

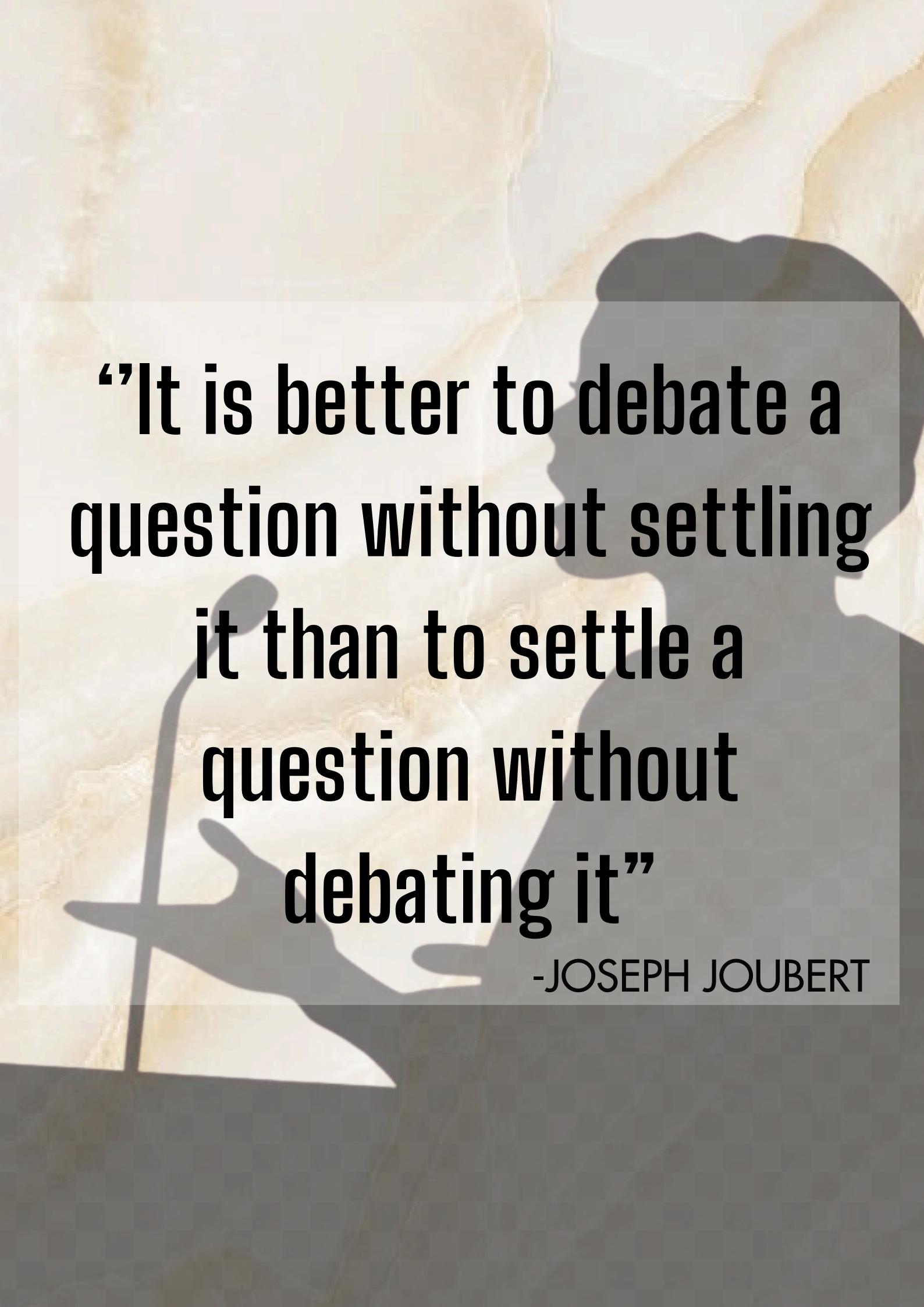
# NEW DELHI WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATE ACADEMY



THE PLACE TO BE



5th to 10th  
OCTOBER 2024



**“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it”**

**-JOSEPH JOUBERT**

# The Galvaniser

## Message from the Director Principal

Dear Esteemed Educators and Young Debaters,

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I extend this cordial invitation to the young debaters from all schools to grace the maiden edition of the *New Delhi World Schools Debate Academy* at The Millennium School, Noida, Sector 41.

We invite you to partake in this momentous occasion where the crucible of ideas shall be ignited and minds shall be galvanised. Furthermore, this event offers a golden opportunity for aspiring debaters to glean insights from world-class luminaries in the field, thereby enriching their repertoire of skills and perspectives. Our esteemed panel of adjudicators and mentors shall provide invaluable guidance, ensuring an enriching and transformative experience for all the participants.

Let us converge at The Millennium School, Noida, to celebrate the art of debating and embark on a journey of intellectual discovery.

Regards

Ms. Anuradha Sinha



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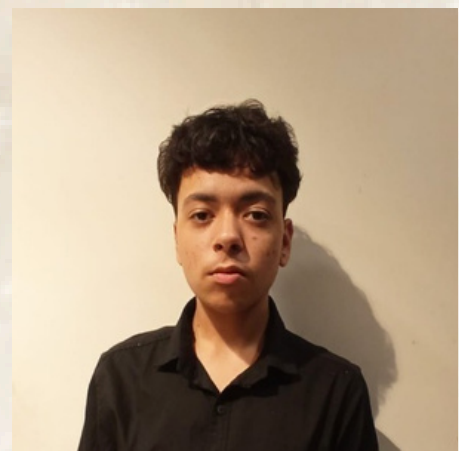
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# New Delhi

# World Schools Debate Academy

The New Delhi World Schools Debate Academy is modelled after the international World Schools Debate Academy in Slovenia, which was established by the Slovenian national debate organisation ***Za in proti***, zavod za kulturo dialoga/Pro et contra, Institute for the Culture of Dialogue, and organised in cooperation with World Debate Institute at University of Vermont, USA.

It has quickly become renowned as a training event for World Schools Debate Format, well-known globally for its rigorous and student-centred training approach, as well as for its development of new curricula and exercises that benefit numerous debate programs.

WSDA has been going strong since 2008, and has welcomed more than 2000 students and teachers from 50+ countries from all over the globe. The training is very intense, with a lot of interactive practice in small groups with **excellent trainers, including Chief Adjudicators of European and World Schools Debating Championships.**

All the trainers have extensive experience as debaters with numerous competitive successes as well as significant experience as trainers at both national and international levels. Each of them has served as trainers at the World Schools Debate Academy (WSDA) and various other debate training programs across Europe and Asia.



# FORMAT OF WSD TRAINING

The training part of the New Delhi WSDA brings lectures, exercises, debate and content electives and practice debates. Short debate theory lectures (**argumentation, refutation, case building, strategy, role of the speakers, type of the debate motions, points of information, public speaking**) will be followed by exercises to have hands on experience. The final event is going to be a debate tournament where debaters in teams of 4 debate against each other about different exciting and important topics.

The sessions will be mentored by Chief Adjudicators of European and World Schools Debating Championships. All the trainers have incredible body of work to their credit.

# Instructions for the World School Debate Training:

Participants are scheduled for a rigorous training from **October 5 to October 10, from 9 AM to 5 PM.**

Each participant shall receive **45 hours** of intensive coaching. Registration is mandatory via the provided link.

Additionally, for every group of ten participants from a school, one accompanying teacher shall receive complementary training.

# Fee Structure and Mode of Payment

For in-house registration (Millennium Schools), the fee is set at ₹30,000 or \$359.20, encompassing training, stationery, breakfast, lunch, and high tea.

External participation incurs a fee of ₹32,000 or \$383.14, covering stationery, breakfast, lunch, and high tea.

Payment is to be facilitated exclusively through online channels.

**Account details for the payment will be shared after the confirmation of the registration**

# Instructions for Teachers' Training

- **Schedule:** The training for teachers will commence on 7th October, with sessions running from 9:00 AM onwards.
- **Curriculum Overview:** The training program will encompass a comprehensive curriculum designed to enhance debate adjudication skills, and effective mentorship techniques.
- **Participation:** Each participating school may nominate one accompanying teacher to partake in the training sessions.

- **Registration:** Teachers must complete the registration process through the provided online portal before the deadline.
- **Accommodation:** For outstation teachers, accommodation arrangements can be made upon request. Kindly inform the organizing committee in advance to facilitate arrangements.
- **Training Materials:** All necessary training materials will be provided to participants upon registration.
- **Engagement:** Active participation and engagement in all training sessions are encouraged to maximise the learning experience.

# Guidelines for Outstation Participants

- **Accommodation Request:** Outstation participants requiring lodging during the event may avail accommodation facilities provided by the organising committee upon request.
- **Additional Payment:** A nominal fee of ₹15,000 or \$179.60 will be charged for the provision of food (Dinner for all six days) and accommodation facilities, ensuring convenience and comfort throughout the duration of the event.
- **Booking Procedure:** Participants must indicate their requirement for accommodation during the registration process and make the additional payment accordingly.

- **Accommodation Details:** The provided lodging will include comfortable amenities and facilities to ensure a pleasant stay for the participants near the event venue. To and fro transport will be provided for outstation participants, ensuring convenient commuting between their hotel and the training venue.
- **Deadline:** Please ensure accommodation requests and payments are made before the specified deadline to guarantee availability and seamless arrangements.
- **Confirmation:** Upon receipt of payment, participants will receive confirmation of their accommodation booking along with further details regarding their stay.
- **Cancellation Policy:** Kindly note that accommodation and registration fees are non-refundable after the specified deadline.

# MEET THE TRAINERS





# Barbara Švagan

Barbara has an extensive background in debate, with nearly 15 years of experience that includes debating at the high school and university levels, and judging debate tournaments, including the World Schools Debate Championship in Zagreb.

She has also coached the Turkish national debate team for several years. Barbara represented the University of Ljubljana at the World Universities Debating Championship in Malaysia. She was the national university debate champion and lectured at debate academies in Slovenia, China, Turkey, Italy, Poland and Greece.

She is currently the president of the board of directors at Za in proti.



# Rok Hafner

Rok Hafner is associated with **Za in Proti**, the Slovenian national debate organisation. He is responsible for the national high school debate program and European projects. Rok has been highly instrumental in conducting trainings for different audiences in Slovenia and other countries.

Having started debating in high school, Rok was a member of the Slovenian national debate team at the World Schools Debating Championship 2015 in Singapore, and he won the largest European WSDC Debate tournament in 2014.



# Nuša Stamejčič

Nuša has been actively involved as a mentor for the young debaters for nearly a decade at **Za in Proti**, where she is in charge of the primary school debate program.

She also works as a trainer within the high school debate program and on EU projects.

She is an experienced leader and has actively contributed to educational projects, crafting and evaluating training materials. As a trainer, Nuša has a body of work to her credit, where she has mentored more than 75 debate workshops in varied positions, reaching over 1000 students internationally, of all ages - from primary schools to universities.



# Matija Pušnik

As a debator, Matija Pušnik represented Slovenia at the World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC) thrice. He continued debating as a university student and in 2019 made it to the European University Debating Championship open semi-final. After finishing high school, Matija took on coaching and training roles.

The high school debate club where he is head coach has won several Slovenian national championships in a row, as well as international tournaments.

He has mentored many students who qualified to be part of Team Slovenia in 2019. Additionally, he coached Team Germany for the WSDC.



# Lucija Ivanuša

Lucija is a Master's student at University of Ljubljana, pursuing a double degree in Sociology of Culture and Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology.

She has been involved in debate for 10 years, and is currently the assistant coach to Team Slovenia for World Schools Debating Championship 2024.

As a judge, she has broken at over 25 international debate competitions, with the most notable achievement being panelling semi-finals of WSDC 2023 in Vietnam.



# Jerneja Logaj

Jerneja's experience with debate spans back to 2015. She has been active in a myriad of different roles, including debater, judge, debate trainer and coach and has been resoundingly successful in all of them. In high school, Jerneja distinguished herself with numerous breaks and top speaker awards in both national and international tournaments such as IDTL and WHO.

She was a member of the Slovenian national team at the WSDC 2019 in Thailand. As a judge, Jerneja has broken at many prestigious international tournaments such as the Harvard Invitationals and the Winter Holidays Open, Europe's biggest debate competition, where she has judged the finals several year in a row.



# Gorazd Jurman

Gorazd Jurman is a philosophy and civic education high school teacher and a state finals external examiner at Gimnazija Ledina in Ljubljana.

As a teacher and debate coach, he participates in numerous international projects aimed at developing critical thinking and introducing debate in school curricula, such as FTUM (2011-2013), ADAPT (1919-2022), GEASA (ongoing), and others.



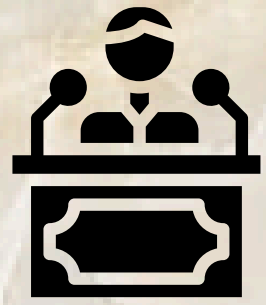
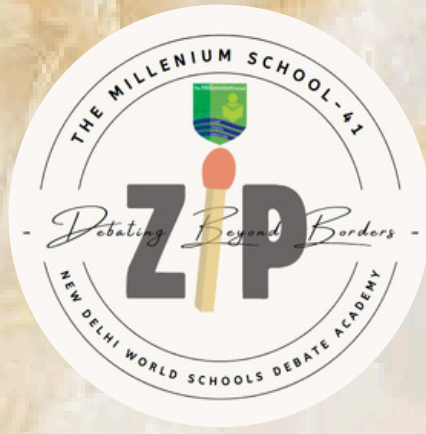
# Code of Conduct

- **Formal Attire:** Participants are required to adhere to a standard of dignified attire, reflecting professionalism and respect for the occasion.
- **Discipline:** Maintaining decorum and punctuality is paramount. Participants are expected to conduct themselves with utmost discipline throughout the duration of the event.
- **Respect for Co-Participants:** Treat other participants with courtesy, even if you disagree. Keep the discussion constructive and respect everyone's viewpoints.



- **Decorum:** Uphold the highest standards of decorum during all interactions, both on and off the debate floor. Maintain a demeanour that reflects positively on yourself and your institution.

Let us collectively uphold these principles of conduct to ensure a harmonious and enriching experience for all involved.



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