

I loved THIMUN:) I had a lot of fun and learned a lot, both about the world and as about myself. I thought it was a very good experience to have in my life, and I feel privileged to have had it. THIMUN made me rethink many of my views on the world and how we live, as well as it helped me to understand why some countries think or act like they do.

....this is an important step to world peace: understanding others, understanding how others think and why they think like that. If you can't imagine at all why people think as they do, how can you understand them?

Veerle Verhey Y10

Environment sub commission 1 Delegate

I first of all wanted to thank you for this wonderful week you made possible. THIMUN was one of the best weeks of my life. I feel that I have grown so much. I loved debating in the human rights commission. I will remember this fantastic week my entire life. The first thing I told my family was I loved it so much and I'll do everything it takes to do it again next year!!!

Salome Zimmerlin Y10

Human Rights sub commission 2 Delegate

I loved the conference, however I must say being on the StOff team was very different to being a delegate, the feeling of serving as an assistant president and leading the debate is a remarkable feeling. Thimun and its international feeling is amazing and I will never forget that feeling...especially during the opening speeches and the feeling of sitting on stage.

Victoria Bunemann Y11

Assistant President Environment Commission sub 2



**Environment Commission plenary session
THIMUN 2010**



Opening Ceremonies THIMUN 2010

Without a doubt, THIMUN 2010 has been my best conference ever! It was an amazing experience to chair for the first time and I loved the ENV1. Our committee was just great. They were really constructive and respected all of us. It was a bit strange to work together with two co-chairs who I only knew from facebook and email, but luckily we got along really well from the moment we met. My most emotional moment was probably the closing ceremony :(I am still missing our daily briefings and debriefings and it was crazy how fast the week went by!

Leonie Reese Y11

Assistant President Environment Commission sub 1



THIMUN 2010 was my first THIMUN and I dearly hope that it won't be my last...

...a delegate in the Security Council I was not fully exposed to the amount of people at THIMUN – with only thirty people in the Council it was nowhere near as large as some of the other committees which I have heard contained close to two hundred delegates. However, the debate in the Security Council still raged intensely on many issues from the Reform of the Security Council, to Piracy in Somalia. As the delegation for Burkina Faso in the security council(which consisted of myself and another delegate – Georgia Letcher) we gave our opinions on several issues and managed to successfully uphold Burkina Faso's interests (we think).

Thomas Evans Y10

Security Council Delegate

The names of all the Student Officer Team (StOff) for THIMUN 2010



THIMUN 2010 all started with the day we signed up and handed in your letter of motivation. The tension and suspense built up until the day we find out whether we got in or not and that is when we knew we were heading towards THMUN in January. The gatherings that follow are both fun and useful to prepare for the step into the world's largest MUN conference.

Besides debating there are a lot more things that happened at THIMUN. THIMUN was a great time to meet new people and was also a great time to learn more about being confident and a good speaker. On the last day we had a party which was located in the WFCC which was a good time to have some fun and say goodbye to friends.

Leonie Reese Asst President of Environment Commission sub 1

Nikhil Potdar Y11

Disarmament Commission sub 2 Delegate

I was terrified before THIMUN, mostly because I had only heard small snippets of stories and myths told about the conference, but also because I knew that if I didn't like it I would have to spend a whole week enduring it. It also worried me that amongst the 3000 and something people that were attending I wouldn't meet anyone.

By Wednesday, Debating in Security Council which had been generally unhurried up until that point, we realised we had three issues to discuss in two days and the hourly threat of vetoes coming from an indignant USA.

By Thursday I realised there wasn't much time left and began trying to savour each moment more.

The thing that most impressed me about THIMUN was the size. It was also the sheer internationality that struck me. I met people from literally all around the world; from Panama, to Dubai, to Australia. It would be amazing to track all the people that came, before and after the conference to see the span that THIMUNers make across the world.

Georgia Letcher Y11

Security Council Delegate

THIMUN 2010 ...I remember walking into Mississippi that Monday morning, it took a bit of time before I began lobbying but as soon as I met a few people the fun began.. Being in the Special Conference helped me explore the topic of good governance in extreme depth, it made me realise the importance of the role of governments in our society.

Conference used the hammer to declare the official end to the 2010 Special Conference.

I had gotten so attached to the chairs, the delegates and the lovely admin staff. I can't describe the empty feeling I felt that following Saturday. If I had the choice I'd extend THIMUN by a week-at least! I have now joined 5 Facebook groups which read: Special Conference 2-the best Committee of THIMUN 2010. Model United Nations is a magical world where students from all over the world put their heads together in order to benefit the global community, however THIMUN is a world of its own.

Imene Hamdi-Cherif Y11

Special Conference on Good Governance Delegate

THIMUN '10 has been the *best* conference I have ever been to. The first day.... this day started off with a 5 minute long roll call of most of the countries and NGO's, half of which I had not known where they were or that they existed, such as St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

The Opening Ceremony consisted of a speech by her Excellency Princess Mabel. This speech was very effective and supportive to the UN and MUN. Because of the theme; 'Good Governance', the speeches during the whole 5 day conference by chairs and delegates all included such connection with those two powerful but yet simple words.

Day 2 ... When I got on the stage I walked towards the table. Because of my height I had to pull down the microphone. After I pulled it down I then looked up at the delegates I could feel the hairs behind my back stick out. I could also feel a drop of sweat slowly falling from my head to drop on the oak table. I then looked at the chair telling them I sent an amendment. They said yes, then they read it out. I looked now back to the delegates. I could then see some

thumbs up, which were by my friends I met. I felt a little bit better. I was then told that I have the floor. I then started reading from my paper. As I was reading I could see I misplaced some words while I was reading. I could feel my whole body trembling. I even thought I turned red for one second. But gradually I started to get into my speech. I then started to talk a little bit louder and confident and said together with my hands (showing a scale) that “With this clause you would bring up the rights of the disabled people, with this issue we actually want to make them equal. Giving them their own day would make them feel good, but what about the other 364 days? We need to make them feel normal, like us, not extraordinary” I then finished my speech and could hear a small applause from the people sitting next to me and some other friends.

Shervin Tokleh Y11

General Assembly Committee 3 Delegate



GA for Burkina Faso

Natasha, Sandra, Shervin, Ymiel and Rocio



Flag parade at the Closing Ceremony



ISH Admin Staff screening notes



Voting in the Environment Commission

Throughout last week, I was honoured to be a representative of Burkina Faso in the Disarmament Sub-commission 1. On Monday and Friday we were in the World Forum Centre for Lobbying and the Plenary sessions whilst Tuesday through Thursday we had debate in the building of the OPCW

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(Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons).

Camera's were not allowed in the OPCW, so not many photos of our committee were taken.

Disarmament Committee in Session



I think THIMUN 2010 was amazing! It was a remarkable experience that consisted of serious debate on the issues and a lot of fun. There were lots of good speeches and the debate was interesting and heated, despite the fact that it was only possible to speak every once in a while. Being in the OPCW building was also incredible as we were able to debate in a formal conference room and all the delegates had enough space and tables to sit at. It was also remarkable that there were delegates who had travelled from all over the world to take part in the conference. I met a lot of interesting delegates who had come from places as far as Australia and the Caribbean to the Hague.

Sylvia Rousseva Y 11

Disarmament Commission sub 1