



Cancellation of Gothenburg 2020 - 16th National Session of EYP Sweden

Dear participants of Gothenburg 2020 - 16th National Session of EYP Sweden,

It is with a heavy feeling of sadness that the National Board of EYP Sweden regrets to inform you that it has today made the decision to cancel Gothenburg 2020 - 16th National Session of EYP Sweden, due to the outbreak and spread of Covid-19. We are investigating possibilities for hosting the session at a later date.

The National Board of EYP Sweden has been following the development of the situation over recent weeks and have continuously assessed the circumstances in which the session would take place. After conducting one of these assessments today, it has concluded that the only responsible course of action is to cancel the event. In this situation, the organisation should not be a contributing factor to the movement of people, and the potential spread of Covid-19; in Sweden, Europe and the world. The National Board of EYP Sweden recognises that there is currently no restriction in place which necessarily forces this course of action; but there are many other prudential- and moral reasons for making this decision and taking responsibility for the protection of society at large.

In this situation, the National Board of EYP Sweden wants to warmly and sincerely thank the project managers of the session, Maja Ahlberg (SE) and Arad Aslrousta (SE), for everything that they have done in the planning and preparation of Gothenburg 2020 - 16th National Session of EYP Sweden. They have spent 12 months on this project and worked with diligence, professionalism and efficiency in the pursuit of providing all participants with an unforgettable experience in Gothenburg next week. The National Board of EYP Sweden firmly believe that the session would have been an unprecedented success, and we applaud Maja and Arad for their work and do regret the immense disappointment that this decision causes them.

Moreover, the organisation wishes to express its gratefulness to the volunteers and partners of the session who have all cooperated with the project managers and EYP Sweden in planning Gothenburg 2020 - 16th National Session of EYP Sweden. It is our sincere hope to cooperate with you again in the future in order to keep educating the young minds of Europe, and providing them with a platform to engage in their future.

Finally, the National Board of EYP Sweden wishes to express that it will contact all participating schools in due course with information on what this decision means for the National Selection Process (NSP) 2019/2020, as well as other logistical matters. We ask all delegates and teachers for their understanding of this decision.

Should any participant have any questions, thoughts or concerns in regards to Covid-19 or any other matter, they are as always more than welcome to contact Viktorija Pesic (President of EYP Sweden) on viktorija.pesic@eup.se, Paul Stone (Vice-President of EYP Sweden) on paul.stone@eup.se or Alexander Dürr (National Coordinator of EYP Sweden) on alexander.durr@eup.se.

Sincerely,

The National Board of EYP Sweden



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