INTRODUCTION

It is our pleasure to welcome you to WIMUN Online 2021!

While we are sad that we cannot welcome you in person, we are excited to meet you online shortly for a WIMUN conference like never before. The ongoing pandemic has made it impossible for us to hold face-to-face conferences but an online conference brings many new opportunities with it that we are thrilled to offer to you and explore together.

One of the big changes to our usual conferences is the addition of a week of side events: from talks by UN staff, to skill building workshops, and MUN focused webinars – we have prepared a whole range of exciting events for you.

In this booklet, you can find an overview of all side events that we will offer during WIMUN Online 2021. We invite you to review the booklet and pick out the side events you wish to attend.

Before you dive into the side events, though, we need to share two important things with you:

1. All times in this booklet are in Eastern Standard Time (used on the US East Coast). Please make sure to convert the times to the time zone you are in. If you are not sure about the time difference between EST and your time zone, we invite you to use this converter.

2. We want to ask you to register for the side events you want to attend. While you are still welcome to join events spontaneously and without prior registration, it would help all speakers tremendously with preparing for each session if we can give them an estimate of how many participants to expect. You can register for each event you want to attend by clicking on “Register” below the events you want to attend. The link to join the session will be emailed to you after you completed registration. If a side event does not receive a minimum threshold of registrations, we reserve the right to cancel an event.

We also invite you to visit the WIMUN website for a schedule overview and updates to the program. If you have any questions about the side events, please do not hesitate to contact us at wimun@wfuna.org!
Monday, February 08, 2021

5:30 am – 6:30 am EST: Social Event – Skribbl

Description: Start your side event week off by meeting and socializing with your fellow WIMUN Online participants! See familiar faces from your simulation session or get to know delegates from other simulations – there are plenty of opportunities. In this social event, participants will have the opportunity to play the guessing/drawing game Skribbl while getting to know each other in smaller breakout rooms. Making new friends from around the world is one of the most fun aspects of MUN and we cannot wait to e-meet all of you in a COVID-19 safe, virtual environment.

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8 am – 9 pm EST: Intern Hot Seat – an Experience Panel

Description: This event is for aspiring UN interns, trying to navigate their journey. This session provides you with an experienced panel of former and current UN interns to learn from. It facilitates a mutual exchange of ideas and advice. This workshop is there to help you orient yourself and understand the career opportunities dynamics within the UN. Bring curiosity and questions.

Moderators:

Nikki Marjolein Garza is a co-founder of The Intern’s Foundation. Nikki strives to make the world a peaceful place by understanding people on a microscopic and macroscopic level. With her Sociology and Psychology background, Nikki is aware of the human mind’s fragility and desires to understand a person on the deepest level possible. As a member of society, she strives for impact and thus has worked with the American Red Cross, volunteered for Stockholm Pride, and is heavily involved with various organizations at the University of Houston. Currently working towards her MAs in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies, she aims to end human suffering and protect human rights across the globe.

Ildem Esin is a committed change advocate and activist. She is a former UNHQ DESA-FSDO intern. At present, she is a co-founder of The Intern’s Foundation and I,Empower, as well as a campaigner at a global non-profit advocacy organization. With The Intern’s Foundation, Ildem aims to close the gaps that exist amongst aspiring and current UN and other IO interns by providing financial and material resources to support (aspiring) interns on their journeys on becoming global citizens and changemakers. Advancing the SDGs is her everyday battle. Ask her about her favourite goals!

Dana Rodriguez is a committed environmental advocate and previous UNEP intern who sees the world’s climate problem from a financial perspective and strives to better engage the public sector and its climate solutions with the private sector. At present she is the European Expansion Manager for a growing start-up non-profit, Leaders For Climate Action in Berlin. She spends her days running 5K every day and building her own initiative, The Intern’s Foundation, with the help of her colleagues. Aside from her active lifestyle, she is also a student research assistant studying economic development and peace, completing her MA in Politics and Public Administration.
Panelists:

*Pinxin Chen (Sarah)* served as a UN Volunteer/Consultant at the UN Office for South-South Cooperation in Bangkok, where she was in charge of the Office’s youth programme South-South Entrepreneurship Academy. The Academy aims to help aspiring youth from the Global South to address social issues/SDG challenges in their home countries with entrepreneurship skills. After one year with the UN, she moved to the private sector, exploring ways to integrate the knowledge, tools, and best practices of the two sectors to more effectively drive social impacts.

*Aliza Khan* is a CUNY Brooklyn College graduate with a Bachelor’s in Economics and Political Science. Her experience ranges from working on local policy issues in NYC as part of an advocacy based public defence firm to matters affecting the global community as an economic affairs intern for UNDESA’s Financing for Sustainable Development Office. Currently, Aliza serves on the advisory board for the non-profit organization The Hope Reichbach Fund and is planning to pursue a Masters in Economics.

*Chanmi Yoo* is a current intern with the Governance team of UNDP’s Seoul Policy Centre, in Seoul, South Korea, whose main working areas are anti-corruption and transparency, and gender-based violence. She is also a current Master’s candidate, pursuing a degree in Peace Studies at Kyung Hee University’s UNESCO Peace Education Prize-winning Graduate Institute of Peace Studies. Chanmi’s main area of interest encircles war and gender. Even without a former academic background in the field, she has successfully been pursuing her degree with excellence, thanks to the support of her advisor and dear colleagues.

**Register**

9:30 am – 10:30 am EST: UN Careers and Internships

**Description:** The work of the United Nations touches every corner of the globe and focuses on a broad range of fundamental issues, like sustainable development, protection of the environment and refugees, disaster relief and mitigation, counter terrorism, as well as disarmament and non-proliferation. This session will focus on the UN as an employer, what it looks for when hiring staff, and what sort of positions are usually available. It will also cover how selections are made and how to enter the UN as a professional staff or under non-staff contracts.

**Speaker:** Elisabeth Waechter heads the United Nations Visitors Services in New York. The Section provides information about the work of the United Nations to the general public, as well as specialized audiences, such as schools, universities, Member States, Civil Society, and the media. Elisabeth returned to the position in 2018 from Vienna where she was Chief of Public Information for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO). She joined the United Nations in 2005 as a Media Officer for the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi, Kenya, having passed the National Competitive Recruitment Examination (NCRE, now known as the Young Professionals Programme YPP) in 2002.

Previously, Ms. Waechter worked for the European Commission in Brussels and Kyiv, Ukraine. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Russian Studies from the University of London and a Master’s degree in Communications from Leicester University (UK). In addition to her native German and English, she is fluent in Russian and conversant in French and Ukrainian. Ms. Waechter is the mother of two boys, aged 16 and 20.

**Register**
3 pm – 4 pm EST: Opportunities at WIMUN

**Description:** The WFUNA International Model United Nations (WIMUN) is the world’s most accurate simulation of the United Nations. With conferences in New York and Geneva, it brings together almost 2000 students from over 100 countries annually. To run these conferences, WIMUN is constantly looking for qualified staff. From content writers who prepare SG Reports, to Secretaries who run simulations and senior leadership who oversee the different planning stages of each conference – there is an opportunity for everyone! Join to learn more about how you can take the next step of your WIMUN journey and to hear more about what opportunities are available, what to look out for when applying, and more!

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4:30 pm – 5:30 pm EST: Act2Impact – Developing community projects to achieve the SDGs

**Description:** Learn about a new WIMUN initiative that provides training to delegates on how to develop community projects that will contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This side event will offer an overview of the stages of project development and tools that are covered in our training sessions. You should consider attending if you are looking for ways to turn your enthusiasm for international affairs into concrete actions that will help achieve the SDGs.

**Speaker:** Bill Yotive, Model UN Coordinator, WFUNA

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Tuesday, February 09, 2021

5:30 am – 6:30 am EST: Introduction to the World Health Organization – Our Mandate, Activities, Challenges, how we work, and with whom we work

Description: This session will focus on how WHO is engaging in new ways with Youth through the WHO Youth Council and through joining forces with the world’s largest youth movements - SCOUTS, WorldYMCA, WAGGGS, IFRC, the Duke of Edinburgh’s Int. Award - to launch Global Youth Mobilization for Generation Disrupted (GYMGD). This ground-breaking initiative will invest and scale up youth-led solutions and youth engagement, directing support towards a generation of young people severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaker: Dorine van der Wal is a Swiss and Dutch national and has worked for the World Health Organization in various departments since 1989: Expanded Programme on Immunization; Office of Director-General Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland; Office of Director-General Dr Jong Wook Lee; Partnerships and UN Reform; and currently in the department of Health and Multilateral Partnerships.

In 2010, she took on the responsibility for the WHO Briefing Centre that engages with thousands of students, members of professional associations and public health practitioners from a variety of disciplines every year. The Briefing Centre is a window into the multi-faceted work of WHO, giving current and future global public health actors access to WHO experts and expertise through dedicated technical briefing sessions and interactive discussions.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Briefing Centre shifted in March 2020 from a face-to-face environment to a virtual one. This has allowed the Centre to reach out to different audiences and create a better geographical balance.

More than ever it is important to reach out and listen to the young generation in these uncertain times. Young people will play a crucial role in addressing both current and future global health challenges.

Register

9:30 am – 10:30 am EST: A Conversation about UNICEF’s Talent Programmes and Initiatives

Description: A Conversation about UNICEF’s Talent Programmes and Initiatives offers a one-hour overview around UNICEF’s entry point pathways. This session offers an exciting opportunity to learn more about the work of UNICEF and its history. At UNICEF, we are committed, passionate and proud of what we do. Promoting the rights of every child isn’t just a job – it’s a calling.

Speaker: Carmen Munoz recently joined UNICEF’s Talent Outreach team as a Human Resources Officer. UNICEF’s Talent Outreach team supports global offices to identify, attract and engage qualified and diverse talent to deliver results for children and young people. Prior to this role, she served as Human Resources Officer with UNICEF DHR’s Mobility and Staffing Section supporting the planning, development and implementation of UNICEF’s Global Mobility Exercise. She has thirteen years of experience in Human Resources in both Private and public sector organizations.

Register
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm EST: In Conversation with a Refugee

**Description:** Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a refugee? Have you asked yourself what challenges you would face, how you would experience everyday life, and if you missed your home? In this session, all these questions will be answered, among many others, as you will have the unique opportunity to have a conversation with and learn from Archange-Gabriel Le Sage, who is currently living as a refugee in Ghana.

**Speaker:** Archange-Gabriel Le Sage is a 17-year-old Ivorian refugee and Human Rights Advocate currently living in Ghana. He fled Côte d’Ivoire at the age of seven with his mother, a Human Rights Activist, after a post-electoral crisis that later turned into a civil war, claiming the life of about 3000 people. Besting the range of challenges he faced as a refugee, from language barriers to socio-economic hurdles, Archangel-Gabriel is now pursuing his Bachelor of Science in Architecture. He firmly believes that every child can achieve great things in life, if given the opportunity, and has a passion for learning. He has been actively participating in Model United Nations conferences, most notably the Ghana International Model UN, where he won awards on numerous occasions.

**Register**

2 pm – 3 pm EST: From Model UN to Success in the Workplace

**Description:** Model UN not only teaches participants about the UN and diplomacy, but also offers the opportunity to develop skills that are relevant far beyond Model UN, be it in college or in the workplace. During this session, three former Model UNers will discuss how MUN has helped them be successful in their careers and what skills continue to be relevant to their everyday work life. After a short presentation by each panelist, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and seek advice during a Q&A.

**Moderator:** Finn Carlson, Model UN Program Associate, WFUNA

**Panelists**

*Matt Brown* is a Civil Servant in the United Kingdom’s Department of Health and Social Care. He currently leads a team managing the response the Coronavirus’ impact on care homes, ensuring that despite the pandemic, those who need care continue to receive it. Within Government, he has also worked on the EU-UK Trade Deal and within the International Relations Department of the Welsh Government. Prior, he interned as a legal assistant at the International Criminal Court. During University he participated in a range of Model UN’s and Moot Court competitions, including Telders and the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition.

*Gabriel Risk Martins* is Zenysis Technologies Chief of Staff. He is responsible for supporting the CEO lead the company’s growth and operations effectively. In his three years at Zenysis, Gabriel has helped to develop Zenysis’ footprint in more than ten countries, with a focus in lusophone Africa and Latin America. He has led Zenysis implementations in multiple countries, including the company’s response to Cyclones Idai and Kenneth in Mozambique and to COVID-19 in Brazil. Gabriel comes from a background of public policy and external affairs. Before joining Zenysis, he served as the Mid-Pacific Representative to the United Nations Association of the USA National Council and served as the Vice President of External Affairs for SFSU Associated Students. Gabriel speaks English, Portuguese and Spanish.
Diego Salama works as a Public Information Officer at the United Nations University in The Netherlands. In addition, he is a PhD Candidate in History of International Relations at Leiden University. His research focuses on the history of UN Peace Operations. He participated as a delegate, chair and organizer in over 50 MUNs in Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. He served as Secretary-General of the VI European Model United Nations (EuroMUN 2013).

4 pm – 5 pm EST: ILO’s human-centered approach to development

Description: The world of world has been impacted by a number of mega drivers of change such as advances in digital technology, globalization and supply chains, labour migration, demographics and climate change.

The covid-19 pandemic has further strained employment and created new challenges for equitable development.

A human-centered approach to development is increasingly becoming a key to achieving the SDGs and an inclusive and sustainable future of work.

The ILO is working with the International community to create conditions to achieve decent work for all women and men to meet the 2030 agenda.

Speaker: Kevin Cassidy, with nearly 4 decades of international development experience, is currently the Director and Representative to the Bretton Woods and Multilateral Organizations for the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United States.

Prior to this appointment, Mr. Cassidy served as the Senior Communications and Economic and Social Affairs Officer. During this time, Mr. Cassidy worked with member States to organise Heads of State/Government and Ministerial level events highlighting decent work as well as introducing policy language on key development issues into the resolutions and outcomes documents of the UN General Assembly’s Third Committee and the Commissions of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Prior to joining the ILO, Mr. Cassidy worked for the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF-UK) in London as the Operations, Communications and Partnership Director. His work with the AKF-UK focused on rural and community-based development in Central and South Asia.

Mr. Cassidy has worked in several UN offices during his career including the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) on the issue of landmines, the Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA), the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Ban Ki-moon), and the UN Department of Public Information.

Register
Wednesday, February 10, 2021

4 am – 5 am EST: Opportunities at WIMUN

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Speaker: Finn Carlson, Model UN Program Associate, WFUNA

Register

8 am – 9 am EST: UNHCR Careers and Youth Engagement

Description: The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, also known as the UN’s Refugee Agency, works in 135 countries around the world to save lives, protect rights and build a better future for refugees, internally displaced communities and stateless people and to ensure that everybody has the right to seek asylum and find refuge from violence or persecution. At least 79.5 million people around the world have been forced to flee their homes. Among them are nearly 26 million refugees, around half of whom are under the age of 18. The UNHCR employs more than 17,000 people and youth can play an important part in aiding the refugee cause. In this session, we will explore how you can support the refugee cause and career opportunities at UNHCR.

Speaker: Pauline Eluère works in Strategic Communications for UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency mandated to protect the 80 million people forced to flee their homes due to conflict and persecution. In this role, she helps develop strategies to generate empathy and drive action for refugees in the context of different emergencies. She also leads initiatives to engage students with the refugee cause. Before joining UNHCR, Pauline worked for the Red Cross and for a think-tank specialized in peace negotiations. Pauline holds Masters in International Affairs from the Graduate Institute Geneva and SciencesPo as well as a certificate in Digital Strategy.

Register

10 am – 11 am EST: Careers at the World Health Organization

Description: While these days WHO is mentioned countless times a day around the world and currently is one of the most-often referred-to UN system Organization, many are not really very clear about the concrete mandate, the tasks and the working methods of the World Health Organization, let alone have any specific ideas what it would mean – or make – to work for WHO and contribute towards the common goal of achieving health for all.

This session is providing a brief overview of the main aspects of working for WHO, typical pathways into the Organization, what recruitment criteria are applied, what is expected from applicants and future colleagues, which
areas of academic backgrounds and work experience are particularly ‘in demand’ (not only now at the height of a global pandemic but far beyond, as WHO has to continue to focus on all other health challenges unabated).

A Q&A -part after the short presentation will typically touch upon more specific questions (e.g. “how about required languages?”; “does WHO only employ Doctors or other health specialists?”; “would a PhD or an “MD” be a requirement or an asset for a further career?”, and others alike).

**Speaker:** Hans Willmann, Team Leader, Talent Acquisition and Management, World Health Organization

During an exchange school year in the Philippines, Hans Willmann got into first touch with the UN in the context of refugee work (Indochinese ‘Boat People’ exodus in the 80’s and 90’s). He skipped the local high school and started to work for an NGO in a refugee camp.

Upon return to Germany, Hans studied Psychology and took courses in Chinese language; during a semester break he did an internship with UNHCR in Singapore.

Unable to find a job in Psychology Hans started to study Medicine and at the same time applied for the German JPO programme, but didn’t hear from them for 3 years when they suddenly offered him a position with UNHCR in Malaysia.

Ever-since and over the years, Hans has worked for three UN Organizations in seven different duty stations across three continents. He joined WHO from an HR posting in New York and today works in the “Talent Acquisition and Management” Unit in Geneva.

**Register**

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm EST: Social Event – Skribbl**

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**Register**

**1 pm – 2 pm EST: Mediterranean CleanUp: A conversation with a UN Environment Programme Young Champion of the Earth**

**Description:** Enaleia is a social start up that started in 2016, a few months after Greece’s unemployment rate had skyrocketed to 29%. Enaleia created the first school for professional fishing in the country, training more than 110 unemployed people to become fishermen over the last 3 years. At the same time, Enaleia is training professional fishermen on how to earn more money, while catching less fish, assisting them to adopt new sustainable fishing techniques, such as fishing tourism.
On top of that, Enaleia is running the project Mediterranean CleanUp, an initiative designed to encourage fishermen to refrain from throwing plastics they catch in their nets back into the ocean. Enaleia works with hundreds of fishermen in Greece and Italy and are collecting thousands of kilos of plastic from the sea every week! This plastic is then integrated into the circular economy, through their recycling and upcycling partners. For their project Mediterranean Cleanup, the UN Environment Programme recognized Enaleia as a Young Champion of the Earth.

**Speakers:** Lefteris Arapakis co-founded Enaleia because he wanted to do something about the Greek economic crisis and the climate crisis. Enaleia has created the first school for professional fishing in Greece and a wide-scale plastic clean up, the Mediterranean CleanUp, through working with fishermen. Lefteris selected to act through the fishing sector because his family have been fishermen for 5 generations. He is a graduate of the Athens University of Economics and Business, a TEDx speaker and an Ashoka Changemaker. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, reading, playing with his dog, and performing improv theatre.

**Register**

4 pm – 5 pm EST: Virtual UN Tour (only with purchase of additional ticket on MyMUN)

**Description:** The one-hour UN Virtual Tour offers an exciting opportunity to explore the United Nations from the comfort of your home. You will have a chance to meet live one of the UN’s multilingual tour guides who will take you on a virtual journey through the history of the United Nations and speak about the Organization’s work in addressing global challenges. Through an interactive experience, you will learn how the United Nations addresses issues such as disarmament, peace and security, and human rights, and how you can support the Sustainable Development Goals. To ignite your virtual journey, the UN has selected for you a collection of fascinating images of the famous General Assembly Hall and the Security Council Chamber while showing some of the works of art decorating the inside of the United Nations Headquarters. The beautifully designed presentation will provide you with an exclusive educational and engaging online experience.

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Thursday, February 11, 2021

7 am – 8 am EST: Gjenge Makers - Building a Greener Kenya: A conversation with a UN Environment Programme Young Champion of the Earth

Description: Gjenge Makers Ltd is a sustainable, alternative and affordable, building products manufacturing company. Gjenge Makers has cut a niche as a manufacturing trailblazer in the provision of beautiful and sustainable alternative building materials. Currently Gjenge Makers are producing eco-friendly pavers that are made of a composite of recycled waste plastic and sand. They have partnered with different manufacturers of plastics bottle tops and seals in the beverage and pharmaceutical industries in Kenya, from whom they collect offcuts and scraps. This is amalgamated with discarded single use plastics that their informal waste collectors deliver to them, which they jointly use to produce the pavers, while providing them with a stable income. Gjenge Makers have financially empowered over 112 individuals, the majority of whom are women and youth groups who are their partners in supplying the waste plastic and the pre-processing stage of our production process.

The alternative building products space is a very new industry and therein exist a myriad of opportunities. At present Gjenge Makers have more demand than they can supply and this is the genesis of our biggest challenge, which is low production capacity. To date, they produce about 500-1000 bricks per day, recycling close to 500 kilograms of plastic waste a day. For their efforts, the UN Environment Programme recognized Gjenge Makers as a Young Champion of the Earth.

Speaker: Nzambi Matee is a self-driven individual, serial entrepreneur and a self-taught hardware designer and mechanical engineer. She has a background in physics and material engineering with a passion for creating sustainable solutions. She used her design-thinking experience to start Gjenge Makers with the mission to convert plastic waste into lower cost alternative building products, hence tackling plastic waste pollution and Kenya’s inadequate housing problem.

Register

10 am – 11 am EST: Tips and Tricks for a Successful MUN Conference

Description: Do you want to start your own Model UN conference at your school/university or are you already involved with the organization of a conference? Do you want to learn more about event management?

This session will provide you insights on how to create a strong logistics plan for your conference, how to recruit staff, the best ways to market your conference, and how to select the agenda items participants will discuss. The discussion will pay particular attention to virtual Model UN conferences, and how to run a successful conference in times of COVID-19.

Speaker: Finn Carlson, Model UN Program Associate, WFUNA

Register
2 pm – 3 pm EST: Using UN Resources to be the best prepared MUN Delegate

Description: This session will give you detailed information on how to find and use UN resources to prepare for a conference. In particular, it will provide examples and exercises on how to locate statements made at UN meetings as well as resolutions and reports distributed to Member States on agenda items that you may be discussing.

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Register

5:15 pm – 6 pm EST: Social Event – Live Music

Description: Enjoy a musical performance all the way from Norway. Music students from Rønningen Folkehøgskole will perform original pop music specially for WIMUN delegates. Rønningen Folkehøgskole located on a hillside 25 minutes from Oslo. Students come from all over Norway and many other parts of the world, creating a unique multi-cultural environment.

The concert will be hosted by Arne Hiorth, their music instructor, and a well-known jazz trumpet player. A Q & A will follow the performance

Register
Friday, February 12, 2021

6-7 am EST: WHO Workshop on Polio Eradication

Description: Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease. There is no cure, but there are safe and effective vaccines. The strategy to eradicate polio is therefore based on preventing infection by immunizing every child until transmission stops and the world is polio-free.

In 1988, the global community embarked on an ambitious quest: Member States at the World Health Assembly adopted a Resolution, for the global eradication of polio. At the time, more than 350,000 children were paralysed by polio every year in more than 125 endemic countries. Under the continued oversight and guidance of Member States and the World Health Assembly, national governments – supported by private and public sector partners – have reduced global polio incidence by 99 percent, and the world stands on the threshold of being polio-free. The key is now to complete the job of eradication, as per the mandate issued by the global community, and prevent global resurgence of this highly infectious disease.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) partners work all across the globe to ensure no child is paralyzed by polio ever again.

Speaker: Oliver Rosenbauer is a communications officer for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to that, he worked for a global public relations firm in London, UK. His educational background is in communications and psychology.

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10 am – 11 am EST: Public Speaking Workshop

Description: Public speaking is the art of giving power to words – to influence, inspire and transform lives. Yet even though everyone knows how to speak, did you know that – “Public speaking is the Number One fear – more than even death itself.” Like we all learned how to walk, run, draw or sing - we all can learn how to be a good public speaker. It is very simple – part science and part art. Kudos to you– By stepping out to participate in a Model UN
conference – you are already on the path to master your communication and public speaking skills. This session will highlight a few tips and tricks that could elevate your public speaking skills. We will also be sharing how Model UN conferences and public speaking can play a very important role to shape your personality.

**Speaker:** Ariyamala Sivakumar is a lover of public speaking, and finds language extremely fascinating. As a former president of the Gavel Club, she has learnt, practiced and evaluated speeches. She’s also won over 50 table topics speeches at her Toastmaster Club. She's won high school debate accolades and trained her school's Model UN and Debate teams. She credits her participation in multiple Model UN conferences and subsequently chairing many Model UN conferences for playing a very important role in building her confidence and also elevating her Public Speaking skills.

**Register**

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**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm EST: Social Event – Kahoot Quiz**

**Description:** This session will test WIMUN delegates’ knowledge of the UN and beyond. Multiple choice questions will be generated on Kahoot. Points are awarded based on speed of answer. The delegate with the most points after each session will be awarded a certificate. Join other delegates to see who knows the most!

**Register**

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**2 pm – 3 pm EST: Teach the UN: Resources and Lesson Plans (designed for teachers)**

**Description:** In this special webinar for educators, participants will have a unique opportunity to learn about a new initiative by the UN Visitors Services Section to provide educators across borders and age groups with updated, engaging, and accessible resources and lesson plans to aid and encourage them to include UN content in their curriculum.

This practical, participatory, and content-oriented webinar will be led by Hadas Fischer, a UN tour guide who specializes in kids’ and students’ tours. After a short introduction, which will briefly outline the broad contours of the UN's historical roots and current mission, the webinar will introduce participants to a newly-developed set of lesson plans and educational resources, relating to the UN's history as well as the UN's three pillars - peace and security, human rights, and sustainable development. These materials are meant to be used by teachers at all educational levels to enrich their in-person or remote classroom teaching, and help their students gain a deep understanding of key global issues. Participants in the webinar will have the opportunity to gain direct access to the new materials and to offer insights from their experience, which will aid the UN Visitor Services Section in its mission to provide teachers with useful, concrete educational tools.

**Speakers:** Hadas Fischer is a UN tour guide, specializing in kids’ tours. Originally from Israel, she holds an MA in modern history from Tel Aviv University. At the UN Headquarters in New York, Hadas conducts tours in English and Hebrew to various groups of visitors, from kindergarteners to senior citizens and everyone in between. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she has been working on developing new online experiences and educational materials to help teachers and students stay connected to the UN and its mission. Hadas is passionate about history, public education, and engaging the next generation of global citizens!

**Register**
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm EST: Igniting the Job Search: Resume & Zoom Interview Prep

Description: During these unprecedented times, now more than ever, interviews, meetings and even networking events are taking place over virtual platforms. Specifically, ZOOM has become the ubiquitous channel of choice for job interviews. The basics of interviewing still apply such as resume writing and researching the company and your interviewer, but there is another dimension now to the process and how candidates can best present themselves.

This workshop is designed for you whether you are new to the job search process or you have not had to look for a job in a while. This workshop is for you whether you are comfortable with technology or relatively new to the video medium. We will cover all the elements you need to have in place in order to ignite a job search.

Our workshop addresses all the old and new factors that go into a successful interview.

For one hour and “in one room” we bring together: seasoned Executive Recruiter and Career Strategist Ruth Rama-Witt (NYU, CAS 1994), who conceptualized this workshop because of the coaching and preparation that went into her recruitment practice! She is joined by veteran Actress, Executive Stylist and Image Consultant, Kim Apodaca, who serves an international client list through her practice, Recharge Your Style.

Speakers:

Ruth Rama-Witt is a Career Strategist and Search Advisor as well as the Founder of the RRW Consulting Group. Ruth started her career in talent resources when she joined her family business in healthcare staffing. She launched their New York operations and led international recruitment of nurses and healthcare professionals for over 10 years. She is a 1994 graduate of New York University, the College of Arts and Sciences.

After ten years in the healthcare industry, Ruth decided to pivot to a marketing career in the fashion business. She spent 7 years in global marketing for the Armani Group where she was part of the rebrand and expansion of the youthful AX brand here in the US market. She then joined the international marketing team at the accessories icon, Coach but within a year was part of a corporate downsizing.

It was at this point in her career that Ruth decided to return to talent resources and recruitment knowing that her diverse professional experiences including launching career changes and managing job searches provide unique insights for her candidates. In addition to recruitment, Ruth maintains a consulting practice to provide private career advisement and job search coaching.

Kim Apodaca is an Executive Personal Stylist and the Founder of Recharge Your Style. Kim immigrated to the US from South Africa to pursue her acting career. As her day job, she was an executive assistant to a few Hollywood celebrities and fell in love with the LA Fashion scene. This unexpected twist in her fate, and Kim’s love for fashion and desire to help others love themselves, led to her started styling professionally and helping others 15 years ago. By changing these women’s lives, Kim realized she was passionate about helping others and suddenly understood that empowering others through style was her life’s calling. Today Kim’s prestigious client roster includes Hollywood couples and celebrities, media executives and corporate executives across industries such as finance, media, technology, and philanthropy/fine arts.

Register
5 pm – 6 pm EST: Being the Change – A Session by The Intern’s Foundation

Description: This event is for change makers, visionaries, global leaders, and social advocates and activists. This event is for you! In this session The Intern’s Foundation will introduce you to the world of social change making and entrepreneurship. We encourage you to ask questions, challenge ideas, and get guidance on how to take on the world. Listen to the founders: Dana, Nikki, and Ildem while they talk about their journeys; from studying their degrees, to becoming UN interns, and ultimately social entrepreneurs and leaders of change. There are no silly questions – bring your passion, paper, and pens. Discover what TIF can offer you; it’s your Foundation after all.

Speakers:

Nikki Marjolein Garza is a co-founder of The Intern’s Foundation. Nikki strives to make the world a peaceful place by understanding people on a microscopic and macroscopic level. With her Sociology and Psychology background, Nikki is aware of the human mind’s fragility and desires to understand a person on the deepest level possible. As a member of society, she strives for impact and thus has worked with the American Red Cross, volunteered for Stockholm Pride, and is heavily involved with various organizations at the University of Houston. Currently working towards her MAs in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies, she aims to end human suffering and protect human rights across the globe.

Ildem Esin is a committed change advocate and activist. She is a former UNHQ DESA-FSDO intern. At present, she is a co-founder of The Intern’s Foundation and I,Empower, as well as a campaigner at a global non-profit advocacy organization. With The Intern’s Foundation, Ildem aims to close the gaps that exist amongst aspiring and current UN and other IO interns by providing financial and material resources to support (aspiring) interns on their journeys on becoming global citizens and change makers. Advancing the SDGs is her everyday battle. Ask her about her favourite goals!

Dana Rodriguez is a committed environmental advocate and previous UNEP intern who sees the world’s climate problem from a financial perspective and strives to better engage the public sector and its climate solutions with the private sector. At present she is the European Expansion Manager for a growing start-up non-profit, Leaders For Climate Action in Berlin. She spends her days running 5K every day and building her own initiative, The Intern’s Foundation, with the help of her colleagues. Aside from her active lifestyle, she is also a student research assistant studying economic development and peace, completing her MA in Politics and Public Administration.

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