

Les élèves de 1<sup>ère</sup> L/ES du lycée Saint Marc à Nivolas-Vermelle (Isère) ont eu la chance de pouvoir participer au premier MUNGA organisé en France, à Grenoble, le 25 novembre 2010.

Voici quelques unes de leurs impressions, que je vous livre telles quelles, avant correction :

« The MUNGA was one of the most enriching and scaring experience in my life. In fact it made me work hard and learn a lot about a lot of subjects such as geography, politics or even economics.

The conference has been very interesting and I've been really impressed by the knowledge of the participants and especially by Malcolm Harper's speeches. If I was asked for a word describing how I feel about this day I'll say : awesome !”

Julien, 1ère L

“Even if we had a certain amount of work before going, I will remember it for a long time and it will always be a great souvenir for me : we had the chance to meet other students from France but also from England, Germany and Italy. Exchanging with those people was very instructiv. We also prooved to oure selves that we could debate, in English, about subjects that we ususally leave to adults.”

Lucile, 1ère ES

“At the beginning, when we saw the huge room, with the scene and the specific tables for each country and then the two big screens with the video recorder and the reporters, that was really impressive and even if I'm not that shy, I was wondering how I was going to be able to speak and to argue in front of all these different people. Indeed, we had also another difficulty which was corresponding to a real challenge : it was to argue and to take position in front of people who were native English speakers !

What I particulary enjoyed in that very special day is the fact that really important people from the UN for exemples decided to give some of their really precious time to listen to some students.”

Alexandra, 1ère ES

“I had the chance to participate to this event and I have to say that I really liked the hole day and the days of preparation we had before. First, it made me discover a new country and it helped me to take position to protect that country : Vietnam. Then, respecting the UN rules was really interesting.

I prefered participating to the Security Council which was really interesting, we learnt how to react during emergency situations.”

Emeline, 1ère ES

“MUNGA was a very exciting experience, and I think I will never forget this day. In addition to the great challenge it was (be convinving, self-confident, in english and in front of about one hundred people) I appreciated the human dimension of this project. During the day, I met students from England, Germany and Italia : even if we did not really have the time to know the others, I talked with a lot of pupils and came back home with some e-mail adress. Moreover I would like to be a journalist or an interpret. If I choose the second career, I will have to (and also dream about it!) work in the UN. That's why it was wonderful to discover during one day how things work in this particular organisation. The MUNGA made me realise that I was feeling home in this place. During the debates, I felt as a fish in the water : thanks to this amazing opportunity, I'm now sure I would adore to work in the UN. A great honor was also to win the MUNGA, as the best team debate. My partners and I were absolutely surprised, we couldn't believe it ! Obviously our aim was not to win, but it's always comforting to be recognised in our work. If I had to do it again, without any hesitation, I would.”

Marêva, 1ère ES

Odile Gouget, professeur d'anglais, Lycée Saint Marc, Nivolas-Vermelle (38)