

# Lund **”** **Debate** Society

## Operational Plan 2018-2019

### 1. Vision

The association shall focus on facilitating and fostering the practice of debating, in the tradition of British Parliamentary. In organizing debate cafés, public debates and offering training individuals' will acquire debating and public speaking skills and sharpen their ability to critically examine different viewpoints in any issue.

### 2. Inclusiveness

LDS must always be welcoming and inclusive for students who wish to join it. Interest, rather than previous experience, is a quality LDS looks for in its members. We want our members to be able to develop their public speaking and debate skills in a safe and comfortable environment.

### 3. Membership

A membership fee of 100 SEK will ensure membership and give members access to our training material, the LDS members' group, and our social events at private venues. Our debate cafes, however, are open to all students.

### 4. Board position minimum responsibilities

- President - Prepare board meetings, external contact, representation
- Vice President - Aid the president, support board members in their tasks
- Secretary - Board meeting minutes and membership list maintenance
- Treasurer - Collect receipts, reimburse and update books
- Debate Director - Prepare trainings and responsibility for tournaments
- Communications - Responsibility over social media presence
- Social events - Organize non-debate events for members

### 5. Activities

#### A. Recruitment-Introduction month

Recruitment month is held twice per year, once in September and once in January. The goal of the recruitment month is to recruit new members and entice their commitment. The recruitment month should consist of an introductory debate café where topics including how to cope with nervousness, how to build an argument and how to debate British Parliament. During the month, LDS should also host a public debate and a debate speed date. The board should advertise the recruitment month by participating in student fairs such as Hälsningsgillet and the Student Association Fair (SAF) and visiting lectures. After finalizing dates, locations, and times for all events, flyers should be made for SAF and Hälsningsgillet and posters should be designed and set up at legal spots around the university including: Ekonomacentrum (LUSEM), Studiecentrum (LTH), LUX, SOL, AF-borgen, Fysicum, M-house, BMC, Universitetsbiblioteket (UB), Eden and Juricidum.

#### B. Lund Mini

Lund Mini shall be hosted once per semester. The goal of Lund Mini is to engage LDS members by showing them what a tournament looks like by hosting on in Lund. It should be held soon after the introduction months meaning that they should preferably occur in October and in February.

### C. Lund IV

The goal of Lund IV is to create a 3 day tournament with workshops, 5 rounds, semifinals and finals with teams from debate societies around Europe. This is important in that it fosters our relationship with other debating societies and gives our members the ability to debate with teams from all around the world in their residential town.

### D. Thursday Training

The goal of trainings is to train current members about different aspects of debating. Trainings should be planned by the Debate Director and should be held on Thursdays from 17:00-19:00 or other times if requested by members.

### E. Debate Café

The goal of debate cafes is to allow members to engage their debating skills every week for different topics. Debate cafes are usually hosted by a different board member every week on Tuesdays from 18:30 to 21:00.

### F. Socials and events

The board should also host socials for members including but not limited to going to a pub after debate cafes, hangouts in the office, parties on the weekends, board game nights, and and sittnings.

### G. International debate tournaments

The board should encourage its members to go to tournaments by announcing them at debate cafes and funding registration fees for participants according to criteria such as the extent to which it organized Lund IV, future participation in the society and participation in regular events.

### H. IDEA debate exchange

In order to further improve Lund Debate Society's capability to organize and train debaters we need to continually develop. Thus, LDS shall also send two or more members to the International Debate Education Association's debate exchanges that take place every summer. Our ability to attend this conference is contingent on maintaining our partnership with IDEA, which is highly recommended.

### I. British Parliamentary Public Debates

By organizing public debates we can hopefully increase societal debate.

## 5. Office Space and Inventory

The Lund Debate Society office is located on the 4th floor of the AF Borgen building. LDS currently has 3 keys to share amongst board members. The board will make an effort to clean the office at least twice a semester.

The board shall make its utmost to increase the usage of the office both amongst members and for other organizations. The board should actively aid other debate organizations in the region by offering the office space if needed.