



MONTESSORI PALAU GIRONA

Montessori Palau began its journey with MMUN in 2013, when two secondary teachers took the teacher training course in New York. Later that year, three elementary teachers took the course in Geneva so that we could participate with both elementary and secondary students.

That year we were fortunate enough to be able to participate in the last Geneva conference and visit the UN headquarters there. A total of 48 students participated and the experience inspired some of them to take the next step on the MMUN path and participate in the leadership training, held later that year in Rome.

In our second year of participation in Rome we had a similar number to our first year, but we now had five secondary students and a teacher on what was then still called the Dais. The experience was, again, most inspiring and that same year we reached an agreement with MMUN to hold the teacher training and leadership training courses at our school in Girona. Both events were a success, especially the leadership training, with over twenty participants, most of whom were Montessori Palau students.

Since then our relationship with MMUN has grown stronger and stronger. We have held another leadership training course this year with more than 25 participants and we were also fortunate enough to host the first ever European YIF teacher training course. So, we now have four trained YIF teachers and will begin implementing the YIF programme in 10th grade in the following school year.

Also, we now have several secondary students who are Bureau members, some of whom have gone on to chair committees in both the New York and Rome conferences. This year we will be attending the New York conference

with four new Bureau members and a secretariat teacher, and our Rome group will be the biggest ever, with almost 70 participants all together.

We are convinced that our students' interest in MMUN will continue to grow, as we strongly believe that it represents a worthwhile and meaningful part of our school's curriculum. In fact, one of our eleventh grade students has decided to dedicate his end of baccalaureate research project to the MMUN experience.