr Aamer Anwar LLB

Withington was lucky enough to be joined by a guest speaker, Aamer Anwar, who gave an inspiring speech on the value of the UN from the perspective of human rights. Mr. Anwar, who originally studied engineering at the University of Glasgow, had intentions of joining the Royal Air Force. However, after engaging himself in student politics, he found his voice as an activist, which lit the fuse to a broad and dedicated campaigning process. Mr Anwar was the Scottish organizer for the Anti-Nazi League and led a march in 1993 to the London headquarters of the British National Party. He also worked for the Commission for Racial Equality, before deciding, in 1997, to go to law school. He noted the remarkable value of the UN, in standing up for those who otherwise would have no voice, striving to abolish abuses of human rights throughout the world. Making reference to the mass genocides of the Holocaust and the homophobic laws in Russia which have shrouded this year's Winter Olympic Games, Mr Anwar encouraged us to challenge discrimination and every day abuses of human rights, and not succumb to the pressures of fighting against a powerful system for what we believe is right, and just. He was the first lawyer in the UK to be put on trial for contempt of court for comments he made on behalf of his client at the end of a trial. He was supported by the trade unions and civil liberty organizations, including Liberty, who also backed his case in the High Court, and he was eventually acquitted. There was widespread condemnation of what was perceived to be an attack on free speech and the rights of a campaigning lawyer. Mr Anwar involved himself in politics following an incident in 1991, after being caught flyposting by the police. He was beaten up by the police and hospitalized, losing his front teeth. Later, he made Scottish legal history by winning his case, the first Black or Asian man to have done so, against the officers responsible for the assault, in which they are alleged to have made the racist comment "this is what happens to black boys with big mouths". Following his speech, the Press Team caught up with Mr Anwar for a quick interview. We asked what the value of the UN was, and he noted that that UN does great work for refugees, in tackling poverty, and standing up for poorer nations who would not necessarily have a voice in the political arena otherwise. He also admitted that the UN is not a perfect diplomatic body, as it declares war and it has been suggested that the UN can be used a puppet by the West, however Mr Anwar added that he couldn't imagine a world without it, and despite its flaws, it is the best mediator and assembly of nations we have in place.

Interview with the one and only Mr Li:

What does a student supervisor do?

I visit all the rooms and keep an eye on the new recruits. We had a few practices in school to give them of an idea what to expect.

Do you want to step in and take over from the delegates?

It is hard to step back and let them answer sometimes, but they always manage to do well.

How has your experience of our conference been?

It definitely compares favourably to other conferences that I've been to.

Three words to sum up your day?

Enjoyable, efficient, exciting

Delegates thoughts on the conference:

Australia from Queen's School

Is this your first conference? "Yes"

Three words to some up your day; "nerve racking, friendly, inspirational"

The most memorable moment in your committee: "North Korea's contrasting views"

Political from Cheadle Hulme

Is this your first conference? "Yes"

Three words to some up your day; "funny, new, unexpected"

The most memorable moment in your committee: "Sweden's eviction"

Netherlands and Mexico from Bolton Girls' School

Is this your first conference? "Yes"

Three words to some up your day; "interesting, fun, informative"



Student Supervisor, Michael Li, with a member of our press team



School	Countries
Alderley Edge School for Girls	Egypt
	Spain
Altrincham Grammar School for Boys	Thailand
	Saudi Arabia
Bolton School Boys' Division	China
	Romania
Bolton School Girls' Division	Somalia
	Netherlands
	Mexico
	Luxembourg
	Philippines
Cheadle Hulme School	Israel
	Chad
	Rwanda
	Pakistan
Droylsden Academy	Uganda
	Afghanistan
The King's School, Chester	Libya
King Edward's School	Australia
	Switzerland
	Uganda
	Japan
	Malawi
	Russia
Loreto Grammar School	Afghanistan
	Sweden
	Kenya
	Chile
Manchester Grammar School	South Korea
	Germany
Manchester High School for Girls	North Korea
	Cuba
	France
Shrewsbury School	USA
	Ethiopia
	UAE
	New Zealand
Stockport Grammar School	Iran
	Gambia
	South Africa
	UK
	Qatar
The Queen's School, Chester	Egypt
	Luxembourg
	Australia
	Norway
Tower College	Jamaica
William Hulme's Grammar School	Angola
	Finland
Withington Girls' School	Iraq
	Syria
	Lithuania
	Nigeria
	Jordan
	Brazil
Bury School for Girls'	India
	Portugal

Committee Awards

COMMITTEE	AWARD	DELEGATE
HEALTH	Outstanding	Saudi Arabia
	Highly Commended	China
	Highly Commended	USA
	Commended	Syria
	Commended	Australia
	Commended	Pakistan
	Commended	Cuba
DISARMAMENT	Outstanding	Sweden
	Highly Commended	Jordan
	Highly Commended	Australia
	Commended	United Arab Emirates
	Commended	USA
	Commended	Syria
	Commended	Finland
POLITICAL	Delegates' Delegate	USA
	Outstanding	Pakistan
	Highly Commended	China
	Highly Commended	Kenya
	Commended	Jamaica
	Commended	Thailand
	Commended	UK
HUMAN RIGHTS	Commended	USA
	Outstanding	Saudi Arabia
	Highly Commended	Syria
	Highly Commended	Kenya
	Commended	South Africa
	Commended	Egypt
	Commended	Iraq
AFRICA	Commended	Sweden
	Delegates' Delegate	USA
	Outstanding	Chad
	Highly Commended	Saudi Arabia
	Highly Commended	Australia
	Commended	Japan
	Commended	Norway
MIDDLE EAST	Commended	Ethiopia
	Commended	New Zealand
	Delegates' Delegate	Jamaica
	Outstanding	Israel
	Highly Commended	Saudi Arabia
	Highly Commended	Romania
	Commended	Egypt
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL	Commended	Ethiopia
	Commended	Russia
	Commended	Norway
	Delegates' Delegate	Saudi Arabia
	Outstanding	Pakistan
	Highly Commended	Ethiopia
	Highly Commended	China
SECURITY COUNCIL	Commended	Brazil
	Commended	Syria
	Commended	UK
	Delegates' Delegate	China
	Outstanding	Nigeria
SECURITY COUNCIL	Highly Commended	Rwanda
	Highly Commended	Russia
	Commended	USA
	Commended	Brazil
	Commended	Lithuania

HEALTH REPORT:

The Health committee has an excellent standard of debate throughout the day. Almost all delegates contributed through points of information which was impressive as for the majority of delegates this was their first conference. Evident research was demonstrated throughout the day, and we were overwhelmed with the amount of the amendments submitted. Although not everybody could win an award, we wanted to congratulate everyone who took part, in particular Qatar and South Africa who were the youngest delegates in the room. Well done!



DISARMAMENT REPORT:

The Disarmament committee had an eventful day at WiMUN VI! Firstly we learnt that the delegate from Kenya had a double-jointed elbow, and secondly we learnt that the Syrian delegate's dog had once eaten her homework! Coupled with the fact that the delegate from Japan has five hamsters it seems that the disarmament committee was a pet-obsessed room! Aside from this, the quality of debate was very high. One slight niggle was about the manner of dispensation of bribes (the delegate from Saudi Arabia offered the chairs a packet of digestive biscuits – only to keep coming back up to the desk to eat his own bribes!)

POLITICAL REPORT:

International terrorism and population growth were the topics up for debate in Political Committee. We had a lively and heated debate, where nearly everyone spoke. We passed an excellent resolution on population growth and luckily an amendment regarding pushing the age of consent up to 50 with capital punishment as the consequence if disobeyed which was submitted by Israel did not pass. International terrorism provoked exciting debate including Kenya's attempt to solve it using 'BILLANDBENTHEFLOWERPOTMEN'. As chairs we loved chairing such a great committee with particular mention to all the first timers who spoke confidently and eloquently, special mentions to Australia, Jordan and Lithuania who were unable to award but show a lot of promise for future conferences.



HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT:

It was a very successful day of debate, with both resolutions passed for the two issues, the issue of child marriage and the issue of the use of torture. The resolution on torture was passed even though it only contained one operative clause. Everyone tried very hard and almost everyone participated actively through either giving a policy statement or making informed and intuitive points of information. We were so impressed by the sheer number of delegates that were willing to take the floor and this was especially worthy of a mention due to the fact that for many this was their first conference. We had two delegates who were both eleven and both participated actively.

The debate was rounded off with a performance from USA who won the joke award for "Most likely to twerk".



AFRICA REPORT:

The Africa chairs had an amazing time chairing the debate, and we just want to thank all delegates for making it so interesting and thought provoking. Our two topics were improving infrastructure across Africa, and poverty porn, and both were debated with great enthusiasm. We even managed to pass a resolution on poverty porn which was a very good achievement! The standard of debate in the Africa committee was high, and we were impressed with how quickly delegates (new and experienced) jumped in to voice their country's opinion. Everybody spoke at some point during the day, and Jamaica even got a round of applause for her speech on poverty porn, so well done! Once again, thank you to all delegates for giving us good memories of WiMUN VI, you were a pleasure to chair and we hope to see you all back next year for more!



MIDDLE EAST REPORT:

The standard of debate in the Middle East Committee was particularly high this year, with delegates discussing Nuclear Weapons in the Middle East and the question of Syria. Resolutions on both issues were passed- on the Syria issue delegates voted to declare all land within 10 miles of the Syrian borders a weapons free 'UN safe zone', and on nuclear weapons, one of the amendments passed was to establish an 'exchange programme' whereby nuclear weapons are removed from Middle Eastern countries in exchange for the UN setting up peaceful nuclear energy programmes. One highlight of the day was the controversy caused by hearing the Norway 1 delegate speak in favour of a resolution, only then to listen to the Norway 2 delegate speak against the same resolution straight afterwards.



HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL REPORT:

As chairs of a committee for slightly more experienced delegates, we had high hopes for the standard of debate – and we weren't disappointed. Despite early challenges such as projector difficulties and the appearance of an unexpected delegate, the committee ran quite smoothly throughout. Every delegate spoke and the debates for both issues were lively, even with a fairly extravagant number of procedural interjections; surprise delegate Pakistan seemed particularly fond of 'second-degree friendly amendment[s]'. Amendments and resolutions were passed for both issues, and we enjoyed not only a high-quality but a humorous debate; China finally emerged as a popular figure in the committee, winning almost half of the available joke awards. The Human Rights Council was overall a thoroughly entertaining resounding success.



SECURITY COUNCIL REPORT:

WiMUN VI saw our second beginner's Security Council and we were delighted to be given the opportunity to chair. The delegates fully embraced the challenge of a smaller committee room and two very difficult topics of debate. It was clear that everyone had read up on their country's views and their background knowledge was extremely impressive! Once the delegates had settled, debate really took off and we passed a resolution for both topics, six caucuses later! Highlights of the day included the USA's turnaround policy, Chad's casual approach to debate, and Russia's sneaky pocket UN charter. We hope everyone enjoyed the day as much as we did, and that you all continue a successful MUN career.



gossip girl

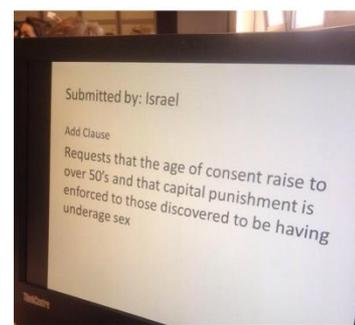
You'll never guess what our very own Gossip Girl uncovered at WiMUN this year...



The winner of the most joke awards in the Human Rights Council, including Valentine and hottest, turns out to be only 14!



“Germany is convinced that desertification will prevent people from ‘mingling’ with people from different countries #wordoftheday #political”



Israel provoked much debate through its controversial suggestion that the age of consent should rise to 50!



sam cooke
@roofpizza

My amazing Human Rights Council at @WGSMUN today. Fantastic debate and well done to you all!



Aamer Anwar
@AamerAnwar

@WGSMUN great conference, inspiring debate I wish the UN was like students I heard 2day thks 2Jane Maher 4 invite



BoltsMUN
@BSBDMUN

Looking forward to @WGSMUN on Sunday. Many delegates from Bolton School participating in Model UN conference for the first time. Good luck!



For the second year running, WiMUN has gone live, and our twitter account has been keeping delegates up to date with the latest developments in preparation for this year's conference. We would love to hear your feedback from the day so feel free to tweet us with the hashtag #WiMUN or mention @WGSMUN in your tweets!

