

## Connect Global Week 7 Report

### **Main Activities and Group Dynamics:**

Last week, participants were encouraged to lead thought-provoking conversations about the global and social issues that affect them. Some groups discussed conflict and social norms while others talked about the role of governments in managing the global pandemic. As they contributed in the discussions, participants were able to enhance their awareness of their peers' differences. Students were fully engaged, questioning each other and going deeper and deeper into understanding each other. While they shared their personal stories, some students spoke of their social involvement outside of the sessions and described what they gained from it.

In addition to the discussions, facilitators also encouraged participants to discuss their final projects in small groups. Others reflected on the key takeaways of their experience. Facilitators also reminded their students of the key deadlines for their Final Project Papers.

Most facilitators described last week's dynamics were "Good" or "Excellent". Some reported how shy participants were able to overcome their fear. Students reached a high level of trust which enabled them to engage with difference more constructively.

### **Attendance and Technology:**

Last week, around 90% of students successfully attended their last sessions. In addition to the usual reminders we send each week, we still count on your support in reminding your students of the importance of attending their final session of the Program.

As usual, no major issues were reported on the technical front. Most participants were able to attend their sessions fully.

### **This Week**

This week, students will attend their final sessions. Like every week, groups will start the sessions with icebreakers, and then they will engage in free-flowing conversations about the topic of their choice. Towards the end of the final session, participants will reflect on their overall experience and share thoughts on what they learned about themselves and from each other. Facilitators will also share information about how they can continue their cross-cultural engagement after the end of the program. Outside of the group sessions, students will be working on their Final Project Papers that are due on **Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**.