

GSF2011 National Sixth Form Conference

A selection of responses written on badges at the close of the conference



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Name	School	I learned...	I will...
Shri Vishnari Merugumala	St Francis' College	So many shocking and thought-provoking things! Coming from a developing country myself, I felt just how important it is to bring about change in maternal mortality worldwide.	Inform others on what I have learnt and hope to do volunteering in Afghanistan, particularly in women's medical care.
Taylor Rampton	Sidcot School	Incredible amounts in the subject area that has a lot more depth than it may first appear.	Do my best to achieve the challenges set.
Sophie Yarou	Sir John Lawes School	That there is a great deal of inequality between a developed country such as England and an LEDC in terms of maternal care.	Be holding workshops in schools and creating a video. I will also write an article to spread the message.
Alex Hinsley	King Edward VI Handsworth	What factors have led to such high maternal mortality in developing countries and what needs to be done to help.	Raise awareness of maternal mortality through peer education.
Jessica Jackson	Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls	That it is possible for one person to make a big change and encourage others to do the same.	Continue to educate about problems and make people realise that one person can make a massive difference.
Jack Andrews	Bishop Luffa School	How important it is for future generations to become educated and made aware of the consequences that occur when support is not given to those in need.	Educate my peers and develop the ideas I have learnt today.
Nomthandazo Dube	Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	That I can do more than I thought I could do to make change.	Take on the challenge, use my voice and speak against the injustices I have seen and take action in being that change.
Paris Jones	Watford Grammar School for Girls	That the issue of maternal mortality is a shockingly rife and global one. Everyone knows a mother, and this is not just a female issue but a human tragedy	I will campaign for the rights of women to have access to maternal care - via education and fundraising.
Gabriel Westaway	Sidcot School	How fragile our access to basic human rights is.	Never again take for granted my freedom of thought and when I look at my sister who is studying veterinary science at university I could just as easily be staring at a gravestone.

Alice Mason	Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School	That the dream I have of having lots of children, and the fears of having stretch marks from that, is absolutely nothing to the death which faces many.	Raise awareness and help reduce maternal deaths.
Dhyanesh Patel	Radyr Comprehensive School	That I have the voice to help shape the future.	Begin to change my outlook to combat the injustice.
Hadi Ali	Featherstone High School	To speak up for the voiceless.	Try to make a change any way I can to help the cause. It only takes one person to make a difference
Hannah Morgan	Bournemouth School for Girls	Of the plight and suffering of many women and girls in the developing world. Of the risks and danger of childbirth for them, and of the loss and pain of the babies and family they leave behind.	Try my best to spread the knowledge I have gained, to raise awareness and money for this cause and to do anything I can to help end the injustice.
Laura Balcombe	St. Francis' College	That maternal mortality is an issue that needs much greater attention globally than it has had in the past. And that we, the students, have the power to make a difference and a lasting impact.	Use my voice and opportunities, both of which I am lucky to have, to raise awareness of this crucial issue.
Catriona Watson	Farnborough Sixth Form College	We are not fighting the unknown. We are fighting for mothers to be heard.	Use my power as an individual to communicate a hidden issue.
Emily Sym	The Blandford School	How much the general public don't know about the issues facing women in other countries. How much we can all do to help.	Look at these issues with more concern and make my voice heard.
Eleanor Wooldridge	Luckley-Oakfield School	That there is more suffering in the world, suffering of women who have no escape from their situation, than I could have ever imagined. It isn't fair and something needs to be done.	Try my hardest to help those women to either get out of their situations or help them in their situations, so that these needless deaths can stop and they can get the basic healthcare they need and deserve.
Becky Walters	Elizabethan High School	That speaking out and using my voice can make huge changes in society.	Do something; because actions speak louder than words. I will make a stand.
Susanna Crocker-Buqué	Worthing College	That although it is difficult to achieve our goals, we personally are able to influence the lives of others substantially.	Encourage the message of individual action so that more people may become involved and we can make a significant change.
Steven Harris	Wadebridge School	That I am lucky to have my Mum	Not take life or my Mum for granted.
Rosie Anstead	Worthing College	Just how severe the problem is and how unjust this really is. I was shocked that a woman dies every minute during childbirth.	Ensure that I use my voice to pass on the message shown here. I'm committed to playing my part in the process through working with my own college and schools in the local area.
Ruby Mulvaney	Hanham High School	The devastation caused due to the lack of healthcare available for pregnant women in the developing world.	Take these facts and experiences and share them with others.

Chris Georgiou	John Leggott College	The seriousness of the situation of Mother's dying whilst giving birth, especially in developing countries.	Peer educate students at my former secondary/grammar school and college, to spread the information and to get my voice heard.
Alisha Powell	Hanham High School	Maternal mortality is a serious, devastating issue that needs action NOW! It's not brought to the attention of the public enough and can't continue to be sidelined.	Try my very hardest to make a difference. And make it known that this can no longer continue.
Hannah Lester	Dereham Sixth Form College	How real and how serious the problem is, and how governments aren't doing enough to fulfil their promise to help.	Increase and encourage awareness of the issues.
Serena Terparia	Featherstone High School	How, shockingly, almost every minute a woman dies because of complications in pregnancy or childbirth.	Share my knowledge of how many young girls and women die leaving newborns motherless. I will campaign for change to be made.
Olivia Caputa	Tuxford School	That women in developing countries don't have the help and treatment that they deserve during the most vulnerable time in their lives.	Raise awareness and money for all organisations who directly make a difference. I've been very moved today by all the statistics and footage of the people affected. I want to make a difference too.
Emily-Rose Athey	Newcastle College	That no matter how small, every individual can make a difference.	Go out and share my inspiration with others.
Molly Dyas	Bournemouth School for Girls	Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.	Show that mothers deserve to live.
Jack Green	Shaftesbury School	The shocking fact that 99% of maternal mortality occurs within the developing world.	Take part and help head my school's Global Citizenship Day, which raises money for the charity Msaada, and will do everything in my power to give this issue the coverage it deserved.
Hannah Cox	Bishop Luffa School	How important education is for young women and girls in promoting maternal health, and preventing deaths and suffering.	Pass this message on to many of my peers and to the wider community, to increase understanding of global issues and what can be done to save these women.
Niamh McGuire	Newport Free Grammar School	About how dangerous pregnancy can be in countries where the women don't have the facilities and healthcare we do. It's hard-hitting.	Take on board all the knowledge from today's conference and raise awareness in my own community.
Sarah Cottingham	Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School	The huge impact we can make in developing countries just by raising our voice.	Do all I can to raise help and awareness for this cause.

Rachel Thompson	The Grange School	That women throughout developing countries are forced to give up their lives because their government does not provide them with basic aid during pregnancy.	Aim to fulfil each of GSF's five challenges so that I individually can make an impact.
Beth Parkes	Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School	About something that wasn't even on my radar. An important issue that NEEDS addressing.	Do my best to educate my peers and act to stop the injustices that are occurring.
Rebecca Yu	Shaftesbury School	That I hold the key of making an impact to the world. Time is ticking, and we must race it. There are lots of ways to make the difference, through education, fund-raising etc. The only thing I have to remember is never stop or give up, because it's people that we are saving.	Get involved in more fund-raising events in local community as well as planning what to do with the money raised carefully. I will educate the children in my school about the situations that mothers and young girls face in developing countries.
Priya Bhatti	King Edward VI Handsworth School	About a global issue that so many people are unaware of. It is pleasing to know that I can truly make a difference to a situation that women like me find themselves in, but I am so lucky and blessed to be where I am and make a change.	I will try to educate where possible in a way that touches other people.
Esme Myers	Sir John Lawes School	About the devastating effects that death during childbirth can cause for not only the woman and baby, but the family and community.	Try to ensure that during my lifetime the number of women unnecessarily losing their lives dramatically decreases.
Tracey Falzon (teacher)	Farnborough Sixth Form college	That GSF inspires young people.	Help to support the students champion the GSF messages on maternal mortality.
Paul Rebane (teacher)	Radyr Comprehensive School	That young people have a voice and that they are brave enough to use it – not all young people are as bad as they are often painted.	Use what I have learnt today to help spread the word.
Katie Taylor (teacher)	Thomas Hardy School	The power and possibilities of young people.	Work with them to make changes.
Professor Alan Penny (Independent Evaluator of GSF for DFID)		That this country has a wonderful resource in the young people who attended this conference. The media needs to acknowledge this and applaud how they are making a difference.	