IME National Student Debate Competition – student information

Entering the competition

The competition will consist of two elements. A video entry round and a live debate final between two teams which will take place at the IME Student Conference on Saturday 26th February 2022 in London.

Only one team per school will be considered. It is the responsibility of the medical students wishing to enter the competition to clarify this with appropriate persons such as the Medical Ethics Society or the Ethics Lead for that school. If too many students from one school are interested in forming a team, schools are advised to come up with a process that is locally deemed as equitable and feasible.

All teams wishing to compete are required to upload a video of themselves undertaking a 10 minute debate which will then be judged by a panel to select the two finalists.

Teams are made up of four members, but can have less during the live debate. When preparing the video, four people take part: two on each side of the debate.

The topic for the video audition is:

All the UK's Covid booster vaccine supply should not be given as boosters or third doses to UK citizens but instead should be given to low and middle income countries.

Each side should spend five minutes presenting their side of the debate. Format is as follows:

First speaker *For* the motion:	2 minutes
First speaker *Against* the motion:	2 minutes
Second speaker *For* the motion:	2 minutes
Second speaker *Against* the motion:	2 minutes
For the motion (summing up):	1 minute
Against the motion (summing up):	1 minute

*The person summing up can be either of the two speakers.

Deadline for videos to be uploaded is midday on 21st December 2021

Purpose of the debates

a) Promote engagement on a national level with medical ethics

b) Foster a community of interest in medical ethics
c) To provide new learning opportunities
d) To allow students to enjoy medical ethics and have fun

Recruiting students

Students are responsible for organising their own debate teams. It is likely that you will have an ethics lead in your School but they may not have the time to be involved. Putting the onus on students to organise their teams means that you can still enter the national competition even if your ethics lead is unable to be involved.

Although this event has been primarily organised with medical students in mind, you have the option to include students of allied healthcare professions in your team if you wish, such as nurses or physician associates. At least half of the team members must be medical students. Given the purpose of the debates, you should endeavour to include students who are interested in medical ethics rather than simply debating. This event is part of the IME's endeavour to engage students in medical ethics and foster a community of interest. While many students are competitive and want to win, the stress should be on taking part, meeting like-minded students, learning and enjoyment. *It is the taking part that matters*.

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Please upload to YouTube. You will need to create a channel if you don't already have one. Upload your video as 'Unlisted' which is a drop down option in the centre of the screen at the start of the upload process on https://www.youtube.com/upload

This will ensure that the video won't be findable by the general public even if they know the name of it.

Then email the URL of your video to Phil Greenwood of the IME: philg@ime-uk.org copying in: contact@ime-uk.org.

If you have any problems uploading your video please also contact Phil Greenwood.

When emailing the URL of your video, please **also** send a list of the students taking part and indicate whether they are medical students or students of an allied healthcare profession.

Please note: *If you do not receive a confirmation of submission email from us within one week of emailing the URL of your video, please telephone us on 01925-299733.*

Selection of the final two teams will be made by 19th January 2022

Teams will then be informed of the debate topics for the national final, and which side of the debates they have been allocated to.

When teams are notified that they have been selected for the final, they must make a firm commitment to attend, and indicate whether the team is all medical students or includes some students of allied healthcare professions.

Competing in the final

There will be a prize of £50 per member of the team that wins the final.

The final will take 30 minutes broken down as follows:

Speaker 1 *FOR* the motion:	5 Minutes
Speaker 1 *AGAINST* the motion:	5 Minutes
Speaker 2 *FOR* the motion, response to opponents:	3 Minutes
Speaker 2 *AGAINST* the motion, response to opponents:	3 Minutes
Final speaker *FOR* the motion respond & summarise	2 Minutes
Final speaker *AGAINST* the motion respond & summarise	2 Minutes
Questions from the floor	*5 Minutes*

*Final speaker can be either of the two speakers on a team or an additional person
Questions can be answered by any of the four team members

Total Time 30 Minutes

The winning team will be chosen by a show of hands by the audience.

Regulations

- Each qualifying Medical School can bring a team of up to **four** students (one team only per School).
- Teams may include students of allied healthcare professions but at least half of the members must be medical students.
- Intercalating students may compete for their "home" or intercalation university.
- Expenses will be paid for up to four members per team and their ethics lead. The IME office will book travel for the participating teams in order to keep the costs low.
- No technology use, such as overheads, Powerpoint or internet connection.

- Use of prompts on paper or tablets is permitted.

Queries should be addressed to Phil Greenwood (CEO of the IME): philg@ime-uk.org copying in: contact@ime-uk.org