



February 8, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am pleased to let you know that The Linden School has been invited to participate in Rysensteen Gymnasium's upcoming Model UN, which will take place in Copenhagen, April 28-29, 2016. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for our students to expand their worldview and knowledge about international relations and diplomacy, while connecting with their peers from other countries.

Please review the following information and let me know if you wish to have your daughter participate in this program by returning the attached form by Monday, February 15, 2016. While our role is to facilitate delegate selection and introduce you to this program, we are unable to manage student travel and housing logistics, nor are we able to have Linden faculty accompany students. Therefore, we must have at least one parent/guardian volunteer who agrees to accompany and manage the student delegates during this trip.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Janice Gladstone'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janice Gladstone, Principal



**Rysensteen Gymnasium Global Citizenship Program Model UN Program Details:**

- Website link: <http://rysensteen.dk/en/welcome> (updates coming next month)
- Rysensteen Contact info: Anders Schultz, [as@rysensteen.dk](mailto:as@rysensteen.dk), +4523393856
- Location and Spoken Language: Copenhagen, English
- Model Un takes place: April 28-29, 2016
- Delegates arrive: April 26, 2016 and depart: April 30, 2016 onwards
- Duration of stay: 4-7 days depending on individual preference
- Number of delegates invited from Linden and eligibility: 5 students from Grades 10-12
- Total number of participants: 300 students from Rysensteen + 35 students from other countries
- Dress code: UN dress code. Suit and tie (trousers, dresses, skirts – knee length). No strong colors.
- Application deadline: February 15, 2016
- Delegate Preparation: Student delegates will receive a study guide from the organizing committee of Rysensteen students on the different topics of the general assembly. Lessons by experienced MUN students will take place the day before the conference starts in Copenhagen
- Housing info: Rysensteen will arrange homestay and directly communicate with you
- Travel info: Parents/Guardians must make their own arrangements

**Parent / Guardian Permission**

*Please complete and return this form by Monday, February 15, 2016*

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

*I allow my daughter to participate in Rysensteen's Model UN, which will take place in Copenhagen, April 28-29, 2016. I understand that a group of Linden students will participate in this program accompanied by a volunteer parent/guardian, and that my daughter will be in homestay arranged by Rysensteen. I undertake to pay for all costs associated with this program including air/ground transportation. By signing below, I agree to hold The Linden School, Rysensteen, and/or its employees/parents/guardians/volunteers harmless from claims or damages arising from my daughter's participation in the above program.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL / DIETARY INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN WILLING TO VOLUNTEER BY ACCOMPANYING STUDENTS ON THIS TRIP: [ ] YES [ ] NO



Dear Partner School

For the third time, Rysenstein Gymnasium will be welcoming its international partners exclusively to RysMUN 2016. Our Student Committee is pleased to officially invite a delegation of five students from your distinguished school to participate in the RysMUN event held at our premises on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016.

**RYS is for Rysenstein; MUN is for Model United Nations**

RYSMUN is a student simulation of the politics, processes and procedures characterizing the United Nations. Students - or delegates as they will become - are provided an exceptional chance to take part in committee work, addressing current international concerns while representing not their personal views, but the opinions of a nation to which they will be assigned upon admission.

To do this, delegates must explore and carefully examine the interests of their country, research their international commitments and agreements, and prepare to argue that *their* positions are right. They must lobby, identify, and cooperate with allies, be prepared to compromise when necessary, and beware of their opponents' arguments in order to properly implement strategies that will resolve the issues on the agenda - in the opinion of their government, that is.

RysMUN is an opportunity for students to make use of the social sciences and rhetoric; it is a personal challenge and a great way to learn while making new friends from other countries. But while RYSMUN is socially enjoyable, serious commitment will also be expected from delegates. This includes compliance with the formal dress code and strict procedures during sessions.

Please see program on the following page.

We hope you are as excited about this unique opportunity as we are.

Kindest regards,

RYSMUN Student Committee and Director of RYSMUN  
Professor Katja Kofod

# Programme

RYSMUN 28 and 29 April 2016

<b>Thursday 28 April</b>	
08.15 - 09.45	Introduction and research
09.45 - 10.00	Break
10.00 - 10.30	Meet your committee
10.30 - 11.30	Opening Ceremony Speeches by the principal of the school, Secretary General and guest speakers
11.30 - 12.10	Lunch
12.10 - 13.40	Lobbying sessions in Committees and Councils
13.40 - 13.55	Break
13.55 - 15.25	Lobbying sessions in Committees and Councils
<b>Friday 29 April</b>	
08.15 - 09.45	Committees and Councils in sessions
09.45 - 10.00	Break
10.00 - 11.30	Committees and Councils in sessions
11.30 - 12.10	Lunch
12.10 - 13.40	Committees and Councils in sessions
13.40 - 13.55	Break
13.55 - 15.25	General Assembly
15.25 - 18.00	MUN reception