

Derry Flanagan – Schools Convenor Manifesto

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Given the nature of the role and its commitments, along with the skills and experience necessary, I believe running for Schools Convenor is the best way I can serve this society. I am well versed in organising school debating competitions. As project manager of EYP Ireland’s Munster session, I was directly responsible for the running of a four day debate, organising venues, catering and accommodation for 150+ participants. I was also responsible for organising debates while in secondary school.

If elected, I have four main goals;

1. I plan to expand our main schools competition, by overseeing more interaction and promotion with secondary schools in Northern Ireland. I hope to reach as many students as possible, and I am committing to having a record number of schools and teams participating in our debates.
2. On top of this, I plan to extend our outreach with schools within other UK countries and the Republic of Ireland. This will improve our events while offering the opportunity to participate to more students.

3. I am committed to launching the first ever British Parliamentary competition within schools by the Literific. I will of course contact schools who already do BP; however, my fourth goal will expand on this.
4. I am committed to sending our debaters to their past schools, and schools within the area to train and introduce students to BP, and debate in general. This will help develop interest in debate, attracting new students to our schools' comp, and the society in general.