

The EANS Summer School Debate in Oslo 2023

The second 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 for about 2 – 4 minutes
- Voting for and against the motion for about 2 – 4 minutes
- Team speaker 1 for the motion for about 5 minutes
- Team speaker 1 against the motion for about 5 minutes
- Team speaker 2 for the motion for about 5 minutes
- Team speaker 2 against the motion for about 5 minutes
- Contributions from audience including 1st and 3rd year groups for about 5 minutes
- Team speaker 3 for the motion rounding up for about 5 minutes
- Team speaker 3 against the motion rounding up for about 5 minutes
- New voting for and against the motion for about 2 – 4 minutes
- Chairperson concludes the debate for about 2 – 4 minutes

The second year EANS debate team that gains the biggest change in the number of people voting between the two votes will be the winner of the debate. Please note teachers, senior mentors or year group leaders cannot contribute as one of the year groups speakers at the debate.

This year our debate topic is:

“This house believes that it is a waste of nurses competence to deliver fundamental nursing care to older people in long-term care”

International evidence reflects that the delivery of fundamental nursing care appears to be highly inconsistent and at times absent altogether. Research focusing on nursing care implies that it is not uncommon that fundamental care activities such as ambulation/mobilisation, turning patients, oral care and hygiene including bathing are regularly missed or down prioritised in the long-term care context. We believe no shadow should fall over the nurses (minimum 180 ETC – Bachelor level, EU regulated) regarding this rationing of fundamental nursing care. Surely their competence needs to be used to address more advanced care?