



NORD ANGLIA  
MODEL UNITED NATIONS  
*Europe 2020*



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# MODEL UNITED NATIONS

*Switzerland*

**Host:** La Côte International School

**Date:** 8 and 9 February 2020

**Ages:** 11 to 14 - Year 7 to 9  
(MYP1 to MYP3)



Learning that *empowers* your child to change the world

# REGIONAL SCOPE, GLOBAL IMPACT

The Model United Nations (MUN) is a two-day regional event that empowers students from Nord Anglia Education schools across Europe and the Middle East to collaborate and negotiate on important real-world issues as delegates of participating countries. Specifically, your child will join committees, debate in a structured, friendly environment, and join workshops or team-building activities with the chance to make new friends from other participating schools.

Hosted by La Côte International School (LCIS) in Aubonne, Switzerland, MUN is specifically designed to empower our students by encouraging them to share their thoughts on pressing global issues, and to be ambitious about their role in making our world a better place through global-mindedness and active leadership. We are confident that this regional MUN will provide your child with an exciting and welcoming learning environment, as well as being a unique formative experience for young, ambitious minds.

## How does a Nord Anglia MUN work?

Every MUN is a gathering of students with an aim to accurately recreate a United Nations convention. There is always a main theme, which is generally an important global issue, such as climate change or population redistribution. Students from different Nord Anglia Education schools in the region will make up a delegation to act on behalf of a participating UN country, with presence on specialised committees to address specific issues.

Every MUN conference includes an opening ceremony with introductory speeches and opening statements from each of the countries. Your child will join a committee to participate in debates through the reading of position papers. After the debate, resolutions can be drafted, submitted and then voted upon. Other supplementary activities are also planned to facilitate the event.

## Hosted by:



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## Participating Schools:

- La Côte International School
- Collège Champittet, Pully
- International College Spain
- The British International School Bratislava
- The British International School Budapest
- The British School Warsaw
- The International School of Moscow

## Agenda

Friday 7 February Day 1
Visit to the United Nations Office in Geneva
Lunch in Geneva
Free afternoon and evening in Geneva

Sunday 9 February Day 3
Working in Committees: Debates and Resolution Writing
Lunch
Votes on Resolution and Closing Statements
Closing Ceremony and Awards

Saturday 8 February Day 2
Opening Ceremony with Keynote Guest Speaker
Team Building within Committees
Break
Model UN Workshops
Lunch
Opening Speeches, Lobbying, Resolution Writing
Gala Dinner and Disco





### An ideal location in Geneva

La Côte International School is located in Aubonne Switzerland. Our school is 20 minutes away from Geneva, the international city of peace known for its 200 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the UNOG United Nations Office at Geneva, which makes it the ideal setting for your child to learn about Model UN and the skills it fosters.

The NAE Model United Nations conference at LCIS will provide an invaluable introduction to the world of MUN, especially for those students without any previous experience, and will be structured around dedicated seminars, talks and discussions led by experienced MUN DP students, and key LCIS staff members.

### Introducing MUN to younger secondary students

This event will be an introduction to Model United Nations for our younger secondary school students. It is designed for those with no previous experience. There will be time to prepare at the conference and schools have already been allocated countries. Rules, procedures and how to write resolutions will be covered with your child.

### The issues

- The protection of children in armed conflict
- The impact of climate change, desertification and land degradation on global health
- Child labour, labour conditions & modern slavery
- Equitable access to safe drinking water
- The Convention on the Rights of the Child 30 years on
- Taking action to ensure equitable access to education

### Guest speaker



**Hernan Vales**  
Human Rights and Democracy Adviser  
at the United Nations Human Rights Office

Since 2014, Hernan Vales provides legal and policy advice on human rights and public freedoms, in particular the right to participate, the right to freedom of opinion and expression, freedom of peaceful assembly, and on democratic institutions. He also provides strategic advice to Headquarters and field

presences on conducting human rights monitoring during elections. Mr Vales has experience in working on youth participation and was in charge of developing the first ever UN Guidelines on Participation, recently presented to the UN Human Rights Council. Prior to joining the UN Human Rights Office in Geneva in 2007, Vales worked in the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and in the UN Office of Legal Affairs. Before joining the UN, Vales practiced law in Argentina, his country of origin. He holds a Law degree from the University of Buenos Aires and a Master of Laws from the University of London. He is married with two kids, Paloma and Manuel.

### Flights to Geneva

Flights to/from Geneva and hotel booking need to be organised by your school. We will expect you to arrive on Thursday 6th February and the departure day is Sunday 9th February.

### Transport to the school

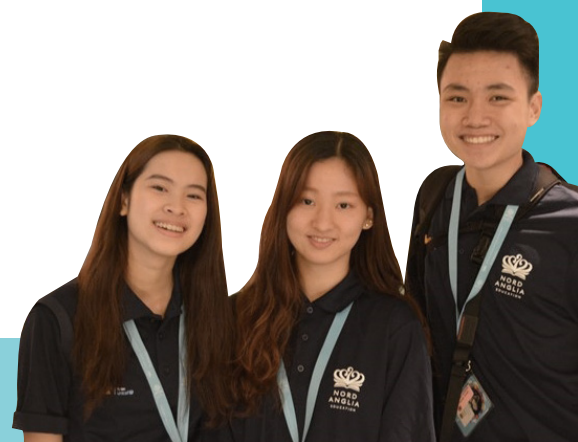
Transport between the hotels and La Côte International School will be provided, as well as transport from the hotel/school to the UN Headquarters in Geneva. Separate transport arrangements are in place for students attending the event from other NAE schools in Switzerland and from LCIS, so please refer to the invitation letter sent to your child.

### Hotel information

We have arranged discounted rates with breakfast included at the Holiday Inn Express in Geneva. Participating schools will make their own reservations, so families should communicate directly with their schools about hotel bookings.

### Meals and the Gala Dinner

Your child will be provided with snacks, lunch, as well as a formal Gala Dinner on the Saturday evening. These evening events will be an exciting opportunities to socialize with friends and meet other NAE students from around the world.



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or read more about the MUN at: <https://bit.ly/39gmipj>

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