

# WHAT IF YOUNG PEOPLE RAN THE WORLD?



## AT YMCA MODEL UNITED NATIONS, THEY DO.



**JOIN** MORE THAN 600 YOUNG LEADERS FROM AROUND THE STATE TO PRACTICE DIPLOMACY AND DEBATE GLOBAL ISSUES IN ONE OF THESE PROGRAM AREAS:

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Represent your country's interests in committees and propose solutions to international issues to the General Assembly, the main policymaking body of the United Nations.

**SECURITY COUNCIL:** Investigate issues that could lead to international conflict and negotiate to resolve safety and security crises.

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL:** Research and discuss topics like the environment and sustainable development to propose solutions that keep economies strong and improve the lives of people worldwide.

**HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL:** Learn about vulnerable and marginalized groups of people and develop proposals to address past and current abuses.

**GLOBAL FORUM:** Learn about and discuss current global issues using economics, education, the human condition, diplomacy, and security to inform and explore effective solutions.

**INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE:** Resolve disputes between member states, debate treaty interpretation, and make important decisions based on international law.

**MEDIA:** Conduct interviews, write articles and opinion pieces, film important events, curate digital media content, and report on election results.

**CONFERENCE RESOURCE CENTER:** Represent and advocate for various United Nations agencies, analyze resolutions to determine budget requirements, and administer elections at the conference.

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# WHAT IS MODEL UN?

Model UN is a hands-on civic learning program where students in grades 7-12 take on the role of a diplomat from one of 193 countries and explore solutions to international challenges. Young people at Model UN aren't spectators; they discuss and debate global issues, pass resolutions, form alliances, and draft legal opinions while practicing cooperation and diplomacy.



## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM?

**JOIN OR FORM A DELEGATION:** Connect with students and staff at your school or community organization to join or form a Model UN delegation.

**SUMMIT:** Attend a pre-conference training event with your delegation in late winter.

**PRE-CONFERENCE PREP:** Meet regularly with your Model UN delegation to learn about the United Nations and research member countries, practice skills, and prepare for the conference.

**CONFERENCE:** Join secondary students from across Minnesota and spend three days in early spring at the downtown Minneapolis Marriott strengthening your critical thinking and public speaking skills. Spend two nights enjoying supervised meals in the skyways and evening activities including trivia, bingo, crafts, karaoke, and a talent show.

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