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Gymnázium Jana Nerudy, Prague

YOUTH FORUM

Topics and info for Youth Forum 2018

What is the Youth Forum?

Youth Forum takes place in your committee rooms at *Gymnázium Jana Nerudy* on Wednesday evening. It is an **informal** yet moderated evening where delegates and chairs get to know each other a little bit better before engaging in formal negotiations two days later. It is also an opportunity for students to voice their own opinion on given quotes, as opposed to the formal debates where they have to represent the policies of countries assigned.

Youth Forum is **90 minutes long** and the **dress code is informal** or smart casual.

What activities can I expect during the Youth Forum?

Introduction to PRAMUN and introduction of chairs. You will be given basic organizational info and background of the conference by your chair, along with brochures containing the essential knowledge of a PRAMUNer. The chairs will introduce themselves in case they haven't done it through other means of communication prior to the conference. They will also be ready to answer questions of the delegates (or they'll know someone who knows the answer).

Icebreaking. This is the first time you get to meet your fellow delegates and chairs in person and also one of the only times you'll meet them informally in the committee setting. You will have

the opportunity to get to know them better, use it! In order to get the energy going, the chairs usually employ icebreakers that range from classic guessing games and get-to-know-each-other activities to solving mysteries or dilemmas. It is very much up to your chairs what kind of icebreakers they will use or how long you'll be doing them.

Opinion discussion on given topics. Before the Youth Forum, please take a look at the quotations below. It won't take more than 10 minutes of your time but will help you to enjoy the opinion discussion which is the last part of the evening. This is your time to actually voice your own opinion on a little more complex topics or controversial quotes of great thinkers of human history. The discussion will be moderated by your chair but the rules are not strict. Feel free to disagree with others and present bold ideas and examples!

What are this year's Youth Forum topics?

This year, you will be discussing **two quotes**, exploring our own perception and of the events around us.

**We see things not as they are,
but as we are.**

– Anais Nin,
20th century French writer



**Memory says, "I did that."
Pride replies, "I could not have
done that."
Eventually, memory yields.**

– Friedrich Nietzsche,
19th century German philosopher