

## RSIC 2022 UK

### DAY 1

After arrival at the Heathrow Airport coaches by Oxford University picked us from the airport and dropped us in St Anne's College. It is one of the colleges of the university which we were allotted from accommodation, meals and baraza sessions. The short trip to oxford was fun as we experienced the greenery of its countryside as well as the city life of oxford. After registration we went for ice breaking sessions and lunch. Coming across people from different nook and corner of the world was exhilarating. Interesting games and interactive sessions made the night wonderful before we went for dinner and hit the bed.



**DAY 2** After breakfast in the magnificent dining hall of the college we head to the Oxford Theatre for our opening ceremony. Everyone was dressed in formals and their respective school uniform. We also carried our lanyards along with some badges for exchange. It was one of the unique things about this conference. The opening session begun with a dance performance by students which was filled with enthusiasm and energy. The gathering was also addressed by \_\_\_\_\_ which furthermore elaborated on the conference theme "Take Less Be More". The flag hoisting ceremony was replaced by a spotlight one in which each school said 'Hello' to the audience in their native language once the spotlight fell on them. Representatives of the six host schools talked about their institutions and the flow of conference. After this we went back to attend our first baraza session which included introduction and fun activities. There was one baraza leader in each group along with adult delegates as well. We also got dressed up for the cultural night after dinner where we encountered several forms of performing art ranging from salsa, bhangra, Bharatnatyam, piano, composed songs and many more. Students also represented their culture through folk dance and songs. Sleep.

### DAY 3

We headed to the Oxford Theatre for the keynote speakers after breakfast at St Anne's College. There were six speakers who talked about the impact of Round Square in their lives and how it gave a definite shape to it. Each aspect of their lives was in co-relation with five ideals of Round Square. It was nothing less than a Ted Talk. Their stories were heart-touching and emotional. We discussed all this in our second baraza session along with sharing our own personal experiences. Everybody came up with unique perspectives and opinions. We then got ready for a treasure hunt in the city of Oxford. We explore various amazing places from Historic Indoor market to Radcliffe Camera with our



baraza group. After coming back and having dinner we proceeded to the Town Hall for the Scottish Ball. It was coordinated by a dance instructor and some musicians as well. She directed everybody to groove upon the merrymaking beats. It was enjoyed by everybody out there.

#### **DAY 4**

We left St. Anne's College for Latymer Upper School after the breakfast. It took about 30 mins to reach there during which we encountered a bit of London. At Latymer School, we were warmly welcomed with a dance performance by the girls of the respective school. A song was also performed by the school band which was breathtaking. Then we proceeded for our accommodation at a nearby hotel. At night we were invited for some fun sports at the school ranging from volleyball to table tennis. It also allowed us to interact with other delegates and know about their skills and interests. Dinner and Sleep

#### **DAY 5**

Procced to the school after breakfast to praise the beauty of the river Thames that surrounded the city of London. It was 90 min walk to get a 360 view of the river along with sightseeing the nearby local places as well. We also crossed a magnificent bridge over the river that gave a crazy view of river Thames. At school, a pizza and movie night was arranged by the school for the conference students. After having pizza in the dining hall, we proceeded for an animated movie that was quite amusing and also made the night fun for us.

#### **DAY 6**

After breakfast we went to Latymer to attend a lesson with other students of the school. They varied from Physics, French and Drama.

This was an enlightening experience that allowed us to live their academic life and absorb their educational system. There were many similarities and differences that we came through during our 60 min lesson. Next, we boarded our coaches and left for our service project in a remote area near highway which was at a distance of about 15 mins from London. It was collaboration with a charitable organization which worked for improving the vegetation and life of animals. We pruned the branches and unnecessary plants by using different tools and hand gloves as well. It was a team project with about 8 people in one team. It was a worthy experience at the end of the day and also



made us build friendships with others as well. At night a gala dinner was organized by the host school which included delicious dinner and a game of Bingo as well. We started grooving on the melodious tunes that brought everyone together. It led us to learn different dance forms as well. Everyone bid farewell for this time of a lifetime.

**DAY 7** We left for the post conference trip

