

Connect Global Final Report

Main activities and group dynamics:

On the final week of the program, students were encouraged lead thought-provoking discussions about current events, values and social norms. Other groups continued discussions from the previous week then, decided to reflect on the past eight weeks and share thoughts on what they have learned throughout the Program.

Facilitators shared several instances where students took full ownership over the dialogue by asking good questions and practicing active listening. 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, some participants spoke about the Final Project and shared thoughts on the key elements they will discuss in their final project papers.

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 students became more comfortable discussing sensitive topics shy students built confidence throughout the sessions and became more engaged in the dialogue process. Some of them also commented on the language- related progress the have made in the past eight weeks.

Attendance and technical updates:

Last week, around 85% of students successfully attended their last sessions. Thank you so much for your constant effort in reminding them of the importance of attendance throughout the Program. We really appreciate your collaboration.

As for technology, no major issues were reported this week. Sessions were able to run smoothly, and students have been able to connect to their groups successfully

Final Project Paper:

After completing the final sessions, students submitted their final project papers on **Friday, May 7th**. Participants have received instructions on how to submit their papers and were reminded to email a copy directly to their professors.