

## Projektausschreibung unserer schottischen Kooperationspartner\*innen:



Good afternoon,

I am contacting you on behalf of The School Mock Court Case Project based in Scotland: <https://www.mockcourt.org.uk/>

This year we will be piloting a virtual Debating Competition (<https://www.mockcourt.org.uk/debate/index.php>) involving a host of schools from across the globe, with schools ranging from Bulgaria to Denmark and Dubai already signed-up. Participants ranging from age 14-18 will be challenged by a controversial and current debate topic and receive lectures from passionate speakers for both opposing sides.

Debating teams will be assigned at random and will provide the chance to engage with individuals of different backgrounds, cultures and values from across the world. The objective of the project is not to prove one team as right/wrong, but rather to widen views and open the mind of all involved. Our previous Mock Court programmes have involved around 200 pupils annually and provide an excellent opportunity for young people to enhance their extracurricular activities and to add to both job and university applications in the future.

Each debating programme is expected to run over a total of 6 weeks. There will be 4 weekly lectures led by an array of international experts, with participants then given 2 weeks following the lectures to prepare for the live debate. Please see timetables attached. Participants will engage with these lectures without knowing which side they are assigned to debate until the lectures have all taken place. Participants will also be required to include productions to support their position, which could include legislation, research, newsclips or anything of some authority.

Participants will sign-up to one (or both) of the following debate topics:

- **'Should We Rid the World of Plastics?'**
  - Timetable: <https://www.mockcourt.org.uk/debate/timetable1.pdf>
  - Registrations: <https://www.mockcourt.org.uk/debate/app1.php>
  - Deadline for registration: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021
  
- **'The Judiciary Should be Independent of Government'**
  - Timetable: <https://www.mockcourt.org.uk/debate/timetable2.pdf>
  - Registrations: <https://www.mockcourt.org.uk/debate/app2.php>
  - Deadline for registration: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Please get in contact now if your school is interested in participating in the pilot Mock Court Debating Competition 2021.

As this is a pilot programme there will be no participation fee.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact should you have further questions.

Kindest regards,

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