

DEMOCRATIC EDUCATION NETWORK

NINTH ANNUAL DEN INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME



Friday,
8 May 2026



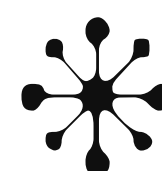
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Fyvie Hall,
University of
Westminster, 309
Regent Street,
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PROGRAMME — CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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EVENT DETAILS

- Friday, 8 May 2026
- 09:00–19:30
- Fyvie Hall, University of Westminster, 309 Regent Street, London W1B 2HW
- **Website:** democraticeducationnetwork.net



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Opening Session with Peter Bonfield, Dibyesh Anand and Alan Porter
- Student-led panels on global governance, migration, AI, education, inequality and sustainability
- AI in Further Education segment at Capital City College, London
- Final Session, DEN Book Launch, Open Q&A and Celebration



DAY AT A GLANCE

- 09:00 Registration & Welcome
- 09:30 Opening Session
- 10:00 Session 1
- 11:00 Session 2
- 12:00 Break
- 12:15 Session 3
- 14:00 AI in Further Education
- 14:20 Session 4
- 15:20 Session 5
- 16:20 Session 6
- 17:00 Final Session
- 17:30 Celebration

PROGRAMME — MORNING SESSIONS

REGISTRATION, OPENING SESSION, AND SESSION 1

09:00–09:30



REGISTRATION & WELCOME

The Registration and Information Desk will open in the entrance hall.

Grace, Aniya, Lydia, Mawera, and Aoife

Morning presentation support: Salman, Afra and Ahmed

09:30–10:00



OPENING SESSION

Chair: Charlene, Anjali, and Senya

- **Peter Bonfield** (Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Westminster)
- **Dibyesh Anand** (Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Global Engagement and Employability)
- **Alan Porter** (Head of School, Social Sciences)

10:00–11:00



SESSION 1 — GLOBAL GOVERNANCE, POWER, AND POLITICAL CHANGE

Chair: Renata and Negenia

- The Wind of Change Trapped in a Snow Globe: The Question of the Global South's Representation in UN Structures — Kordian Białek (Lazarski University)
- Assessing European Union Membership Benefits: Poland, since 2004 — Konrad Leutert (University of Westminster)
- Syria as an Arena for Great Power Rivalry: Competition and Its Consequences — Rita Andreieva (University of Westminster)
- Moroccan Youth: Voices, Perspectives, and Demands for Democratic Reform — Yassir Abbadi (University of Westminster)

PROGRAMME — MIDDAY

SESSIONS 2 AND 3

11:00–12:00



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SESSION 2 — MIGRATION, EDUCATION, AND GLOBAL INEQUALITY

Chair: Eddie and Aoife

- Education as a Tool for Migration Policy: The Case of Ukrainian Migrants in Poland — Oskar Wiśniewski (Lazarski University)
- How Can Education Be Used to Address Global Migration? — Solomon Kuffour (University of Westminster)
- Education and Resistance: Women and Power in Afghanistan — Negenah Mahmoud (University of Westminster)
- The Silk Road Never Ended — It Just Went Digital — Jasmina Boymamatova et al. (WIUT)

12:00–12:15



BREAK

- Refreshment break

12:15–13:15



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SESSION 3 — AI, TECHNOLOGY, POWER, AND ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Aiden and Suheyra

- Environmental Cost of Generative AI — Rita Andreieva (University of Westminster)
- The (In)visibility of International Students in Generative AI Policy — Rabia Basri Malik (University of Westminster)
- From Kadrový Posudok to Algorithmic Profiling — Ramzi Selim Hikmet (University of Westminster)
- When AI Thinks for Us: Teaching Youth to Question Technology — Bakhromkhon Murodkosimov et al. (WIUT)
- Education, the SDGs and AI in the Era of Globalisation — Negenah Mahmoud (University of Westminster)

PROGRAMME — AFTERNOON

AI IN FURTHER EDUCATION, SESSIONS 4 AND 5

14:00–14:20



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Afternoon presentation support
Eddie, Josh, Grace

AI IN FURTHER EDUCATION
Capital City College, London
Chair: Konrad and Ramzi

14:20–15:20



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SESSION 4 — EDUCATION, INEQUALITY, AND STUDENT VOICE

Chair: Salman and Rita

- Impostor Syndrome in Higher Education — Rida Butt (University of Westminster)
- What Teaching Taught Me About Education and Inequality — Suheyla Coskun (University of Westminster)
- Articulating Voice: Education, Inequality, and Social Awareness — David Colville (University of Westminster)
- Student Voices and System Change: A SMART Approach — Alimat Jinadu (University of Westminster)

15:20–16:20



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SESSION 5 — EDUCATION INNOVATION, MEDIA, AND SOCIETY

Chair: Afra and Anjali

- From 'I' to 'U': Activating Student Assets — The 5E Model — Ribana Cristescu (University of Westminster)
- Restorative Justice in Education — Senya (University of Westminster)
- Film, Media Culture and Soft Power — Michelle Mohaimen (University of Westminster)
- Governing Youth through Algorithms — Arika and Ariadna (University of Westminster)



PROGRAMME — CLOSING

SESSION 6, FINAL SESSION, AND CELEBRATION





16:20–17:00

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SESSION 6 — SUSTAINABILITY, DEVELOPMENT, AND FUTURE ECONOMIES

Chair: David and Fatima

- AI, Sustainability, and the Rentier State — Asal Kalantari (University of Westminster)
- Coded Cognition: AI Risks in Education — Bahar Ozdemir (University of Westminster)
- Media, Marriage, Equality and Development in Thailand — Kantipa Jarotrum, Panumas Moonsan, Busakorn Methakulchai, Thanyawan Tintamora, Chanoknan Janta (Kasetsart University)



17:00–17:30

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FINAL SESSION

Chair: Michelle, Azaria, Mawera and Aniya

- Launch of the Eighth Annual DEN Book
- Bahar, Ariadna, Negen, Ramzi, Rita, Arika, and Asal
- Open Q&A Discussion



17:30

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CELEBRATION OF DEN’S 9TH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE

Cayley Room

- Food: Pizza and Mediterranean Mezza
- Music: Harrie Blackadder
- Games: Afra, Azaria, Charlene, and Salman



Westminster Waves Radio, photography and video: Renata, Senya, Aniya, Suheyla, Arika and Lydia

Social media: Charlene, Negen, Bahar and Senya