

To help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the competition, schools are warmly invited to enter into the spirit of partnership and organise their own Country Debate with other participating schools. The Country Debates will be followed by an International Schools Debate & Teacher Champions Exchange.

DEBATE TOPICS

Primary Schools Debate – *Our vision: Partnerships for a sustainable future*

Students aged 7-11 will collaborate together in assigned groups (as ‘Governments’, ‘Businesses’ or ‘Citizens’) and then across groups, to develop a shared vision for a sustainable future.

Secondary Schools Debate – *To achieve the UN SDG’s, global partnerships are more important than local ones*

Students aged 11-17 will work together in assigned teams to develop group presentations, either for or against the motion, followed by counter-arguments, rebuttals and closing statements.

COUNTRY DEBATES (15 Feb – 15 June)

1. Any child or school entering the [TSL Schools Essay Competition](#) can participate.
2. To hold a Country Debate, a minimum of two schools must participate. See [list of all participating schools](#) (TSL is happy to broker communications across interested schools).
3. Choose three neutral & mutually acceptable judges (judging criteria will be provided).
4. To receive a *TSL Country Debates Resource Pack* with further instructions and guidance, please email schools@trustforsustainableliving.org.

ONLINE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS DEBATE (6 July 2020)

Two primary and two secondary school children will be selected to represent each country, based primarily on essay competition performance. Participants will be able to participate virtually, or in person (from the Partner Power Summit), and the event will be live-streamed.

PARTNER POWER SUMMIT (4-6 July 2020)

Alongside the International Schools Debate and Teacher Champions Exchange, a special conference will be held at Oxford University UK, designed to help teachers, children, parents and sustainability leaders build further on the theme of ‘partner power’.

KEY DATES

- 15 February 2020 – Announcement of Essay Finalists & Honourable Mentions
- 15 February-15 June 2020 – Country Debates
- 5 July 2020 – International Teacher Champions Exchange (online or in person)
- 6 July 2020 – International Schools Debate (online or in person)
- 4-6 July 2020 – Partner Power Summit, Oxford University, UK (attendance is optional)

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