

Appendix 1. Debate Societies across the world

	Name	Description	Website	Contact
1	The Oxford Union Society, UK	The Oxford Union, one of Britain's oldest university unions and among the world's most distinguished private student societies, operates independently from the University of Oxford.	https://oxford-union.org/	Tel: +44 1865 241353 enquiries@oxford-union.org https://www.facebook.com/theoxfordunion/
2	The Cambridge Union Society, UK	Founded in 1815, the University of Cambridge is home to a prominent debating and free speech society, which stands as the largest society within the university, promoting a culture of open discourse and dialogue.	https://cus.org/	Tel: +44 1223 566421 info@cus.org www.facebook.com/TheCambridgeUnion
3	London School of Economics Debate Society, UK	The LSE Debate Society, a globally renowned competitive debating group, fosters public speaking and argumentation skills at the London School of Economics. Representing LSE in inter-varsity competitions, the society offers weekly novice and advanced training sessions, and organizes both internal and external tournaments, attracting participants worldwide.	https://www.lsesu.com/organisation/lsedebate/	https://www.facebook.com/lsedebate/ IG: https://www.instagram.com/lsesudebate/ E-mail: lsedebate@gmail.com
4	Hart House Debating Society. (University of Toronto), Canada	Hart House is a student activity center at the University of Toronto. Established in 1919. Debate is the core of this Center. It is one of the earliest North American student centers.	http://www.harthousedebate.com/	Tel: +1 416-946-8391 harthousedebate@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/HartHouseDebatingClub
5	Melbourne University Debating Society, Australia	Established in 1876, the Melbourne University Debating Society (affectionately known as 'MUDS') is one of Australia's oldest and most successful debating institutions, working to promote and encourage debate in all its forms. Sends teams to a wide range of national and international tournaments, including the World University Debating Championship.	https://www.mudsonline.net/#	muds@mudsonline.net

6	King's College Students Union, UK	KCL Debating Society primarily exists to allow students to discuss issues in a structured format, both socially and competitively.	https://www.kclsu.org/organisation/6463/	https://www.facebook.com/kcldebatingsociety/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel
7	Leiden debating Union, The Netherlands	Leiden debating is one of the most prestigious debating unions in the Netherlands	https://leidendebatingunion.nl/	president@leidendebatingunion.nl
8	Trinity college dublin, Ireland	Trinity college philosophical society: The University Philosophical Society, or The Phil as it's better known, was founded in 1683, with William Petty as the first President of the society. After 112 years has now 10,000 members. The Phil was also the first student society to admit women and that came through a merger of the Elizabethan Society and The Phil in 1981. Since then The Phil has always strove to ensure that there is equality and diversity within the society.	http://new.trinitysocieties.ie/	president@tcdphil.com
9	Trinity college dublin, Ireland	Trinity College historical society: The College Historical Society, established 1770 in Trinity College, Dublin, is the oldest student society in the world and exists to facilitate discourse in every way possible. It holds weekly debates on current and historical affairs, sends students to participate in debating competitions and has held addresses from some of the most prestigious speakers in the country and internationally, including Sir Winston Churchill, Jesse Jackson, Ralph Fiennes, Angus Deaton, and Patti Smith.	https://www.tcdhistorist.com/	-
10	Glasgow University, Scotland	With the mission to promote and nurture the great tradition of student-led public speaking, debating, discussion, and literary criticism that the University of Glasgow is famed for. The society traces its origins back to 1451 when the University was formed at a site next to Glasgow Cathedral by issue of a papal bull from Pope Nicholas V, when it is said the first students of the subject of logic formed a society dedicated to discussion pertaining to the pursuit of truth.	https://www.guu.co.uk/debates-committee https://gudialectic.co.uk/	Email: psm@guu.co.uk Tel: +44 141 339 8697 dialecticsociety@googlemail.com

11	Think and speak academy	Multinational private platform non-affiliated with any University or country	https://www.tasacademy.pl/our-coaches	+48 790 870 898 +1 857 425 9807 r.czekan@tasacademy.pl p.stolarski@tasacademy.pl
12	Manchester Universities, UK	The Manchester Debating Union, which encompasses all university debating based in Manchester. Since its foundation in 1996, have grown to be one of the UK's most active debating societies. Becoming a member of the Manchester Debating Union grants the opportunity to participate in university life actively.	https://mdu.manchester.ac.uk/	President: president@mdu.manchester.ac.uk
13	Bard debate, US	The Bard Debate Union is a community of students, faculty, and staff committed to promoting civic discourse, dialogue, and debate on Bard's campus, in the local community, and across Bard's national and international networks. We host public debates and events on campus, participate in intercollegiate debate tournaments, conduct debate training and workshops, and work with local middle and high schools, the Bard Prison Initiative, the Bard Early Colleges, and our international partners to foster a culture of open conversation and debate throughout our communities and networks. Debate is about much more than competition and individual skill-building; it is about civic participation and global citizenship.	https://debate.bard.edu/	Email: Director: zisman@bard.edu <i>Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Bard College</i>
14	University of Rochester, US	The University of Rochester Debate Union (URDU) was established in 1850. They are an intercollegiate debate team that participates in a variety of argumentation-based activities, ranging from Policy debate and British Parliamentary (also known as "Worlds") debate to Social Justice Debates. We compete at regional, national, and international competitions throughout the academic year.	https://rochester.edu/debate/	Director of forensics: brady.fletcher@rochester.edu
15	Harvard college	Main activities of the CDU since its creation is to compete and hold public debates; they	https://www.hcd.u.org/	Andrew Robinson (Vice

	debating Union, US	seem to be competing mainly in 2 formats: American parliamentary and British parliamentary.	https://www.harvarddebatingunion.org/	President of Public Relations) at andrewrobinson@college.harvard.edu
16	University College london, UK	Welcome to UCL Debating Society, UCL's oldest and arguably most prestigious society, but one that is always open to everyone who wishes to attend. At the very heart of our society is the passion for debating, freedom of speech and critical thought. We welcome anyone and everyone to take part, regardless of whether you have had any previous experience or what academic discipline you do.	https://studentsunionucl.org/clubs-societies/debating-society	debatingsocietyucl@gmail.com
17	Willamette University, US	The Willamette University Debate Union, established in 1856 as the Philomathean Society, is the oldest debate program in the Western United States. The Debate Union, a co-curricular program of the College of Arts and Sciences, provides opportunities for students to improve their skills in argumentation, advocacy, and public performance.	https://willamette.edu/arts-science/additional-academic-opportunities/debate/index.html	SANDRA DUBUQUE Administrative Program Coordinator SDUBUQUE@WILLAMETTE.EDU
18	Hobart and William Smith Colleges, US	The HWS debate team competes throughout the school year at tournaments around the world. It regularly compete against teams from Harvard, Yale and Stanford discussing current questions of politics, international relations, and law as well as more abstract or "fun" debates about art, science-fiction and social media. The team hosts two tournaments each year, a large fall event with nearly 400 participants from across North America.	https://www.hws.edu/offices/student-engagement/activities/debate.aspx	Hobart and William Smith Colleges Geneva, NY 14456 (315) 781-3000
19	Ethos Academy, Canada	For those who have yet to formally learn debate, our Introduction to Debate classes will equip students with the skills to articulate and formulate their thoughts into persuasive arguments. Whether the goal is to gain confidence or one day become a competitive debater, our introductory course serves as an important stepping stone to learning the foundations of discourse and	https://ethosacademy.ca/	Tel; +1 778-994-6294 info@ethosacademy.ca https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069634304338&mibextid=ZbWKwL

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20	BL Debate Academy, Canada	BL Debate Academy is the earliest debate organization that offers Public Forum Debate. The only organization holds NSDA Qualifier Tournaments, as well as the first Canada team entering US National Championship.	https://www.bldebate.ca/teams/	Tel: 604-428-6878 https://www.facebook.com/bldebateacademy?mibextid=ZbWKwL

Debate societies in countries where the community is relatively recently established

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1	University of Botswana Debate Masters Association. (UBDMA)	The University of Botswana Debate Masters Association has made it's number one objective to increase the skills of constructive reasoning, competitive aummentation and critical thinking. We also want to instill public speaking skills into the university students as we prepare them for the world beyond the borders of the University of Botswana.	https://osiseabeosi.wixsite.com/ubdma/about	ubdebates@gmail.com	BOTSWANA
2	Qatar Debate, a member of Qatar Foundation	QatarDebate was established in 2008. QatarDebate's aim is to "shape the global citizens of today and the intellectual leaders of tomorrow in Qatar and the region" through the introduction of a variety of English and Arabic debate programs	https://qatardebate.org/	Tel: +974 4454 2844 qatardebate@qf.org.qa https://www.facebook.com/QatarDebate	QATAR
3	Fadilia foundation	Fadilia Foundation is a community organization founded in 2011 that aims to provide development solutions in the community development sector by providing diversified portfolios of projects and programs characterized by sustainable	https://foundation.fadilia.org/en-fadilia-debate-clubs/	info@fadilia.org	EGYPT

		development and integrated development to help marginalized communities to convert into sustainable communities for the sake of achieving comprehensive development in efforts to improve the quality of life.			
4	IIUM World Debate and Oratory Centre (IWON)	IWON is the dialectic society of IIUM and they are responsible on educating their society in different models of debate	https://www.iium.edu.my/centre/iwon	Tel : 03-6421 4097 / 4089 iwon@iium.edu.my	MALAYSIA
5	Royalty Pact Debating Academy	The Royalty Pact Academy not only gives members a platform to speak but it also trains the individuals on correct speaking styles, how to frame arguments as well as to how tackle a certain role in the debate and this is a task that the coaches make sure they accomplish in order to have quality debaters and individuals who can carry themselves and speak like proper ladies and gentlemen.		Tel: +61 424 891 696 https://www.facebook.com/royaltypactdebating1o1?mibextid=ZbWKwL	ZIMBABWE
6	Ateneo Debate Society	One of the oldest and most successful mainstream Debate Societies in Philippines.		https://www.facebook.com/AteneoDebateSociety	PHILIPPINES
7	Learning Leaders	LearningLeaders Founded Humble beginnings are often signs of auspicious results to come. After 'coffee chats' dozens of parents in Shanghai, 24 students joined LL's initial season in Fall 2014.	https://www.learningleaders.com/	Tel: +1877-256-4655 hello@learningleaders.com https://www.facebook.com/learnandleadforlife?mibextid=ZbWKwL	USA
8	Tel Aviv Debate	Active since 2019. Won Finalist, Champion, Best Speaker Achievements at EUDC and WUDC. Largest scaled Debating Society in Israel.	https://www.facebook.com/taudebate	E-Mail: debate.tau@gmail.com	ISRAEL
9	Moroccan National Debate Team	The Moroccan National Debate Team (MNDT) was the first ever North African nation to participate in the debate competitions.	https://www.facebook.com/MNDTWS	MoroccoDebate@gmail.com	MOROCCO

10	KNUST Debate Society	This is the official debating society for the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology	https://www.facebook.com/DebateKnust	debateknust.kds@gmail.com	GHANA
11	The IIT Mumbai Debate	India's largest IV is back for the 15th time, and offline for the first time in 3 years. We are pleased to announce that the next edition of the IIT Bombay Debate will be held on from the 20th to 22nd of January in person. We have a history of stellar Core Adjudication panels and a strong IA lineup, and this year will be no different. Registrations are opening soon!	https://www.facebook.com/groups/IITBombayIV/	Mahor - +91 9769661249 (WhatsApp) Sanskriti - +91 8839636063 (WhatsApp)	INDIA
12	Pakistan Association of Womxn Debaters	PAWD is an independent, collective and non-hierarchical platform comprising female and non-binary gender individuals, created to formally work towards making the school and university debating circuits more female-friendly.	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054272990303		PAKISTAN
13	Nazarbayev University Debate Academy	Nazarbayev University Debate Academy has hosted in 2019 the sixth International Debate Academy in Kazakhstan.	https://www.facebook.com/nuda2019	dc_nomad@nu.edu.kz	KAZAKHSTAN
14	Bangladesh Debate Federation BDF	Bangladesh's main Debating council, also acting as Federation in the country.	https://www.facebook.com/BangladeshDebateFederation	info@bdfbd.com	BANGLADESH
15	University of Buea Debate Club	The fights, arguments and flourishing brought us all here for a reason.	https://www.facebook.com/UBDEC/about	+237 6 76 28 37 07	NIGERIA
16	Indonesia Debating	This is the community group for the Indonesian debating community. Promote your tournaments, events, and other debate-related activities here!	https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Indonesia%20Debate		INDONESIA
17	Kenya National Debate Council-	Kenya's Top Debate and Public Speaking Icons. The largest society of Young People of Kenya.	https://www.facebook.com/KenyaNat	info@debatekenya.com	KENYA

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