

UPDATE 14th November 2014

Due to the fact that reservations have recently been expressed regarding the wisdom of having a joint National Debating Competition, by both University Debating Societies and a number of secondary schools who were considering taking part, the following decisions have been taken:

The ESU Portugal's National Debating Competition (NDC) for the British Council Trophy has been postponed until a later date.

In future The NDC will be restricted to teams representing Institutions of Higher Education. An alternative competition will be organised for school debaters.

3. The debating event planned for 1st November at the British Council in Lisbon will take place as planned, but with the following alterations:

- i. The emphasis will be on secondary schools and new debaters.
- ii. There will be a morning workshop run by GEARÓID WRIXON, of Cork University, which will be followed after the lunch break by a model debating competition for those present at the workshop.
- iii. If NEW debaters from universities wish to attend they may do so but they should understand that the workshop will be slanted towards the majority group.
- iv. The activities planned for Sunday, 2nd November have been cancelled.

4. Please enrol your teams of two by Friday 24th October at the end of play.

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