Young Diplomats Forum 2018
2-6 July - London

PROGRAMME

1st July
19:00- 20:00 Registration/Reception at the Intercontinental O2 Hotel

Day 1
08:45- 09:30 Opening Statements and Welcoming Notes

9:30-10:30 Keynote Speech: Cultural Diplomacy
H.E Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, Minister of State and Deputy Prime Minister of the State of Qatar

10:30- 11:00 Diplomacy in the 21st Century
- H.E Yamina Karitanyi, High Commissioner of Rwanda in London
- H.E Euripides L. Evriviades, High Commissioner of Cyprus in London

11:30- 11:40 Refreshment Break

10:40- 13:00 Policy development Workshop: Introduction and Groups Meetings:
- UN Reforms
- Post ISIS Middle East
- One Belt One Road Initiative
- Regional Integration in the African Continent
- Future of the EU
- Climate Change and Transition to Clean Energy
- The Right of Indigenous People in The World

13:00- 14:00 Lunch

14:00 Departure to Facebook Europe Headquarters

15:00- 17:00 Digital Diplomacy at Facebook EMEA Headquarters
- Sean Evins, Head of Government and Politics, Facebook EMEA

19:00 Climbing up the O2
Day 2

09:30- 11:00  Smart Diplomacy Workshop
  - Younes El-Ghazi, Chief Executive, Global Diplomatic Forum
  - Dr. Cornelieu Bjola, Professor of Diplomatic Studies, Oxford University

11:00- 12:30 Policy Development Workshop
  - Groups Meetings

12:30- 13:20  Lunch

13:20- Departure to the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

14:00- 15:15 Session at RUSI: Think Tanks in 21st Century: How to Engage Youth and Use Technology?

15:15 Departure to the Embassy of People’s Republic of China

16:00 – 18:00 One Belt One Road Initiative Session
  - Counsellor Guo Chentao, Head of Policy and Research Section, Embassy of China in London

Day 3

09:00- 10:15 Public and Cultural Diplomacy: The Role of the British Council in UK’s Public Diplomacy
10:15- 11:45 Refreshment and Policy Development Groups Meetings

12:00- 13:00 Lunch

13:00- Departure to the EU Representation in the London

14:00 – 16:00 Policy Development Presentations
  - The Future of the EU
  - UN Reforms

16:00 Departure to the Russian Embassy in London
17:00- 18:30  Session on Russia’s Foreign Policy by HE Mr Alexander Yakovenko, The Ambassador of Russia in London
Day 4

08:40-10:20  Groups’ Policy Presentations
- Post ISIS Middle East
- Regional Integration in the African Continent

10:20-10:30  Refreshment Break

10:30-13:00 Groups’ Policy Presentation
- Climate Change and Transition to Clean Energy
- The Right of Indigenous People in The World
- One Belt One Road Initiative

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:30 Departure to the Parliament

15:00-16:15 Parliamentarian Diplomacy
- Lord Collins of Highbury, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development, House of Lords
- Tom Brake MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson (Exiting the European Union)
- Mike Gapes MP, Member of Foreign Affairs Select Committee, House of Commons
- Lord Hannay, Member of House of lords’ International Affairs committee and Former UK Ambassador to the UN

16:15 - 18:00 Closing Ceremony: Churchill Room at House of Lords
- Welcome Statement by Matthew Pennycook, Shadow Minister for Exiting the European Union, Member of Parliament for Greenwich
- Keynote Address by Simon Anholt, Founder of the Good Country

Day 5

9:30 - Departure to the Cutty Sark

10:00 – 12:00 City Tour
- Maritime Museum
- Greenwich Observatory
- Painted Hall
- Queen’s House
13:00 Lunch and Farewel