



**Conference “Global Responsibility” - “*Safety and Security Challenges in our Globalised World*”**

**Date: July 8-13, 2019**

**Location: Spain, Terrassa (Barcelona)**

Spain in general is a safe country, and as such has become an inviting place for tourism due to its many attractions which include gastronomy, architecture, coastal towns and cultural attractions. Nevertheless, like any other country, we need to exercise normal safety precautions and common sense. Terrorism has caused a sense of panic affecting every corner of the world. Various European cities have been recently attacked by some of these acts of violence. Barcelona is a recent example (August 2017). In response to this attack, the Spanish Government introduced heightened security measures in public places, such as shopping areas, tourist hubs and major events, and as such there has been no repeat of any violence recorded to date.

There are other threats that also need to be addressed because they are directly related to the safety of children and young people in schools. Feeling safe at school is one of the most important aspects for the personal and academic development of a student. However, this does not happen all the time. Bullying, racism, intolerance, humiliation, homophobia, and intimidation may happen at times and it is our responsibility to work against it through prevention and the suitable conflict management.

There are countries that suffer from internal disputes among their own people, countries where natural disasters can bring about destruction and chaos, countries where nuclear and

industrial plants pollute the environment and cause health problems for the population.

One of the most common problems but least visible threat is that of cybercrimes. It tends to be low profile, but Governments around the world have significantly tightened safety measures and have worked diligently to be at the cutting-edge for protection.

But let's not focus on the issues, but rather on what we can do to improve our world. Together we are strong, together we can bring light to darkness. The future is ours.

### **Objectives**

1. To create awareness regarding the dangers that threaten our world and the sense of belonging to a global community
2. To organise a conference where projects about safety and security can be developed to contribute to the well-being of world citizens
3. To develop a community where young students can share their ideas and worries as responsible world citizens, and coming closer together regardless of their nationality or culture
4. To promote leadership and teamwork through all the activities to be included in the conference: key speakers sessions, workshops, presentations, leisure time, and others
5. To adopt a common framework to fight the possible dangers threatening our society, considering them as global issues that affect our world as a whole.

## Guidelines

1. Inviting schools to set up to two different research teams (2-4 students each) working on one of the themes included in the above mentioned categories.
2. The target group will be students between 16 and 19 years old. We invite school teams to arrive during the previous weekend (July 6th-7th) and leave on the following weekend (July 13 - 14).
3. Schools will register students and teachers to attend the conference. Pre-Registration will take place from September 12 - October 15, 2018 and Full registration will take place from October 16 to December 31, 2018.
4. Each research team will submit their final report in English online at the end of March 2019.
5. A committee of experts will review the reports and there will be awards for the best research projects.
6. The research results will be presented during the conference in an official Award Ceremony. After the conference a book with all the projects will be edited and 2 copies sent to each participant school.
7. A very important part of this conference will be getting into different size discussion groups to come up with a range of proposals to improve the quality of living in our world. It is not just a matter of numbering out all the issues, but most importantly, coming up with an action plan to find solutions as responsible world citizens.
8. Accommodation and food will be free for all guest-students based on home stay. A package hotel deal will be offered to teachers (bed and breakfast in a local hotel). Mare de Déu del Carme will take care of catering

services, program, transportation and excursion facilities for the students and teachers during the conference program.

9. Mare de Déu del Carme will organise free airport pick-ups and drop-offs according to the flight schedules of the different delegations, based on arrivals to Barcelona El Prat airport.

### **Conference finances framework**

1. The conference fee is 280 Euros (Only students)
2. All participants are expected to reserve and pay their own flight.
3. Accompanying teachers are expected to pay for the hotel accommodation in Terrassa. There are no conference fees for teachers.
4. Mare de Déu del Carme will take care of the catering, programmed activities, transportation and excursions for both students and teachers.
5. Mare de Déu del Carme will organize free airport pick-ups and drop-offs (Barcelona - El Prat) according to the different flight schedules of each delegation.

### **Research settings**

#### **a) Approach**

We suggest that you adopt a “glocal” approach in your contributions to the conference. We need to go towards a clear global strategic direction along with the flexibility to adapt to local characteristics and requirements. This approach helps to build a shared vision, broadens perspectives and enables internal and external cooperation.

## **b) Themes**

- CYBERSECURITY - Data Protection
- SCHOOLS - Shootings, Bullying, Racism, Intimidation, Drop Out
- ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL DISASTERS - Earthquakes, Floods, Droughts, Nuclear Plants and Industrial Areas
- SUSTAINABILITY - Safe & Sustainable Buildings, Safe food
- UNCERTAINTY FOR THE FUTURE - Jobs, Terrorism, Health, Demographic Evolution (Migration)

## **Program**

A more detailed program for the conference will be sent with Information Pack 2. In that pack you will find all the activities, research presentations, keynote speeches, panel and group discussions, site visits and excursions, events and other surprises!

## **Website and Social Media**

The **website** for the conference will be

[www.globalresponsibility2019.es](http://www.globalresponsibility2019.es)

## **Instagram**

@globalresponsibility2019

## **Facebook**

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We hope to have everything ready to be able to use it as soon as possible.

## **Timeline**

September 7, 2018                      Delivery of Information Pack 1

September 7 - October 15, 2018 Pre-Registration

October 16, 2018                      Delivery of Information Pack 2

October 16 - December 31, 2018 Full Registration

January 7, 2019                      Deadline for Abstracts

January 31, 2019      Publication of Abstracts in the Website

February 15, 2019      Delivery of Information Pack 3

June 1, 2019                      Assignment of Host Families

July 6-7, 2019                      Arrival of participants to Barcelona

July 8 - 12, 2019                      Conference

July 13, 2019                      Departure of Participants