Global Student Conference 2020

Edinburgh, Scotland
July 20 - 25, 2020

Global Climate Crisis:
Innovation, Impact, Action.
What is the Global Student Conference?

This year’s one-week Europe Global Student Conference 2020 will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland. For those teachers and schools that have participated in the IB World Student Conferences during the last seven years, CAS Trips are offering this Global Student Conference as a logical continuation of this fine tradition.

We are inviting your school to meet, engage and collaborate with fellow international students from all over the world to tackle the central theme: Global Climate Crisis: Innovation, Impact, Action.

The Conference will be closely aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Students will be tasked with the challenge of working collaboratively to explore, engage, plan and organize an impactful long-term CAS Trips Changemakers Challenge project back home.

With keynote speakers delivering morning lectures ahead of staff-led breakout workshops, students will eat on-site at Fettes before afternoons of fantastic hands-on Creativity, Activity and Service challenges.

The itinerary is all-inclusive of local transport, airport transfers, accommodation, all meals, CAS activities and CAS Trips staff. Trained and qualified professionals lead all activities, while our dedicated CAS Trips team will be on hand to assist every step of the way, 24 hours a day—from the arrivals gate to the departure lounge.
The bonny land of Scotland is one of the least densely populated countries in Europe and has areas of extreme wilderness and outstanding natural beauty.

With outstanding architectural charm, modern day Edinburgh is the perfect setting to further explore our innovative CAS activities and inspiring keynote speakers. Edinburgh’s spectacular Gothic UNESCO-listed old town plays host to some of the most dynamic and varied art schools and community projects in the world.

CAS Trips’ principal aim is to Educate, Challenge and Inspire students to become global-minded, conscientious young adults by harnessing the excitement and power of travel. We introduce, explore and engage with real global issues in real life situations, and the Edinburgh Summer Global Student Conference is the perfect opportunity for students to experience this in full flow.
Each day of the Conference has been thoroughly planned to introduce and engage students with the central theme of Global Climate Crisis: Innovation, Impact, Action.

Whether you call it global warming or climate change, we all know that the crisis is real. The UN warns that the global climate crisis is the greatest ever threat to human rights.

A lot of us talk about the effects of CO2 emissions, changing lifestyle habits and the importance of doing so for generations to come. Yet only a small percentage of the population actually walk the talk.

This Conference serves to inspire students to put words into action by discovering how technology and innovation can help us make a positive impact in regards to the global climate crisis.
The Conference is closely aligned with the United Nations’ 17 Sustainable Development Goals. By working collaboratively, students will also initiate, plan and partake in pulsating Service Challenges with charity partners and NGOs, tackling these goals to positively shape our planet’s future.
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Day by day

**DAY 1**
- Morning: Airport pick up, Arrivals & Check in
- Afternoon: Director’s Welcome and Local Sports (Rugby & Cricket)

**DAY 2**
- Morning: Keynote speaker #1, Discussion & Breakout Workshop 1
- Afternoon: Edinburgh City Walking Tour, Scottish Storytelling Workshop

**DAY 3**
- Morning: Keynote Speaker #2, Discussion & Breakout Workshop 2
- Afternoon: Traditional Highland Games
- Evening: Movie Night

**DAY 4**
- Morning: Keynote Speaker #3, Discussion & Breakout Workshop 3
- Afternoon: Improv Acting Workshop, Scottish Dancing Workshop

**DAY 5**
- Morning: Keynote Speaker #4, Discussion & Breakout Workshop 4
- Afternoon: Olympic Fencing Session, Volleyball
- Evening: Traditional Scottish Ceilidh Party

**DAY 6**
- Morning: Good-byes, Check out & Airport drop-off
CAS Trips' aim is to educate, challenge and inspire students in the most exciting way possible – through experiential learning.

Built on the principles of the 7 Learning Outcomes, established by the renowned International Baccalaureate, CAS Trips aims to incorporate these during the daily creative, active and service challenges.

CAS Trips is inspired by the International Baccalaureate (IB) program’s 7 Learning Outcomes. Designed by IB teachers for IB teachers, CAS Trips takes the concept of educational travel to the next level. Our expert knowledge on IB pedagogy enhances every CAS Trip – from integrating the IB History curriculum in Berlin to encouraging students to become caring inquirers in Bhutan.
The CAS Trips team is the pride of our company and the best in the business. Our highly-trained team will be based on-site 24 hours a day. All are full-time professionals with years of experience, up to date police checks and first aid certificates.

All staff members are native or fluent in English, with unrivalled local knowledge of Edinburgh. CAS Trips ensures the highest level of service with extensive in-house training.

**Did you know?**

We are offering one free adult chaperone place for every 10 students enrolled from your school. This includes all accommodation, all meals, local transport and activities but does not include international transport, visa assistance or personal travel insurance. For more information, please contact us.

The welfare and safety of students is our highest priority. All CAS trips activities have been extensively researched and risk-assessed for students’ safety. Our high staff to student ratio of 10:1 has been designed to ensure students have the optimum level of care. Our comprehensive staff structure includes a director team and live-in CAS Trips staff to provide pastoral care and monitoring at all times.

Fettes College is a walled premises with a hi-tech security system and 24/7 staffed entrances to ensure the highest levels of on-site safety. 24/7 support is available over email and phone before, during and after each trip.

Parents will be provided with 24-hour telephone numbers of the directors and their child’s group leader. Detailed schedules and preparatory information will be sent directly to each family.
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Students and adult chaperones will be housed in the school’s world-class boarding house facilities, with students housed in 2-6 bed single-gender dorms and adult chaperons in private, single ensuite rooms.

We want all students to be able to participate in this once in a lifetime experience. In order to make the Global Student Conference accessible to all, we have pledged to limit the costs in line with previous IB WSCs, despite not benefitting from subsidised university hosting and additional funding. We actively support students’ self-fundraising efforts and offer a range of materials and resources for teachers and students alike. Please inquire for more details.

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On the trip

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Food

All meals will be eaten on-site at Fettes College excellent cafeteria.

The chefs and staff at Fettes cater for students of all ages, backgrounds and religions throughout the year, and will therefore cater for all types of dietary restrictions and allergies - simply inform us in advance.

Costs

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Teacher Opportunities

Conference Chaperone

Conference Chaperones serve as the primary adult contacts and mentors for the student participants at a Global Student Conference. It is an excellent opportunity to get to know students from around the world and help them get the most out of the conference. Conference Chaperones will manage a group of ten students, and will reside in the dorm near their chaperone group.

Chaperones receive complimentary housing, food, and ground transportation during the conference, but will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference city.

Chaperone Duties:
• Attend the chaperone meeting on arrival day
• Meet with chaperone group on arrival day to introduce yourself and your role, discuss conference procedures, appropriate behavior, etc.
• Ensure chaperone group is safely in their rooms at the designated time in the evening and are on time to the opening plenary session each morning
• Monitor chaperone group in the designated afternoon and evening events
• Report violations of the conference code of conduct to the Chaperone Chairperson
• Maintain a proper teacher/student relationship with the participating students during the conference

Any member of the IB community, 21 years of age or older, can apply to be a Conference Chaperone. Priority will be given to those applicants who bring students to the conference, and those who have been Conference Chaperones at IB World Student Conferences in the past.

To apply, please send an email to Ross Duran at ross.duran@castrips.org and express your interest, along with the specific GSC you are interested in volunteering for (Singapore/Edinburgh/Boston).
Workshop Leaders

The role of Workshop Leaders is crucial to the success of a Global Student Conference. Participants will be divided into groups of approximately 20 students. Each workshop group will be assigned a Workshop Leader who will monitor a workshop session each day following the keynote presentation.

The purposes of the workshop sessions are to discuss the guest speaker’s presentation by using the best pedagogical practices of inquiry, to expand the students’ knowledge of the challenges of climate change, and to identify practical ways that we, as global citizens, can act to reduce the damaging effects of climate change. Ultimately, Workshop Leaders will help the students complete their plan for the UN Changemakers Challenge.

Workshop Leaders receive complimentary housing, food, and ground transportation during the conference, but will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference city.

Workshop Leader Duties:
• Prior to the GSC, read the Workshop Session Planner prepared by the Academic Director
• Attend the Workshop Leader planning session on conference arrival day
• Lead/monitor 4-5 workshop sessions
• Meet with the academic director and other Workshop Leaders daily or as needed to debrief
• Maintain a proper teacher/student relationship with the participating students during the conference

Any IB teacher, particularly one that has taught Theory of Knowledge, served as a CAS coordinator, or who regularly uses the inquiry method can serve as a Workshop Leader. Priority will be given to teachers who bring groups of students to the Global Student Conference, and those who have been Workshop Leaders at IB World Student Conferences or CAS Trips Global Student Conferences in the past.

To apply, write brief responses to the following questions and email them to Ross Duran at ross.duran@castrips.org.
• Which Global Student Conference are you interested in volunteering for (Singapore/Edinburgh/Boston)?
• Why do you want to be a Workshop Leader at the Global Student Conference?
• What part of your teaching experience will make you a good Workshop Leader?

Please note that for both roles, CAS Trips requires a criminal background check (within last three years) or a letter from the applicant’s Head of School verifying that a criminal background check was completed prior to employment, and the applicant is still an employee in good standing at the school.

Selection of Conference Chaperones and Workshop Leaders will begin in January 2020 and continue on a rolling basis according to the conference registration.