



## **Good Cop Bad Cop, International Climate Change Model UN, 21 January 2022 Conference highlights transcript**

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**Host School:** The Grange, Cheshire

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### **Theo Innes, President, Good Cop Bad Cop Conference and from the Grange School**

“Hello! I am Theo and I am the President of the conference today but I would like to officially welcome all delegates to good Cop bad Cop international climate conference graciously put on by Engage With China and hosted by the Grange School Cheshire.

I would just like to say three reasons why I think today is important. Firstly, I see today as an opportunity to gain some political knowledge around climate. I think today offers a unique experience to view it from the perspective of those who are tasked to solving these issues.... The resolutions we are debating today were real sticking points for the real COP26. Because we are the young people we are going to be the ones who inherit these issues.

Today will give us the chance to resolve to deal with these issues, even if solely on a theoretical level. “Vanessa Nakate from COP26, “no action or voice is too small to make a difference as climate change does not know any borders.”

**H-J Colston, Director, Engage with China (1:03):** “欢迎你们加入我们第一个国际模拟联合国的讨论会。.. You young people are our future leaders but the responsibility of implementing costly and complex resolutions will rest on your shoulders.”

**Theresa Booth, Engage with China (1:23):** “I would like to explain the two reasons why we felt it was really important to run this conference. The first is engagement. This is exactly what we are doing today. The second reason is one of the principal missions of Engage With China; namely to build a global mindset which is all about seeing nations and other people from a different perspective and I can't see think of a better way of discovering what seeing things from a different perspective is like, than this conference today, where are you as participants will be negotiating climate issues from another country's perspective.

If there is one message I would like you all to take away from the conference today is to have an understanding that all nations need to collaborate, listen to each other, understand each other's challenges and specific needs if we are going to have any hope of successfully tackling global climate change.”

**Dr Lorraine Earps, Headteacher, The Grange School (2:39)**

"30 years ago, when I was your age, we started conversations about global climate change. We started talking about whether climate change was a result of man's actions. And for the past 30 years we have talked and talked and talked... and done very little about it. A few years ago, the movement by young people, headed by Greta Thunberg, started to raise those questions again more strongly, saying that, "the time for talk is over. The time for action is here!"

How is your generation going to make the difference that my generation couldn't make, didn't make? I hope that today you have the opportunity to discuss things together and come forward with some ideas and solutions to make this world work better, and to turn back some of the problems that my generation have caused."

**Neil Hirst, Former Director, International Energy Agency (3:30):** "I have been working in the field of energy and climate change for at least 30 years and in that time I have seen the effects of climate change growing ominously in all parts of the world. It represents a grave threat to the future of humanity."

**Feng Gaoliang, Embassy of China (3:49):** "We are committed to achieving carbon Peak before 2030 and carbon neutrality for 2060. Climate change and biodiversity loss are global challenges. To address these challenges requires solidarity, coordination and cooperation. It also requires continued work from future generations.

(It is my belief that the model UN today will provide a unique opportunity for you to learn more about multilateral processes, approach issues from a different perspective and act accordingly. I hope that you will seize the opportunity, sharpen your skills and prepare yourselves for the future and make contributions to building a community with a shared future for mankind."

**Isabel Wood, FCDO (4:50)**

"This is a chance to develop your debating skills, your listening and your cross-cultural understanding.

Those are core diplomatic skills...

So think of this is the beginning, not only for that kind of development, but for you as a global citizen."

**Bevan, Christopher Whitehead (5:09) :** "现在气候变化是全球的一个问题，希望通过这次辩论，我们能有好的解决。"

**Changchun Foreign Language School (5:18):** "We are a delegation from Changchun Foreign Language School, China. We are very honoured to participate in this global conference and discuss global issues with so many outstanding partners from all around the world. Changchun Foreign Language School focuses on training outstanding Chinese diplomatic talent tying into our educational philosophy of national awareness and international vision. Today we will represent the European Union."

**Christopher Whitehead Language College delegate representing Brazil (5:50):** "when just 20 companies are behind 1/3 of all carbon emissions and 100 companies are

behind 71% of them, it is easy to lose hope and think that our actions aren't achieving anything."

**GT Ellen Yeung College representing south Africa (6:01):** "China and Hong Kong are vulnerable to climate change. Currently, China is the leading country in the production and research of renewable energy and it accounts for 27.5% of the country's energy production."

**Kings Hospital Dublin, representing Barbados (6:17):** "We are not drowning - we are fighting! This is our warrior cry to the world [quoting from climate change activist from Samoa]. Climate change may not seem too real in other countries but to countries like Barbados and my home country of Ireland, we live on islands, and it becomes very real to watch the sea creep closer and closer to your homes and your livelihoods ... and will bring eminent death to billions of people."

**Kings School Worcester delegate representing Australia (6:47):** talking about local flooding. "The most notable extreme weather event here is flooding. Whilst this has happened consistently for years as more extreme weather events such as flash flooding and heavy rainfall have become more common in a changing climate, we are likely to see more flooding. This does immense damage to local businesses and homes causing emotional and economic harm. We are all going to be affected by climate change - no matter where we live, even if we are in rural Worcestershire, - so we must all act now!"

**Lancing College representing Russia (7:17):** "It is obvious that Russia is taking climate change seriously!.. At the same time, it should be noticed that Russia is currently one of the largest fossil fuel exporters in the world. Efforts to get rid of Russia's oil and gas sectors are futile as the world relies on it to power its factories, heat their homes drive their cars and to fly their planes."

**Kingswood School Bath representing Nigeria (7:38):** "Thank you and welcome. All of us today are faced with his decision to change, or to be changed. The science is clear. The less we do now, then the more extinction the more suffering, the more destruction we will see tomorrow.... Nigeria's plan for change is timely, ambitious and essential. It will foster a low carbon and high growth economy to build a climate resilient Nigeria."

Nigeria has one of the highest energy poverty rates in the world, suffering from chronic Parkhouse. If Nigeria's to succeed it must work as an international partner. Climate change is not a problem waiting to happen; it is a problem we face now and it is a problem we must solve now. Either we can change our world or it will change us!"

**Marlborough College delegate representing USA (8:28):** "What the UK needs is increasing statute to legislate climate friendly values, introducing sanctions and subsidies to correct polluting activities. [That] students are here to debate, evaluate and reflect on the successes of the international community at cop 26 shows hope for the willingness of future, influential figures in affecting change and meeting targets. If the 1.5° celsius ambition is to remain tangible, policy makers are going to have to be bound by their word... Follow through on their promises and cooperate with other nations for mutual benefit of all people. It

gives me great faith to see all of you here, future leaders, ready to give the international community, proactive well-informed change in the generations to come!”

**Shenzhen Foreign Language School delegate representing Saudi Arabia (9:18):**

“Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. This is the delegate from Shenzhen Foreign Language School representing Saudi Arabia today. Both forest and oceans play vitally important roles in regulating our climate.... This delegate is looking forward to listening to ideas from other countries, to put aside differences and reach a consensus.”

**Pui Ching middle school, Macau representing Norway (9:40):** “The agreement at COP26 suggests that we should phase down the use of coal, one of the main fossil fuels. In this conference, we can develop our independent ability of active learning, also we will have a better understanding of global climate, the environment and major news. This [GOOD COP BAD COP] COP26 Conference can also cultivate our independent thinking and critical ability. Moreover, it helps us to think about the current social situation and find solutions. We hope to develop our global vision, build skills to influence changes and improve our English skills... Let’s nurture and nature so that we can have a better future! Come on and let’s look forward to this cop 26 thrilling conference!”

**St Columba’s College Dublin, delegate representing China (10:27):** “As the Chinese proverb goes, “前人栽树， 后人乘凉” or, “The trees a generation plants are enjoyed by generations to come.” However, the trees of climate change and global warming that our generation has planted, will be enjoyed by no one. Like every other nation gathered here today, China recognizes that the immediate necessity to slash carbon emissions and build a sustainable world, plus the Chinese delegation will be the first to admit that our nation leads the world in emissions. We consume over half of the world’s coal and a third of carbon emissions per capita. It is impossible, at present for our nation to turn completely to renewable energy. China in fact, leads the world in renewable energy generation & investment. We contribute 26% of the world’s renewable energy and 1.4% of our colossal GDP is invested in renewable energy sources– greater than any other nation in the world – and that is just the beginning of our efforts. China has proven through its action that it will do its best to plant that tree which future generations will thank us for. As many in my hometown would say, 千里之行， 始於足下,” Or a journey of 1000 Miles begins with a single step.” Let this day be the world’s first step toward securing our planet and securing a viable and prosperous future for us all, thank you.”

**Methodist Ladies College Melbourne, Australia, delegate representing Bangladesh (11:49):** “It was a shocking surprise to see Australia [at COP26] coming last out of 60 countries for its policy response and for a young member in society, this is a position that must be bettered. As a nation, a nation with a large mining industry, changing the ways of our country will be difficult but it is ultimately necessary. Reimagining the mining industry is a step that must be taken.”

**The Grange School Cheshire, Host School, delegate representing Norway (12:11)**

“I would firstly like to say that we greatly appreciate all of you, especially considering the multiple time zones some of us are in. Norway is currently a

world leader as a source of renewable energy, ignoring the fact that we are actively involved in exportation of fossil fuels. Over 99% of all electricity produced currently in Norway comes from hydro power plants. Due to this we believe that we have a very large responsibility on ensuring the worlds complete transfer to cleaner and more renewable energy sources such as wind power, solar power and, of course hydro power.”

**Xiamen Foreign Language School, delegate representing UK (12:47):** “The UK will strive to promote a new industrial revolution powered by millions of sustainable innovations and finally phase out coal-fired power generation. The UK will launch a green savings bond which is our part of the government’s efforts to reduce carbon emissions by 2050. The UK participates in this conference with a bright vision and a positive attitude and sincerely hopes that this conference will promote all countries to reach a consensus, work together to discuss solutions and environmental problems.”

**Theo Innes, GOOD COP BAD CO Conference President (13:25):** “So I think we are ready to start this debate. So it is ‘eliminating global fossil fuel subsidies.’ It is submitted by the European Union.”

**Delegate from European Union (13:37)** “We hope that everyone will reconfirm the 1977 Kyoto protocol on the 2015 Paris agreement, emphasising access to sustainable energy for poverty eradication and the achievement of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.”

“Delegate from Australia, you have been recognised.” (13:52)

13:56 - “Thank you. Does the delegate from the EU realise the intense job loss that will be caused? Millions of people throughout Europe & throughout the world depend on the fossil fuel industry solely for their own survival, many of them being in highly specialised areas with non-transferable skills and they live in predominantly fossil fuel mining areas. Does the delegate realise the possible effects that removal of fossil fuels could have on livelihoods of many people around the world?”

**14:28 President:** “Delegate from Japan 2 you have been recognised.”

**(14:36)** “I realise that some developing countries and some nations have difficulties phasing out fossil fuels; countries like China and Japan rely on fossil fuels for country development so Japan would suggest that instead of calling for action, maybe it is better to ask for some assistance from the EU, assistance to like, execute the goals and achieve the goals.”

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**15:02 - Delegate from the EU response:** “We met with representatives from many developing countries and they have one request; we need to harm the climate less and do more practical work. The attitude of the European Union is very optimistic. The European Union has sacrificed so much on this issue of global warming, so why are you complaining about how little we think about developing countries?”

**15:27 President:** “The delegate from Norway – you have been recognised.”

**(15:32)** “Thank you. The delegate from Norway would like to draw the attention to clause one subclause C focusing on hydropower in the form of hydro-electric turbines to use tide, rivers and other natural marine sources. Norway, as we have already discussed in the introductory speeches, has 99% of electricity produced from renewable sources. Hydro-electric power form is a key role in this production. However, if used incorrectly, search hydro power mechanisms can cause harm to migrating birds, fish and other marine life. Therefore, how does the delegate from the EU propose the safe implementation of the proposed hydropower avoid any detrimental impact on marine life?”

**(16:18)** “This is the delegate of the EU. Thank you for your suggestion.”

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**(16:23) President:** “Thank you. China delegate 4 for you have been recognised.”

**(16:30) China delegate 4:** “I would like to make a point of order against the EU in regards to their response to Japan. The EU has told developing countries that they must stop complaining and basically “suck it up...” This is clearly a very disrespectful thing to say to developing nations, especially when many nations of the EU have enjoyed the fruits of over 200 years of industrial revolution, while nations still developing are still struggling to reach that point.... My first point of information is concerning the European Union delegates response to our first delegate to China 1 when she raised the question that 6 million coal workers in China do not have university education... And she asked that, with this plan that the European Union has pushed out, how can those 6 million workers be educated and be given jobs immediately in 2030 – that is the deadlines the EU has set?

The EU has responded to this point of information by telling us to look through the proposal. We have looked through this proposal and at no point do we see the EU telling us how 6 million people can be given university education in a matter of 10 years. These people remember, half of them have very low literacy rates and how they are still enabled to move out of poverty...? We would like to know how the EU expects us and other nations facing similar issues to do that. We are in agreement with delegates from Bangladesh that there is a lack of focus on overall infrastructural and technological problems with the EU’s first proposal. How does the EU plan on allowing the world to implement such renewable energy generation methods by 2030 which is already a ridiculous deadline? Thank-you!”

**(18:28) EU delegate:** “Thank-you China. Maybe you didn’t hear us clearly. We were reflecting the truth that you are complaining about how little we think about developing countries. Because the European Union has done many practical things ...we have sent many effective resolutions and regulations to the whole world.”

**Final plenary session begins.**

**(18:53) President:** "Hello everyone. Well done on all your debates. I'm going to give a summary of my breakout room fossil fuels, then I'm going to pass on to Chen Silin, who is going to talk about the carbon tax debate and then I will pass on to Remi, who is going to talk about protecting the vulnerable communities debate. After that, each school will give a very short vote of thanks. And then I am going to close the conference.

So, just to summarize my debate I was talking about ending subsidies for fossil fuels. I know that they were quite a lot of sticking points in this debate. I would say principally that the thing that most delegates had an issue with, was the European Union's lack of specific help to developing countries and generally countries outside of Europe. China had a lot to say about the amount of impoverished citizens that they have and how fossil fuels are essential for the development of China a) and b) to support these uneducated families from perhaps lower socioeconomic backgrounds from within mainland China. There was a lot of talk about how ulterior forms of energy production, for example, hydroelectric power – as presented by Norway – are perhaps not the greatest form of energy that the resolution presented by the European union made them out to be...

**(20:44)** There were significant criticisms about environmental damage that occur due to things like hydroelectric power, in the form of destroying natural habitats in order to make room for these hydroelectric power plants. We conducted debate at absolutely the highest level. I was particularly blown away by delicate China 4 who spoke exceptionally eloquently and persuasively on how this motion would disadvantage and impoverish people in mainland China.

The last points of clash, if you will, was a criticism of the EU by developing nations on how the EU was not as interested in developing nations as much as they perhaps should be. For example, people criticized the EU for not providing real aid to these developing countries and although the European Union presented the idea, eg. of financial aid, this was elegantly rebutted through some facts and figures and that 10% of financial aid does not get spent efficiently due to corruption.

So I am now going to take you through what happened in our resolution. Hopefully our screen sharing is working...The first clause was passed relatively easily... There were a few points of information against the European union as to how they would actually execute these goals and certain countries did not want to say that nuclear was a good alternative due to the risks and costs associated with nuclear power...

Then our second and third clauses did not pass. There were significant amendments and eventually these clauses did not pass.

**(22:49)** This is the final version of our clause saying that we are going to call upon countries to phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies. They are going to urge member states to not produce any new production subsidies and finally said to suggest to countries take action to raise public awareness to reducing coal.

I am now going to pass over to Chen [Silin] who is the Chair of the carbon tax debate and to give an overview of the debate."

**23:21 - 25:44** Carbon tax summary

Chen Silin, Carbon tax breakout room chair: "I really think the delegation of Norway for giving us a brilliant resolution to discuss and it's great that every delegate has made a great job in contributing to the whole conference but some of the delegates are not that active in participating to the whole discussions. Australia, Norway and China, I am really thankful that you contributed a lot and also all of the delegates in our conference discussed a lot about how much we have to pay and what is the tax.

The first clause of our conference is really hard to pass and we have added and set a carbon tax at \$1 Per ton of carbon dioxide after clause 1 and I think it is really helpful for us to discuss more about carbon tax on this clause because it is really important.

And for our second clause a request that a 10% of revenues were more if a minimum target of US\$100 billion per year... For the purpose of a) and b).

For clause three, it was really easy for us to pass clause 3.

**(24:31)** The most important one was Clause 4. We don't waste too much time on the Clause 4. It was really helpful that some delegates said that we could combine some clauses together into one clause because before we had eight clauses and now we have five so after the voting we combined them.

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**(24:48)** I would like to say, if it was me, I would like to add another clause to another clause, which goes that we can establish an organization to supervise a carbon tax market so that the carbon tax market would be working, hopefully towards the whole world.

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**(25:08)** I believe that it is very helpful that we could raise awareness of this climate issue because in recent years we have been witnessing a dramatic increase in the number of natural disasters and I believe the solution is in teamwork and carbon tax. So countries and regions must cooperate more and negotiate more to find out ways of leaving climate change...

I am really thankful to you for attending my conference and hopefully you can start from yourselves protecting the environment, and I believe that from our joint efforts we can give a human community a brighter future. Thank you!

**25:45 - 27:06**

**Remi Liveson:** Thank you very much ! I'm going to talk about my debate, protecting vulnerable communities and ensuring the delivery of a US\$100 billion climate fund commitment to build non-fossil fuel energy sources.



First of all I would just like to say an amazing congratulations to anybody that was in my debate. It was really an in-depth debate and everyone was contributing so much. I think everyone had a chance to speak, which was amazing – and also just the standard of debating! The debate was amazing. Everyone was so involved and engaged with the debate; it was, like, really fun to watch... Because you all had so much skill and were so involved in it. Because of that there were so many amendments and thoughts that everyone got to hear. It's really was a shame that we didn't have longer to debate it.

**(26:40)** I have just shared a screenshot of the final amendment as it is. We spent a lot of time debating this and it was probably the biggest amendment and change. And it was entirely changed and replaced by this amendment. Not only did this replace the first clause, but it later went on to affect clothes for unstructured debate in its entirety. The fact that this amendment was put in and everyone agreed on it, it was just, really like, like, it a really great debate!"

#### **(27:06) Vote of thanks**

**King's School Worcester:** "We would just like to thank everyone involved. It has been a really great experience for all of us. I was speaking to everyone earlier and we thought that the quality of debate has been really high... The quality of the English language has just been outstanding wo we really enjoyed being able to discuss and debate with people from around the world it's been a really special opportunity, so thank you!"

**(27:30) Theo Innes, President:** "I love the energy that you have brought! We move now to Kingswood School, Bath."

#### **(27:38-28:00)**

**Kingswood School Bath:** [black screen] "Thank you, chair. Yes, on the half of Kingswood School Bath, I, too, would like to add my sincere thanks to Engage With China; to all of you at The Grange School, and to all the speakers, students and teachers who have participated today and made it possible. I know we here at Kingswood have got a great deal out of today, so thank you very much!"

**(28:02) Theo Innes, President:** "So we now move on to Lancing College."

#### **(28:06-28:37)**

**Lancing College:** "On behalf of Lancing College and the Russian delegation, of which we were a part, I'd like to say a massive thank you to all those organizing this event, to Engage with China and to The Grange School for making it what's really been a fantastic day. From a personal point of view I would like to thank the Chair of the group I was in, and I am sure, all of the other sub groups. They have had a really good time; it's been absolutely great meeting everyone, debating all of the resolutions, and from the Russian federation, 'spasiba!'"

#### **(28:39 - 29:19)**

**Marlborough College:** "Thank you from all of us at Millbrook for your engagements and discussion this morning or evening, depending on where you are in the world. Events like these are only as good as the delegates that take part in them, and it is so encouraging to see such avid participation and the high

quality of debate about major issues globally. Thank you to Engage with China and The Grange School for the opportunity to get involved in the debate. It has been a unique experience discussing with students from all over the world and one that contribute significantly to the development of considerate, cohesive individuals and friendships. Thank you again to all of those who made the running of this event possible.”

**(29:20 - 30:20)**

**Shenzhen Middle School representing Saudi Arabia:** “First of all we would like to express our sincere thanks to this activity for broadening our horizons to the climate changing that is occurring now and also opening our horizons and opening us to all that is happening all around the world, since we are now kind of, like, in a global village that everyone is getting involved. We are also thanking Engage With China for providing this wonderful platform... things that we are engaged with each other, the more engaged we are, as Seniors, the more engaged our country will be and the more engaged our futures will be. And third we would like to thank all the delegates who have participated so wonderfully inside this event. Thanks for your involvement and this delegate has also received lots of encouragement and also received a lot of things to learn from other delegates.”

**(30:21 - 30:38)**

**Methodist Ladies College - delegate representing Bangladesh:**

“I have to say that we are all extremely honored to have participated in this unique international experience. I’m sure that we all greatly appreciate the chance to debate with and to collaborate with students from both the UK and China especially given a geographical isolation in the past two years (due to Covid).

**(30:45 - 31:09)**

**Pui Ching Middle School – delegate representing Japan**

“On behalf of Pui Ching Middle School I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Engage With China, delegates from different schools from all around the globe, for this valuable opportunity to discuss the greatest threat facing humanity today. During this conference we have acquired knowledge of environmental issues, international relations and broadened our horizons. Most importantly, we could collaborate with different nations to devise solutions to global challenges, which is one of the core values of model United Nations.”

**31:09 - 31:19**

St Columba’s representing China

“ We just wanted to say a massive thanks from St Columbas to all the participants; we had a blast and we look forward to hopefully being invited back!”

**31:20 - 31:31**

The Grange representing Norway

“And finally thanking Engage With China, for this amazing opportunity to bring together all these communities and cultures, helping us all to really broaden and develop a political and cultural views, thank you.”

**(31:31 – 31:58)**

**Xiamen Foreign Language School – representing UK**

“Thank you chair, thank you all. So I want to thank all of my collaborators who are on the screen. I had the best time searching documents and background information with them. I want to thank all of the participants who met us in this imaginary world they were great. And we can’t tell you how honored we are – forever! Thank you to the host Grange School. We will never forget this and that you did this for us. This is a one-off night. Thank you for this moment.”

**(31:58 – 32:55)**

**Conference President, Theo Innes**

“Thank you to Bethan at Christopher Whitehead language college in Worcester, for his inspiring words in Mandarin that began and ended this conference with little videos. Thank you to the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development office. I would also like to thank our Chinese partners, who include the Education Section of the Chinese embassy in London. Elite journey – an event sponsor partner – and the Greater Bay International Cultural Exchange Centre who have shared our vision to enable Chinese students to participate in our international conference.

We would like to thank our visiting chairs from Changchun Foreign Language School and I would like to thank H-J and Theresa from Engage With China because really it was them who put this on and without them, we would not have been able to do this.

So, thank you again for all coming.

新年快乐! To all of our Chinese competitors. I can now officially end the conference. Thank you for coming it has been an excellent experience!”

**32:56**

**Chen Silin, Breakout room Chair:** “It has been an honour to spend a very happy time with you!”

**33:00**

**St Columba’s Delegate:** “From Ireland, thank you!”

**33:02**

**Methodist Ladies College Delegate:** “Thanks so much from Australia!”

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