

## **The Euroscola Debates**

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There were 5 key debates discussed during the Euroscola day which were a central focus of the trip. The students received 2 hours of intensive preparation on the previous evening to enable them to discuss and debate the topics in both French and English.

### **1. European Democracy**

How to ensure the participation of citizens in the political life of our continent.

Topic covers the promotion of all the cultures and languages of all member states, more community empowerment in international affairs, a stronger/more effective alliance, more solidarity and less insularity.

### **2. Environment**

Compatibility of economic development with respect for the environment.

Topic covers pollution - waste disposal (landfill, incineration, dumping at sea), global warming (CFCs) and wildlife protection.

### **3. The place of European values in the world**

Peace, security, justice and human rights.

Topic covers national and international security - the fear of global terrorism, the implication of relaxed border controls for immigration, drug and people trafficking, the possible establishment of a European army.

### **4. Youth**

What can young people do for the European Union and what do they expect from it?

Topic covers what young people can bring to the European Union and their expectations of travel and security in all member states.

### **5. The future of Europe**

What are the economic, political, institutional and social priorities for the Europe of tomorrow?

Topic covers enlargement of the community to 25 member states, the Euro, new constitution, Scottish fishing rights.