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# DELEGATE



## Editor's note:

Hello everyone and welcome to the second day of the most important event to ever happen, ever! After a delightfully long chapel service this morning (seeming almost as long as our 3-hour GA yesterday) I hope we are all ready for a day of FRUITFUL (apparently, this conference's favourite word) debate.

Today's edition is inspired both by today's disco theme (Barbie and Ken) and our special committee this year, about the status of women, we will be discussing topics ranging from the inspirational women of the UN to some of the topics being debated about the protection of women globally - so to all those Barbies out there, crush this conference and to all our lovey Kens, you are kenough!

Lots of love,  
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## Morning Chapel Service

Following the Great Flood, Noah and his sons are told by God “to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth”. Perhaps only a hundred years later a united human race speaking a single language and migrating eastward, comes to the land of Shinar (the southern region of Mesopotamia). In defiance of God’s command to spread across the world, they decide to build a city and a great tower to avoid a second flood. But God decides to divide their single language into multiple ones. Without a common language, the people disperse according to their new language groups.

This gathering together for a bad reason is contrasted to the good gathering together of humans in the Book of Revelation at the end of human history. In this way the Chaplain reminded us that gathering together at our International Model United Nations is a good thing as we meet together to discuss the many challenges faces the human race. In fact, it epitomises the school motto, Not for Oneself but for All.

Continuing to wish you all a great conference!





## General Assembly Review

This reporter had the privilege of attending only the start and end of the General Assembly. As such, this reporter feels qualified to tell you all about it.

The conference started off well, with the chair (Royal Russell's wonderful Iris) jumping the gun and trying to start early with South Korea, perhaps foreseeing how extended this would turn out to be. She was quickly and gracefully interrupted at Mr Hutchinson's gesture, and thus, Miss Calvet was yielded the floor. She gave a lovely speech to start of this year's MUN conference. This reporter's favourite bit was the fire safety notice, as this reporter later had the honour of waving people out the door during the drill. However, this reporter recognises other bits were important too, such as resilience in the face of the world troubles, no drugs, and free water bottles. Miss Calvet then politely yielded 'the throne' back to the chair to a round of applause, who promptly yielded it to Mr Hutchinson.

Mr Hutchinson urged us to appreciate and utilise the opportunities available to us, however also stressed the importance of not forgetting the issues happening outside our walls and grow to be kind, as is stressed in his favourite book 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse'. This reporter bought the book due to dedication to the job (this reporter should get a pay rise) and can testify it is a beautifully illustrated book with minimal words, ideal for this reporter's short attention span. This reporter too enjoys cake.

This reporter then left to do other things however can report some other reporters' opinions. 'The guy in the maroon suit wouldn't stop talking' and this same other

reporter reports that the chair (who shall go unnamed) was heard to say 'Jesus Christ' after she had asked the delegate in the maroon suit to stop talking, twice. This reporter passes no judgement and thinks this is really funny.

This reporter, on emerging its special reporter hovel to go to the disco found no one there. At this point, this reporter went up to find the General Assembly to find it still ongoing. Then trapped, this reporter noted down their favourite quotes: 'can you *please* come to your closing remarks', 'could the delegates please come to their closing remarks' and 'can the delegates please refrain from clapping'. This reporter noticed people evacuating the assembly, and therefore thought to start the fire drill early. An unnamed secretariat had already had this idea but Miss Calvet, wanting to give everyone the chance to speak, said no.




Finally, this reporter was given the chance to help ferry people out of the hall, marking the proudest achievement of their life so far and the end of the general assembly. –




**Katja Windle**

### **Need a laugh?**

"UNESCO Crisis: Delegates in the Cultural Committee are in heated discussions about whether TikTok dances should be considered 'world heritage' or 'cultural appropriation.'"

"Guess what, folks? Global corporations just announced their new charity initiative: 'Adopt-a-Tax-Haven.' For just a few million dollars, you can give a cozy home to a struggling offshore account.

   #TaxShelterHeroes"

"We interrupt this Model UN conference to bring you breaking news: Global corporations have created the 'Corporate Fortune Teller.' It predicts their future tax bills, and the answer is always 'Zero!'    #TaxProphecy"

## Social Media vs Women?

With the rise of social media, cyber violence has been rampant, particularly against women. According to the Council of Europe, 50% of women worldwide say that they have been harassed more online than in the street, with 25% of them feeling that their physical safety has been compromised after being harassed online. Perpetrators are not held to account for their actions, and people who speak out are receiving even more harassment. The girls are being silenced.



Cyber violence includes all kinds of harassment, including hate speech, stalking, threats, identity theft and more. When it comes to girls, abuse can range from basic levels of hate speech to rape threats: 64% of women have reported knowing someone who has experienced sexual harassment online, and how many perpetrators have been held accountable for their actions? Not enough. Content moderation for large platforms such as Facebook, TikTok and X (The App Previously Known as Twitter) is supposedly secure, however as many social media users know, hate speech and harassment dominates these sites. In an interview conducted by Plan International, a 17-year-old girl says, "The fear is in me every time I go to post something. I think all girls have that fear." A 17-year-old girl is worried about being harassed because of her post. How many girls must have this fear before moderators hold perpetrators accountable?

These platforms have become a major source of hate, promoting the spread of misogyny and antifeminist ideas. An example of these sources

is the much maligned 'businessman' Andrew Tate, who was



infamous for his harmful opinions to do with women, self-image and mental health. By diminishing women's struggles and sharing nonsensical beliefs about the purpose of women in society, he taught his audience (many who are young and impressionable) that women simply exist for men, whilst promoting what many have described as a 'toxic masculinity'.

At the peak of his activity, several middle school and high school teachers in the US reported a surge in sexual harassment towards girls at school.

Many avid social media users will remember how incredibly large his presence was between 2021-2022, and how incredibly long it took for platforms to ban him. Why did it take so long? Was he not famous enough? Not affecting enough people? Why did we allow a man who was kicked off Big Brother - a famous reality TV show - for abusing his ex-girlfriend, a platform for so long? The answer has a lot to do with poor moderation. While women can't show too much skin or speak out for their rights without being silenced or harassed, men like Andrew Tate with countless allegations and charges against women can sustain a presence for years.

Everywhere, girls are being treated like lesser citizens. Social media fuels this trend like gasoline in a fire. Whilst it's true that we are progressing as a society to achieve gender equality, we still have a lot of work to do, and it starts with speaking out. Though it's hard sometimes, support is important. If you know anyone who has been affected by harassment

online or even have been affected yourself, maybe spread awareness at MUN. Women are incredible, let's celebrate them!

**By Natasha Kirmani**

**The Women of the UN:**

**The first ever United Nations meeting took place in 1945, with delegates from only 50 nations. Whilst not that long ago, the conference took place in a very different world to the one we live in now. Only eight female delegates attended, with Great Britain being the only nation to send two female delegates. Here are the first women of the United Nations:**



**Jessie Street, Australia**



**What did she do?**

Street helped to ensure the inclusion of Gender in the no discrimination cause of

the UN charter.

The media nicknamed 'Red Jessie' due to her campaigns for the rights of indigenous Australians.

She also fought for suffrage both in England and Australia



**Ellen Wilkinson, Great Britain**



**What did she do?**

Wilkinson spoke in favour of equal franchise and equal

pay.

She was nicknamed 'The shelter queen' for her work to provide shelters to those without means and those worst effected by bombing during WW2.

In her time as Education secretary, she introduced free school milk and raised the leaving age to 15.

Wilkinson also chaired the UN conference in November 1945, which led to the creation of UNESCO.



**Florence Horsbrugh, Great Britain**



**What did she do?**

She organised the evacuation of over 1.2 million mothers and children during WW2.

Horsbrugh also played an instrumental role created the foundations of the National Health Service (NHS) She also served as a British delegate for the league of nations three times.





**Bertha Lutz, Brazil**



**What did she do?**

Lutz was acknowledged for the inclusion of the word

'women' in the phrase "equal rights of men and women" in the UN charter.

Additionally, she was one of the first Brazilian women to gain a role in parliament and was instrumental in the fight for suffrage



**Minerva Bernardino, the Dominican Republic**



**What did she do?**

Bernardino played a large role in the founding of the

commission on the status of women and insisted the UN charter included the phrase "to ensure respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without discrimination against race, sex, condition or creed."



**Jean McKenzie, New Zealand**



**What did she do?**

Despite lacking a formal education, McKenzie achieved much in parliament, she joined

delegations to Canada, London, San Francisco and took up a permanent post in New Zealand's embassy in Washington. McKenzie is proof that The UN is a place for those of all walks of life to join together and work towards a better world.

**Virginia Gildersleeve, The USA**



**What did she do?**

Gildersleeve was Dean at Barnard University and served as President of the International Federation of University women. President Roosevelt selected her herself, however it has been argued he only did so to appease women's groups. Regardless Gildersleeve was a strong advocate for women's rights and women in higher education.

**Marie Hélène Lefauchaux, France**



### **What did she do?**

Despite spending much of her adult life as a 'housewife and pianist, Lefachaux became a renowned member of the French resistance during WW2. She served as vice president of the Paris Committee of Liberation. She conducted welfare work for prisoners of wars and deportees and organised an escape from Weimar Prison\_Camp. For this work she was awarded the Croix de Guerre.



# Outstanding female delegates

## Sochum 1:

The delegate of Italy  
The delegate of Greece  
The delegate of The Russian Federation

## Sochum 2:

The delegate of Guatemala  
The delegate of Algeria  
The delegate of The Netherlands  
The delegate of Qatar

## Specpol 1:

The delegate of the Russian Federation  
The delegate of Rwanda  
The delegate of the USA

## Specpol 2:

The delegate of Libya  
The delegate of Greece  
The delegate of the Russian Federation  
The delegate of South Korea  
The delegate of Sudan

## Ecofin:

The delegate of The USA  
The delegate of Ukraine  
The delegate of Ireland  
The delegate of Brazil

## Environment:

The delegate of Libya  
The delegate of Guatemala

## ICJ:

Judge Minnie Mansfield  
Judge Ekaterina Chasounisova

## Security council:

The delegate of China  
The delegate of The Russian Federation  
The delegate of the USA

## The Special Committee on the status of Women:

The delegate of The Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
The delegate of Albania  
The delegate of The Russian Federation

## Interviewing Ms Calvet

### **Brief description of your job?**

“Overseeing that preparation is going well and that everything is done on time, whether that be in press or media, secretariat or anything else, and to make sure that everyone is enjoying themselves!”

### **Favourite MUN moment so far?**

“Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> conference last year, as it’s such a landmark anniversary that represents how MUN is important to our school.”

### **Funniest moment so far?**

“I’ll have to mention Rohan’s speech in the opening ceremony for Syria. That was very entertaining.”

### **What question are you most passionate about?**

“I’m really pleased that we have the special committee on the status of women. It’s very important to put that in the centre of the discussions.”

### **What motivates you to participate in MUN?**

“Good question! I’ve been at Royal Russell for eighteen years, and I didn’t know about MUN at the time. At the first conference I attended that year, I was absolutely blown away by the professionalism of the students and how they managed to create this event

themselves, and the first time I saw that I thought, ‘this is amazing, and I want to carry that on’ so that’s what I did! I went to a lot of conferences with the students, and here I am!”

### **Why would you recommend participating in this conference?**

“For this conference (or any conference), I think taking part in any MUN conferences makes everything ...make sense. Obviously, we have debates, but it’s when you are actually involved in a conference that you realise the value of this in terms of building skills whether it’s public speaking, negotiation skills and diplomatic skills. It’s so useful for the future, and of course there’s the social side of MUN where you can meet people from all over the world, and make some friendships!”

### **How do you feel about gender equality within the setting of MUN?**

“Gender equality goes back to having a fair balance between the two, making sure everyone is included and takes part in the discussions throughout the debates.”

### **Favourite pick up line?**

“Do you do MUN?”

**Star sign?**

“Libra.”



## Women in Royal Russell MUN

### **Poppy Clements (Head of Media)**

#### **How important is it that girls do MUN?**

I think that it is very important because I think that a lot of the time, and in history, men have had more of a say over political decisions so, I think that it is great that women are coming in, and they should because they need to have opportunity to have a voice.



#### **Why do you think it is important for women to have important roles in our society?**

Women have different perspectives on things. Normally, not always, there's sometimes a bit more empathy. I feel like if you have an equal balance of men to women decisions are made more rationally.

### **Iris Nuredini (Secretary General)**

#### **How important is it that girls do MUN?**

I think it is especially important, I mean I joined in Year 7, so I have been doing this for a really long time. It is great that girls have that confidence and built up that confidence in the beginning of like what a resolution is and all that but it is good to learn how to argue from your point of view.



#### **Why do you think it is important for women to have important roles in our society?**

It is really important that female voices and female minds are recognised that are obviously just as brilliant, if not, more, than our male-counterparts. It is imperative that we also contribute to society in an equal way.

#### **And the last question is, have you watched Barbie?**

Of course, I've watched the Barbie movie. I *loved* the Barbie movie; I've seen it two times, maybe three. I saw it with my best friend, and it was incredible, better than the Godfather! Or any film bro movie!

### **Ms. Calvet (Director of MUN)**

#### **How important is it that girls do MUN?**

I think in our society it is really essential that girls participate in MUN and have women represented, as they are half of the world. This is giving them a voice; this is giving them a stage to express themselves and to see how important they are in our society and to the development of our young people as well.



#### **Why do you think it is important for women to have important roles in our society?**

I think we need to have a fair balance between men and women in terms of giving values. They need to be recognised for their strengths, for what they could give to the world. I think that's absolutely crucial.

#### **Last question, have you watched the Barbie movie?**

Well! Believe it or not, I have *not*! I am probably the only one! It's that I didn't want to, it's just a lack of opportunity!

### **Jasmine Rihal (Head of Secretariat)**

**How important is it that girls do MUN?** I think it is brilliant, I think it should be an even mix of everybody. I think it is very important that women should be able to get their views across, especially when they're discussing things like abortion rights, it's very important that you hear it from a women's point of view because it affects us as it's our body. I also think it is important in schools that women become part of it now, so that they can later become part of stuff like this, in the future.



**Why do you think it is important for women to have important roles in our society?**

Cause we're just the best, and we know what to do! Similarly, we just need to have that equal ground so that we have an unbiased point of view. It will make society a whole lot fair and helpful to other women and women trying to get involved in future generations.

**Amy Cox (Holy Child School Killiney Advisor)**

**How important is it that girls do MUN?**

So important! We need women to be loud and confident and take just as much space as boys, so it's incredibly important for them to develop their public speaking and negotiating skills, so that have an equal footing in the world.



**Why do you think it is important for women to have important roles in our society?**

Yeah, I think it is important for women to occupy prominent roles in society because that is how we get diversity of opinion and how we can get better policies. I don't know if you have heard about this book called Invisible Women,

but she talks about when you have women in decision making powers, they make decisions that benefit women down the line.

**So, last question, have you watched the Barbie movie?**

YES! I loved the Barbie movie. I thought it was really, *really* good! A lot of people thought it was on the nose about feminism, but I think it was a great introduction to feminist ideas to wider audiences.

**Tahnee Dione (Head of Press)**

**How important is it that girls do MUN?**

Oh, really important. It is important to have women here, to first of all fight against the negative but also all stereotypes and just make sure we have balanced ideas.

**Why do you think it is important for women to be in important roles in society?**

It's just about the balance. There are differences in perspectives between men and women, because of experiences, and men are treated one way cause of perceptions, stereotypes and ingrained sexism and the same for women. I don't think it should be based on gender, with the roles in society, we just need to make sure it isn't all just one gender, race or nationality.

**Have you watched the Barbie movie?**

I have watched the Barbie movie. I liked it, I thought it was funny. My favorite part was when Margot Robbie said that she wasn't "Stereotypical Barbie pretty" anymore and the narrator said, "Margot Robbie is the wrong person to cast if you want to make this point".



## Culture Me, Culture You

Romania, Ireland, France, Spain, England, Italy, Germany, Nigeria...what do they all have in common? Delegates from around the world meeting to resolve world issues at the Royal Russell International Model United Nations Conference. What a totally awesome experience and totally what we seek to promote at Carmel Academy.

27 years ago, I chaired the 14th RRS MUN Conference as Secretary General in the Great Hall in an unforgettable session which would see me exit as Head Girl of Royal Russell in 1996. The experiences I gained through MUN spurred me to study law and French at LSE and become an arbitrator in Nigeria where I founded Carmel Academy to promote sports and leadership as tools for conflict prevention and resolution.

It is this same passion which continues to push me to make new connections and to break the barriers of intolerance. We are



seeking cultural exchange programs to promote the tolerance that is second nature to me and to all who do MUN. Let's foster unity that is the true spirit of the United Nations. Let's take this a notch higher with all of us in here today. You can start with me by contacting **dd@coachdidi.com** to engage in cultural exchange programs with Carmel Academy. It'll be a blast!





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# HORRORSCOPES!!



*Often, a pair of twins has a clever one and one who's not so bright; a tall, good looking one and a shorter, plain one with no friends. We all know which one you are, right?!*

## **Cancer (Crab): June 22–July 22**

*We all saw you on the dancefloor yesterday; just like a crab, you are lop-sided and can only move sideways. You might be better off watching from the sidelines, rather than embarrass yourself again.*

## **Leo (Lion): July 23–August 22**

*How's that roar coming on? We are all looking forward to hearing the King of the Jungle rising to the challenge and ruling the debates.*

## **Virgo (Virgin): August 23–September 22**

*Still nothing happened? There's 700 people here, surely there's someone who will help you out before the end of the conference.*

## **Libra (Balance): September 23–October 23**

*The only scales you're likely to see are the ones outside the Old Bailey when your case comes up at the high court. Our advice is to get yourself a good lawyer and confess to everything – that's your best chance of getting a light sentence.*

## **Scorpio (Scorpion): October 24–November 21**

*Did you know there is a population of scorpions living here in the UK, at a harbour in Kent? Just like you, though, they are small and generally harmless.*

## **Sagittarius (Archer): November 22–December 21**

*Were you hoping to feel the effects of cupid's arrow and find your true love this week? Sorry to disappoint you but it simply isn't going to happen. Get over it.*

## **Capricorn (Goat): December 22–January 19**

## **Aquarius (Water Bearer): January 20–February 18**

*Today, we are talking about global warming – including diminishing water supplies around the World. Things are not looking good for your career as a water carrier – there's every chance that you could soon be made redundant.*

## **Pisces (Fish): February 19–March 20**

*Over-fishing has resulted in the decline of fish stocks around the World. If I were you, I'd produce all the fish fingers I could while it lasts – long-term, you'd be better off finding something else to do with your life.*

## **Aries (Ram): March 21–April 19**

*Dollie the sheep was the first genetically modified animal produced. Similar technology has been applied to produce crops that are able to withstand extremes of drought and heat. So, whilst you might need to be genetically modified, you may actually have a bright future.*

## **Taurus (Bull): April 20–May 20**

*Like the proverbial bull in the china shop, you need to be careful that you don't go charging around breaking things here at Royal Russell. In fact, you might be better off staying in your room, otherwise your parents might be getting a large bill for breakages.*

## **Gemini (Twins): May 21–June 21**

*The GOAT continues to succeed at everything he or she does. You win in your debates and all your resolutions get adopted. You'll come first in 'MUN's got talent' for sure. If I were you, I'd buy a lottery ticket while it's all going so well.*

## Question of violence against women and girls – the data in the UK

It's first important to outline that being a victim of abuse is not defined by gender and this article is in no way suggesting that it is or limiting the experiences of others.

This conference, we have a special committee dedicated to the status of women and how we can work together globally to reduce the aggression both sexually and otherwise towards women. These specific forms of violence exist primarily due to gender-based prejudice ranging in severity around the globe. Although it is unarguable that changes have been made to try and reduce the stereotypes or common negative conceptions of women, leading to aggressive, prejudiced or violent behaviour in this country, we cannot say the same for all countries, nor can we argue that these changes even here have succeeded at protecting all women. It's important to note that even in the well-developed country of England, the problem is far from solved and equally important to look at the data and observe what ways in which research is being conducted proactively to protect our citizens.

Violence against women and girls (VAWG) is an umbrella term used to cover a wide range of abuse types that affect more women and girls than men and boys. These include domestic homicide, domestic abuse, sexual assault, abuse experienced as a child, female genital mutilation (FGM), forced marriage and harassment in work and in public life.

In November of 2022, Census updated their research regarding the violence of women and girls based on gender and came up with a range of new ideas to both improve and add to the ways in which we collect data and make future improvements to come as close as possible to eradicating this type of abuse.

First to note, improvements have been made to update the data collected through use of an interactive dashboard with the aim to visually display the main data relating to violence against woman and girls in a single place,

providing a comprehensive picture of VAWG, which is easy to access. It provides data on five abuse types:

- domestic abuse
- partner abuse
- sexual offences
- harassment
- child abuse

**6.9%**

of women aged 16 and over, were victims of domestic abuse in the last year, in England and Wales (year ending March 2022)

[View all domestic abuse data](#)

**3.3%**

of women aged 16 and over, were victims of sexual assault in the last year, in England and Wales (year ending March 2022)

[View all sexual offences data](#)

**4.9%**

of women aged 16 and over, were victims of stalking in the last year, in England and Wales (year ending March 2022)

[View all stalking and harassment data](#)

**24.8%**

of women aged 18 to 74 experienced abuse before the age of 16, in England and Wales (year ending March 2022)

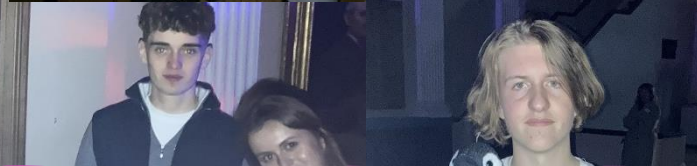
[View all child abuse data](#)

Census also researched the barriers faced by healthcare professionals when recording VAWG.

The initial findings from this work showed: a large proportion of health datasets do not currently contain information that would help in identifying types of VAWG. Dodes that do exist within health datasets are insufficient and are not mandatory fields, additional guidance could be beneficial for healthcare settings that do not currently have systems in place for recognising and recording VAWG. frontline healthcare staff could benefit from additional training in recognising and recording types of violence against women and girls.

The next steps for this project, include plans to analyse health datasets to see how incidence of VAWG may vary by age, ethnicity, deprivation and over time. – **Tahnee Dione**

## The Disco – Last Night's Theme = Pyjamas!



Tonight's Disco is Barbie and Ken themed; we can't wait to see everyone's outfits!



# Our Favourite Barbies!

