

"DO NOT WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO COME AND SPEAK FOR YOU. IT'S YOU WHO CAN CHANGE THE WORLD." -MALALA YOUSAFZAI



THE OWL

Stcats MUN

On Valentine's weekend, St.Catherines hosted their 4th MUN conference, welcoming over 500 students from 31 schools, 3 of which are international.

Theme:
EMPOWERMENT



ST. CATHERINE'S
BRITISH SCHOOL

The top of the pyramid

—LEADERSHIP AND EMPOWERMENT—

WHAT IS EMPOWERMENT TO YOU?

MUN Director:

Angelina Tsilimpari

"Giving motivation to people to develop themselves."



Secretary General

Christina Palamidi

"Empowerment fosters resilience, spurs innovation and cultivates leadership qualities"



Deputy Secretary General

Evelina Stathi

"Empowerment is my hardworking mother, she is my inspiration"



President of the General Assembly

Ileana Geroulanou

"Empowerment is supporting others to achieve the best they can"



Deputy President of the General Assembly

Christina Maris

"Empowerment to me is using my voice to create change"



We didn't forget you...

Under Secretary General
Logistics

Nikolas Paschalidis
"Empowerment to me is making people powerful"



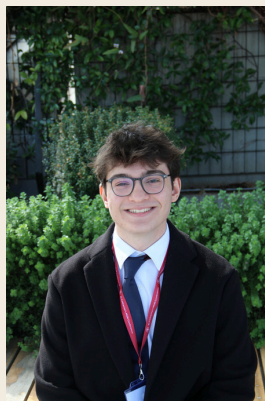
Head of Press
Marcel Negrin

"Your life is your story. Write well. Edit often."



MUN Advisors:
Michalis Revmatas
"Having the ability and access to make choices for yourself"

Clare Boyes
"It's the greatest gift you can give anyone"



Under Secretary General
for Student Officers:

Aspasia Gianniri
"Empowerment is the key to finding one's place in the world"



Head of Admin Staff
Elizabeth Frangou
"Empowerment is uplifting each other and supporting one another through difficult times."



Head of Security Staff
Georgie Lekkas
"Empowerment to me is about bringing underrepresented voices to the spotlight making sure everyone's opinions are heard and acted upon"

YOU'RE THE BEST.....

BEST DRESSED -
Milianna Vengerets



BEST HAIR -
Stavros Papas



BEST COUPLE -
Elsa Tzeveleki and
Alexandros Seferiadis



BEST DUOS -
Efrosini Christidou and Joanna Marosi.

Ileana Geroulanou and Aggelos Talpa



Opening Ceremony **AN INSPIRATION**

St.Catherine's Times

15/02/2025

Katerina Tasiopoulou

Headmaster - Jon Perriss



**“WHATEVER FLAG WE FLY
AND NO MATTER WHO WE
LOVE, WE ARE UNITED IN
OUR EMPATHY FOR OTHERS
AND DETERMINATION TO
CHANGE”**

As the first speaker in the SCMUN opening ceremony, our headmaster Mr. Jon Perriss covered the core aspects of empowerment, relating them to our school values (determination, care, creativity, integrity). He spoke confidently, inspiring all children to take action rather than simply standing by and not doing wrong since that is “not a solution” to any of the world’s problems.



**“AI can be more
dangerous than
nukes”**

Paraskevi Tseveleki



Our first guest speaker was Mrs Paraskevi Tzeveleki - Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Hellenic Republic. Centring her speech around the importance of empowerment in terms of politics, gender, society and race, Mrs Tzeveleki united the audience, inspiring them to never hesitate to make a change in this ever-changing modern world. She covered the foundation of empowerment, belonging, liberation, emancipation and mobilisation, whilst making it a point to use our own power to gain access to our rights and full potential.

THE BIG THREE



SECURITY COUNCIL

Angelos Talpa

“We engaged in profound discussions on key historical and legal matters, including the breakup of Yugoslavia, post-separation racial discrimination, and the atrocities of the Bosnian War. A critical distinction was made between genocide and ethnic cleansing, while judges meticulously examined evidence, questioning advocates on the timeline of the conflict and the actions of the Army of Srpska. Beyond our case, delegates also tackled pressing global issues, from protecting women and girls from sexual violence in conflict zones to combating transnational organized crime in Latin America and the Caribbean. The energy was unmatched, with strong lobbying, passionate debates, and unwavering dedication.”

SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON EMPOWERMENT (SPECON)

Eleni Genitsaropoulou

“This year’s delegates of SPECON came very prepared, chaotic but active during lobbying and opening speeches on the topics of female empowerment in Afghanistan and social integration programmes in empowering refugees and internally displaced people. They love to gossip and ask if they can use the bathroom.”



INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ)

Frosyna Loverdou

“In the ICJ, we had the opportunity to discuss the history of Yugoslavia and its dissolution into independent states, as well as the racial discrimination that followed its breakup. A significant focus was placed on the atrocities committed during the Bosnian War, alongside an analysis of the legal distinction between genocide and ethnic cleansing. Judges carefully examined the evidence presented by both parties, questioning advocates on the timeline of the Bosniak War, the alleged occurrence of genocide, and the atrocities committed by the Army of Republika Srpska. These discussions provided a deeper understanding of the conflict’s complexities and the legal arguments surrounding it.”

YOUTH ASSEMBLIES AND MARVEL

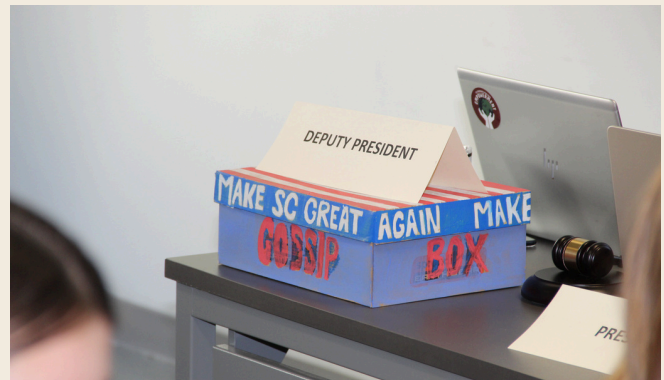
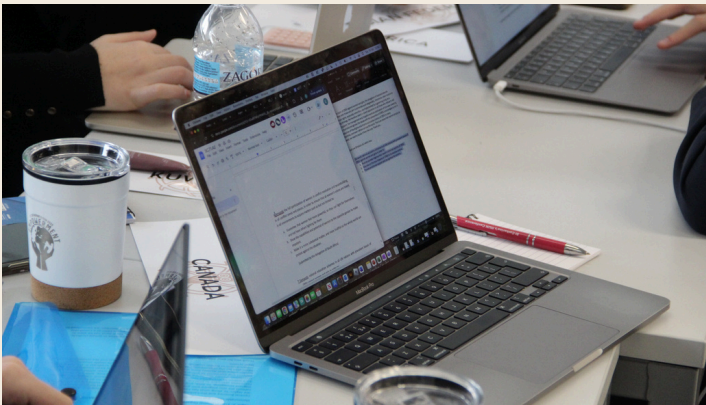
YOUTH ASSEMBLY 1

Cecilia Passa



Today in YAI, delegates discussed the importance of raising awareness of youth issues such as child marriage through various educational means, including pamphlets, online seminars, and presentations. They also emphasized the role of AI in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of advocacy efforts, suggesting it as a tool to better manage resources and outreach.

Additionally, the delegates stressed the need for strong global collaboration. They advocated for partnerships between youth, NGOs, and influential figures to foster networks for sharing knowledge and resources. Furthermore, they highlighted the importance of including both LEDCs and MEDCs in decision-making processes by providing resources and capacity-building programs to ensure that all regions are fairly represented and have equal opportunities for participation.



MARVEL COMITTEE

Natalia Bortnyk

The Marvel Summit's resolutions truly reflect teenage imagination in perfect accordance with modern critical-thinking and problem-solving. The delegates effectively utilise every single superheroes' superpowers for the greater good, while also managing to approach the topics with the integrity of a true UN delegate. In their resolutions, they integrate superheroes in the healthcare and education sectors, promoting equality and inclusivity. The delegates have also managed to devise cunning tactics to control the war against the Mad Titan, Thanos, potentially overpowering him with ease. During the debate, we're expected to see various fiction-inspired arguments and a beautiful performance from delegates, as they represent their respective heroes with remarkable rhetorical vigor. A wonderful rest of the conference awaits us!



A Little bit of love

As you may have noticed, roses were sold next to the canteen for 3 euros. Although it is the season of love and Valentine's weekend, the money we made from this sale went towards ELIPIDA Organization - Founded in 1999, helping raise awareness for children and people battling with cancer. It is truly an inspirational Non-Governmental Organization!



OLGA VOTIS

Regardless of Mrs Voti's physical absence in today's opening ceremony, her message was heard loud and clear! As treasurer of the Eliza organisation, she successfully explained to the whole of the MUN audience the importance and significance of raising awareness for children who have fallen victims to abuse. Her organisation has educated thousands of professionals on what the procedure and steps that should be taken when a child abuse victim is identified.

**CHILD ABUSE HELPLINE:
10454**



EMPOWERMENT

In every way

In our world context

In our world, empowerment takes any forms, covered by one of our guest speakers. From individual, self-confidence, social, referring to the belief of making a difference to society and political, which discusses the increase in the diversity of voices and opportunities in the political sphere.



Key aspects of empowerment in the world:

- Gender empowerment: Women and marginalised genders gaining equal rights and resources
- Economic empowerment: Access to knowledge, literacy and skills taught by people to people
- Technological empowerment: Digital access and innovation, allowing for the interconnectedness of our world
- Cultural empowerment: Preserving traditions while promoting inclusivity, diversity and human rights.
- Political empowerment: Citizens having a voice and increasing the diversity of the voices in a country.

Political and Social empowerment

Social empowerment: Refers to individuals and communities gaining the confidence, skills and resources to challenge societal norms.

Examples:

Education as a tool for social empowerment (access to quality education, empowering individuals to improve their lives and reducing poverty).

-Women's rights movements (#METOO, having empowered people to speak out against sexual assault)

Political empowerment refers to the process of giving individuals/groups the ability, resources and confidence to participate in political processes, increasing the diversity of these voices in our world as a whole.

Examples:

-Civil rights movement (Fought for the right to vote for Black Americans)

-LGBTQ+ Rights movements (This has grown significantly in recent years, with legal advancements being reinforced, including same-sex marriage).

Lets have some fun!

Crossword:

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Words to find:

Empowerment

Growth

Motivation

Resilience

Strength

Equality

Justice

Support

Leadership



**WE HAD SO
MUCH FUN....**





BUT ALSO WORK, WORK, WORK



UP TO YOU...

Q: DESCRIBE YOUR STRATEGY FOR SURVIVING A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE ONLY USING THINGS FROM YOUR COMMITTEE ROOM?

A: BANG THEM WITH THE GAVEL

A: PRAY TO THE GOSSIP BOX AND THROW DELEGATES AT ZOMBIES IF NEEDED

A: USE THE CONTROLLER WITH THE FREEZE BUTTON

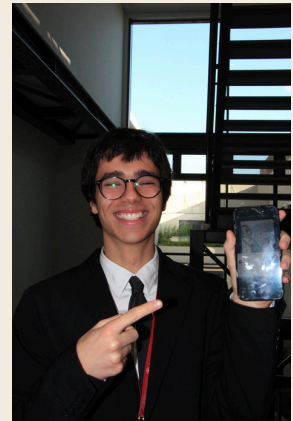


Q: WHO'S MOST LIKELY TO GET CAUGHT SCROLLING ON TIKTOK DURING A SPEECH?

A: YIANNIS GKLOUDIS

A: EVELINA STATHI

A: PETROS KOSSONAKOS



Q: WHAT'S THE MOST NONSENSE ARGUMENT YOU HAVE HEARD DURING THE SCMUN EXPERIENCE?

A: RUSSIA "POLITELY ASKING" USA TO LET RUSSIAN TROOPS GUARD THE AMERICAN BORDERS WITH MEXICO

A: THAT ECUADOR IS THE REPUBLIC OF EQUADOR

A: "LET'S HIDE THE INFINITY STONES IN A FARAWAY ISLAND!"



Q: WHO'S MOST LIKELY TO USE CHATGPT TO WRITE THEIR ENTIRE OPENING SPEECH?

A: CHRISTOS ARVANITIS WITHOUT A DOUBT

A: NO CLUE

A: ALLIANCE 1 MEMBERS





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