



PROSPECTUS

INTENSIVE DEBATE & LEADERSHIP SUMMER CAMPS AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2025

*Equip your child to speak
with impact, think with
clarity, and lead with
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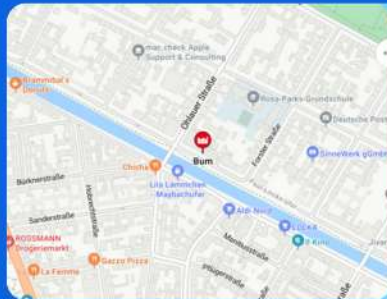
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Berlin's Only Debate and Leadership Summer Camp in English



VENUE

*Paul Lincke-Ufer 21
Kreuzberg, 10999
Berlin, Germany*

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UPCOMING SUMMER CAMPS IN BERLIN



August 11, 2025 to August 16, 2025



August 18, 2025 to August 23, 2025

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globaldebates.org/calendar*

GENERAL SCHEDULE

Day 1	Foundations of Argumentation & Debate I
Day 2	Foundations of Argumentation & Debate II
Day 3	Issues and Strategy Techniques I
Day 4	Issues and Strategy Techniques II
<i>Preparatory Break</i>	
Day 5	Debate Games & Showcase

CAMP HOURS

Part 1: 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM

Lunch Break: 12:45 PM to 13:45 PM

Part 2: 13:45 PM to 15:30 PM

ABOUT THE GLOBAL DEBATES INTENSIVE SUMMER CAMP

The Global Debates Intensive Summer Camp delivers a focused, **one-week experience for students aged 12 to 17**. Participants engage in an immersive journey of debate training and strategic thinking, designed to build confidence in public speaking, sharpen reasoning skills, and foster the ability to listen and respond thoughtfully. The camp adapts the ***Learn > Reflect > Apply > Showcase*** approach inspired by the acclaimed Young Leaders' Program to scaffold the Summer Camp experience.

Each day of the camp is thoughtfully structured with a clear purpose. The first two days cover the essentials. Through interactive icebreakers and structured mini-debates, participants begin to construct compelling arguments, develop rhetorical skills, and explore the importance of body language and collaboration. They are encouraged to ask questions, challenge ideas, and support one another. On days three and four, the focus shifts to real-world topics, strategy techniques, and stimulating group activities. Participants examine current global issues, collaborate in teams, and practice analyzing challenges from a 360° perspective. The final day marks a celebration of progress and achievement. Campers step up on the stage to present their ideas in showcase debates, applying their new skills before an audience of peers and parents.

The Summer Camp embeds approaches such as natural learning, collective engagement, mutual support, and co-operative learning towards ensuring that the child is not forced to learn or to respond to any activity. The camp is designed to nurture natural curiosity and develop robust communication skills, democratic-leadership, social skills, debating skills, decision-making skills, collaborative skills by unleashing their competitive, logical, analytical, critical, and creative thinking. Attributes and skills that extend in applicability beyond just debate competitions. The Intensive Summer Camp in Berlin is offered in partnership with the **Global Citizenship Foundation** and **bUm Berlin**.



SUMMER CAMP AREAS OF FOCUS



THINKING SKILLS

- Effectively unpacking debate statements
- Analyzing arguments from different viewpoints
- Asking relevant and thoughtful questions
- Summarizing main ideas



PERSONAL PRESENCE

- Speaking confidently in front of a group
- Using body language to emphasize key points
- Maintaining eye contact with the audience
- Managing nervousness or stage fright



COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Building clear, logical arguments
- Explaining ideas in simple, effective language
- Delivering a structured speech or presentation
- Developing counter-arguments



MARKETING SKILLS

- Promoting a team's idea or viewpoint persuasively during debates and presentations
- Networking and making connections with peers
- Adapting messages to appeal to different audiences



INTERPERSONAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS

- Listening actively to others
- Giving and receiving constructive feedback
- Working as part of a debate team
- Supporting and encouraging peers during activities



LEARNING GOALS

At the end of the camp, the participant should be able to:

- 1 **Apply critical and creative thinking** by analyzing topics from multiple perspectives, asking thoughtful questions, and developing well-reasoned, practical responses during debates and team activities.
- 2 **Show increased comfort in expressing ideas and opinions and demonstrate acts of leadership** by participating in group discussions, supporting peers, and presenting confidently in a supportive setting.
- 3 **Demonstrate understanding of debate essentials** such as making an argument and responding respectfully, and adapting to new challenges by actively joining structured mini-debates and completing a final showcase activity.

COHORT PROFILE

The cohort is intentionally diverse with participants from a mixed age group ranging from 12 to 17 year olds. *This is with the intention and purpose of fostering cross-age natural/social learning.*

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

Attendance is mandatory to receive the **Certificate of Completion**. The student should attend not fewer than **90%** of the sessions.



DEBATE COACH

Aaryan Salman is the Founder at the Global Debates and President at the Global Citizenship Foundation, a leading non-profit organization fostering global citizenship pedagogy and practice in formal and non-formal education systems. In the last nine years, he has coached over 5000 students and 1000 educators in debate and debate education respectively.

He is an international advisory board member at Dublin City University's Educational Disadvantage Centre and is currently one of UNESCO MGIEP's Youth Leaders on the Prevention of Violent Extremism & UNESCO-APCEIU GCED Youth Leader. Aaryan has previously served as the Program Development Officer at Verbattle, Sub-Editor at Outlook Magazine & Foreign Policy Analyst at World Focus Journal.

Find him on [LinkedIn](#)



THE GLOBAL DEBATES PEDAGOGY

Global Debates believes in the ability of your child to learn, unlearn and relearn. Our pedagogical approach fosters effortless learning to minimize learner's fatigue through intentional and purpose-driven activities that are designed to disconnect the stress of learning from the activity. Most participants in the session, unless asked to perform a self-evaluation, would not even realize that they are learning!

We achieve this in a Global Debates session by:

- Engaging the natural learning abilities
- Providing a conducive environment to satiate the needs of survival and accomplishment.
- Reducing the pressure to learn or deliver by enabling children to immerse themselves in activities.

Global Debates enables the development of a whole child through an emphasis on social-emotional learning while developing communication skills, leadership skills, social skills, logical thinking, positive attitude, learning, and retention skills. Thereby offering complementary and essential learning and skill development experience aimed at a holistic emotional, intellectual and functional development of the child.

***Disclaimer:** Each child is offered personalized attention. Parental support is needed in assignments and follow-ups for desired outcomes. Overall objectives are achieved only with the child participating in all sessions and not missing any session.*



OUR APPROACH AND TECHNIQUES

The Global Debates' leverages on the **diversity** of the cohort to unlock the power and potential of collective engagement, natural learning processes, social pedagogy, co-operative learning, logical understanding, and mutual support.

We employ engaging, enriching, and fun activities such as **interactive games, group activities, observations, campaigning, debates, discussions, drama, marketing and persuasion activities, thought challenge, research, storytelling, reading, writing, assignments, presentations, reflections, and indoor sports** to achieve skills like decision-making, critical thinking, creative thinking, analytical thinking, logical thinking, and positive attributes such as **collaboration, balanced perspectives, innovative-mindset, democratic-leadership, and global citizenship**.



WHY HAVE THE GLOBAL DEBATES' EXPERIENCE?

Meeting Learners Where They Are

We provide a safe space where learners as young as six-years old can explore diverse perspectives and express their ideas. Using familiar tools, we guide them through a process that builds their ability to think critically, make informed decisions, and communicate clearly, all essential skills for academic and personal growth.

Deepening Social-Emotional Learning

Our approach challenges participants to develop empathy and respect by engaging with multiple viewpoints. Through carefully crafted narratives, learners build ethical decision-making skills as they confront complex situations, strengthening their ability to understand others while nurturing a reflective and compassionate mindset.

Enhancing Academic Performance

The Global Debates Experience sparks curiosity and cultivates a growth mindset. Participants develop the analytical skills needed for academic success by practicing evidence-based reasoning and constructing well-supported arguments, a key focus of examinations like the SAT.

Developing Better Thinkers

Participants experience demonstrable improvement in their critical, creative, analytical, and lateral thinking. Through our unique debate format and reflective practices, they learn to evaluate challenges from multiple perspectives, equipping them for real-world decision-making.

Shaping Thoughtful Decision-Makers

Global Debates equips participants to craft balanced arguments, gain a 360-degree understanding of issues, and process information logically and sensitively. It also builds leadership by boosting confidence, teamwork, and clarity through social-emotional development and collaborative activities such as strategy huddles and opinion-making.

Building Kinder, More Compassionate Brains

We challenge learners to move beyond simplistic black-and-white narratives by exploring the nuanced layers of complex topics. This method promotes the development of a compassionate mindset, as participants learn to appreciate diverse perspectives. In doing so, they cultivate empathy and a deeper understanding that transcends mere exchange of arguments.

Fostering Active Global Citizenship

Our program engages participants in global issues, including the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, to build cultural awareness and ethical responsibility. Through structured debates and collaborative projects, learners deepen their understanding of diverse perspectives, equipping them to contribute meaningfully to local and international communities.



ABOUT GLOBAL DEBATES

Global Debates is a leading global initiative established in 2016 to promote a robust culture of debates, dialogue, and leadership. Since 2018, this initiative is organized in cooperation with the **Global Citizenship Foundation** with the aim of equipping young people with the civic and citizenship skills needed to thrive as agents and leaders in democratic societies.

The Global Debates programs focus on competencies such as socio-emotional learning; decision-making skills; speaking, listening, and presentation skills; and intercultural understanding.

In 2025, Global Debates is launched in Germany in partnership with bUm and Global Citizenship Foundation.

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The Global Citizenship Foundation is a registered not-for-profit specialist organization with a mandate to foster active global citizenship and Global Citizenship Education (GCED). The seats of the Global Citizenship Foundation are Tallinn, Estonia in the European Union and the National Capital Territory of Delhi in India.

To know more, visit: gcf.ngo

bUm is a space for engagement and solidarity on the Landwehrkanal in Kreuzberg. bUm offers a space for activists, creatives and committed people from the neighborhood and Berlin's civil society. Over 50 associations and initiatives work together on topics such as political education, anti-discrimination, climate protection, art & culture, and educational equality, sharing resources and experiences and working together for a just and sustainable coexistence in Berlin. With a varied program of events such as the critical reading group, the Marktschwärmerei, crochet club and through free spaces for self-organized, voluntary projects, bUm create structures in which solidarity-based action becomes possible and marginalized perspectives find space. bUm community thrives on openness, dialogue, and shared learning – supported by a mindful, regenerative work culture.



To know more, visit: bum.berlin



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IF YOU THINK DEBATING IS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SPEAKING, THINK AGAIN... IT CAN DO MUCH MORE!



IT CAN HELP ONE DEVELOP SKILLS TO

- Think on one's feet
- Articulate thoughts clearly
- Construct meaning out of complex situations
- Possess an expanded worldview
- Be more socially conscious
- Be more empathetic and mindful
- Make persuasive presentations
- Resolve conflicts
- Be a better critical thinker
- Be a more confident individual



You might already do debating or public speaking at your school or university. If so, great. But the Global Debates approach is by design different from the usual debate training programs, which predominantly focus on public speaking. Debate education, done right, could transform a child into a more confident, empathetic, mindful, ethical, and critically aware individual.



HERE'S WHY WE CALL DEBATES AN INTELLECTUAL SPORT...

Debate isn't just about public speaking or arguments. It's a powerful exercise in developing thriving skills (*such as empathy, mindfulness, compassion, and critical inquiry*) through engaging in every level of Bloom's Taxonomy.

From **recalling** facts and **understanding** concepts to **applying** frameworks, **analyzing** diverse perspectives, **evaluating** evidence, and **creating** original arguments, debate challenges participants to use the full spectrum of their thinking abilities.

Bloom's Taxonomy is a well-established framework in education that outlines the different levels of thinking involved in learning.

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