

Committee on Cyberbullying

Students from every continent design solutions to cyberbullying

In this committee, students will represent their schools and local communities in identifying solutions for when electronic devices are used to threaten or intimidate others. Young people around the world often have valuable insight into needed solutions, and we believe they will be passionate about proposing changes because many have had first hand exposure to this type of issue.

As we pilot this new committee, MMUN will be inviting a limited number of schools to participate. They will each be asked to bring delegations of four students who will address four channels of incidence and change in their solutions.





The delegates will represent themselves and their ideas based on their inquiry into the issues, as well as interviews with representatives from local constituent groups.

Each delegation will conduct research, develop a resource inventory and diagnose the problem prior to arriving at the conference. The delegation will also submit a display board on the status of the issue in their school and local area (as a substitute for the country display board) and will submit position papers.

At the conference, the committee session will address three topics (with time permitting):

Topic I: Prevention of Cyberbullying

Topic 2: Mitigation of the Effects of Cyberbullying

Topic 3: Implementation Plans for Each Participant

The Cyberbullying Committee will follow the UN Rules of Procedure culminating in resolutions for each constituent group and implementation plans for each participant.

The pilot schools invited will represent 5 continents with students from North America, South America, Europe, China and Australia in order to foster a truly international perspective on solutions and approaches to fight cyberbullying. This committee will showcase that students are uniquely equipped to prevent and mitigate cyberbullying, creating more opportunities for meaningful change, for their generation.

Committee Preparation: Expert Webinars



In order to assist participants in understanding the domain, both teacher coordinators and students will be invited to participate in three dedicated webinars (with video recordings for those who cannot participate during the scheduled time). Webinars will be held with cyberbullying experts sourced from **Peace One Day** and **Emily Cherry** in October, November and December.

Proposed topics for the webinars include

The Government's role in Preventing Cyberbullying: Regulation & Innovation

Tech Company Strategies from Design to Moderation: Challenges and Opportunities

Mitigating Cyberbullying: Psychologists Reflect on School Best Practices

Check on MMUN website webinar date



Each webinar will last for approximately 90 minutes, with a standard format of a presentation by the expert (60 mins) outlining the current landscape, opportunities, challenges and best practice solutions followed by a question & answer session to assist with conference preparation. Please note: the speakers will be briefed in advance. We do not expect them to be able to give a total global picture on these subjects.

Webinars will be held under Chatham House rules, and recordings will not be shared on open social media platforms. Delegates will receive secure access and recordings sent to teacher coordinators with the request they do not share outside of the preparation process.

Our goal is that this new committee serves as a demonstration of the creativity and potential of youth to identify solutions for world problems in a domain which affects them close to home. The resolutions will form the basis for follow-up initiatives at the local level and provide channels for uniting youth around the world.

We expect to document the committee process and to share output and outcomes via PR, social media and regular media outlets.



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