The EANS Summer School Debate 2018

The 2nd year EANS participants will lead the EANS debate taking place during the EANS summer conference. A member of EANS faculty will chair the debate.

The debate running order is detailed in full below.

- Chairperson introduces the debate (about 2-4 min.)
- Voting for and against the motion (about 2-4 min.)
- Team speaker 1 for the motion (about 5 min.)
- Team speaker 1 against the motion (about 5 min.)
- Team speaker 2 for the motion (about 5 min.)
- Team speaker 2 against the motion (about 5 min.)
- Contributions from audience including 1st and 3rd year groups
- Team speaker 3 for the motion rounding up (about 5 min.)
- Team speaker 3 against the motion rounding up (about 5 min.)
- New voting for and against the motion (about 2-4 min.)
- Chairperson concludes the debate (about 2-4 min.)

The 2nd year debate team that gains the biggest change in the number of people voting between the two votes will be the winner of the debate. This year our debate topic is:

"This house believes that the best leaders are born, not bred."

Leadership in nursing is quite the fashion these days. There are articles and journals dedicated to it. Education programmes have been set up nationally and internationally to prepare nurses for leadership roles in the future. But who are these leaders? Can anyone be a leader? Do you need to be an experienced clinician before you can lead other nurses? Can we train people to lead? Or are leadership skills an innate personality trait possessed by people from an early age? Will the best leaders always emerge from the crowd independently of (or despite) any attempts to train them? You can decide the answer to these questions by listening to the arguments presented by our teams of skilled debaters!