

Burlington Mundialization Committee United Nations Subcommittee 2018 Annual Report

Members of the United Nations subcommittee include council appointed members of the Mundialization Committee along with high school students and citizen volunteers:

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Our subcommittee's mandate is to promote the City of Burlington as "A World Community" dedicated to the United Nations' philosophy of peaceful cooperation, understanding, and tolerance.

2018 Annual Report Highlights:

- Second Annual High School Model United Nations 101 Conference - October
- Community outreach booth - July & August
- Creation of subcommittee logo
- Creation of subcommittee website

Second annual high school Model United Nations 101 Conference:

The second annual high school Model United Nations 101 Conference was a huge success. We had 150 spots for Burlington and Halton high school students to participate in a full day, simulated Model UN style conference and we had over 300 students apply. Due to the increased interest we raised our registration cap and had 210 students participate on October 24th at Burlington Central High School.

The conference began with our keynote speaker Paul Cadario who is currently working as a university professor at the University of Toronto and has decades of experience working with the World Bank. From there, students participated in a lively Q&A session and then embarked on their small group debates while they role-played in assigned country roles to discuss current world issues such as the Refugee Crisis in Syria.

The event was extremely well received, and we are planning on running it again next year at a new venue with an even larger enrollment.

Creation of subcommittee logo:

The UN subcommittee is looking to increase its involvement in the committee and decided to create our own logo to better advertise. This logo was created with the help of the City's design and marketing team and will be used at all future events.



Community Outreach Booth:

While the Model UN 101 Conference reaches a large student population, the committee also wanted to ensure that the larger Burlington community was being educated about the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). From that desire the Community Outreach Booth was born.

This booth is designed to appear at various community events throughout the year to educate the community about the UN's current projects. The booth consists of a tent, 2 banners which explain the SDGs, our new logo, and a trivia wheel. The volunteers invite community members to participate in short trivia games to win small prizes such as pens.

This year we attended the Canada Day Festival at Spencer Smith on July 1st Park and the One Burlington Festival at the Central Band Shell on August 6th.

Creation of Subcommittee Website:

The UN subcommittee also finds it valuable to have its own website that is connected to the City of Burlington page. We plan to use this website to provide Model UN 101 Conference details to student delegates, and as a resource bank for our other initiatives.

The website is still under construction, but we are working to make it as user friendly as possible. Please find the link to the website here: <https://sites.google.com/view/burlingtonun/contact-us?authuser=0>

2019 Work Plan Highlights:

- Continue High school Model United Nations 101 Conference in October
- Create a new Model United Nations event tailored to elementary school students
- Continue to attend the One Burlington Festival with the outreach booth
- Branch out community outreach booths at Love My Hood events
- Create a temporary visual art display that will help educate the public about Sustainable Development Goal #4: Equitable access to quality education

Sabrina Yott, Chair
On behalf of the United Nations subcommittee