

## Connect Global Final Report

### **Main activities and group dynamics:**

On this final week of the program, facilitators encouraged students to continue leading thought-provoking discussions about the global and social challenges that they find important. As they thoroughly discussed conflict, immigration and cultural misunderstanding, participants reflected on how they can play an active role in addressing the issues they discussed throughout the program.

Facilitators shared several instances where students were listening to each other actively and asking questions to learn more about each other's cultural backgrounds. Students demonstrated a high level of interest in each other's perspectives and were very curious about how the discussed issues are affecting their respective countries. After they closed the discussions, participants took time to reflect on the group process and shared thoughts about final takeaways from the semester.

By the end of the session, students participated in the recognition activity and typed the names of peers that impacted them. This activity was an opportunity for students to show appreciation and gratitude towards each other.

Last week, most facilitators rated the sessions as "Good" or "Excellent". Some described the final sessions as insightful and dynamic. Facilitators reported how quiet and shy students built confidence throughout the sessions and became more engaged in the dialogue process. Most groups also took time to exchange their contact information and expressed a desire to continue the dialogue outside of the sessions.

### **Attendance and technical updates:**

The absence rate for the final week of the program was relatively low and most students were able to attend their sessions. Thank you so much for your constant support and for reminding your students of the importance of attendance throughout the semester. On the technical front, no major issues were reported. In the exception of some students who faced internet issues, most participants were able to login and attend. Our technical support team was available to assist students who might have faced issues.

### **Highlights and key dates:**

Now that students have completed their sessions, students submitted their Final Projects on **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We reminded students to send their Final Projects to [submit@soliya.net](mailto:submit@soliya.net) and Cc you.

Students should also have completed their online evaluation of the Connect Program on **May 6<sup>th</sup>**.