



Blue Sky 2025: The Oxford Climate Debating Tournament

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Semifinal in Western Subregion

When: 12 June 2025, 10:00 - 14:00

Where: Western Subregion of Silesian Voivodeship, Rybnik

Semifinal in Central Subregion

When: 12 June 2025, 10:00 - 14:00

Where: Association of Municipalities and Counties of Central Subregion of the Silesia Region, Gliwice

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The Tournament Final will take place during the 3rd Silesian Climate Convention, Climate-Con, scheduled for November 25-26, 2025.

Tournament Organizing Committee:

- Chairman: Piotr Policht, Eco-Manager of the Municipality of Piekary Śląskie
- Barbara Graniczka, Eco-Manager of the Municipality of Rybnik
- Anna Kocima, Eco-Manager of the Municipality of Łaziska Górne
- Joanna Kosmala, Eco-Manager of the Municipality of Rydułtowy
- Maciej Koźmiński, Eco-Manager of the Municipality of Świerklaniec
- Wojciech Łukowski, Silesian Voivodeship
- Anna Rogowska, Eco-Manager of the Western Subregion of the Silesian Voivodeship
- Joanna Szerzyńska-Grabowska, Eco-Manager of the Municipality of Żory
- Grzegorz Wierzbicki, Eco-Manager of the Municipality of Sosnowiec



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Can ideas change the world? Can words lead to action? "Blue Sky 2025" is an exceptional debating tournament where high school students will engage in intellectual duels on the future of our planet. This competition is not just about rhetoric and persuasion but also about developing a deep understanding of climate issues, circular economy, and policies that shape the air we breathe.

Debate as a Tool for Change

Participants in "Blue Sky 2025" will have the opportunity to debate complex environmental issues, from pollution reduction strategies to the role of circular economy in global sustainability. The tournament follows the Oxford-style debate format, where teams of four take opposing sides on a given motion, with each speaker fulfilling a specific role: introducing the motion, presenting arguments, countering the opposition, and summarizing the debate.

Each debate will be a battle of knowledge, strategy, and eloquence. Participants will not only defend their stance but also respond to unexpected counterarguments from the opposing team. The ad vocem mechanism will allow for quick rebuttals, keeping the discussion dynamic and engaging.

How the Tournament Works

The tournament consists of two stages. In the first stage, teams will compete in a group format, ensuring that every team has the opportunity to participate in multiple debates. The best teams will then advance to the final debate of this stage. The second stage will determine the ultimate winner, with the top teams engaging in knockout rounds leading to the Grand Final. The motions for the debates will revolve around key environmental challenges, including air pollution, emission reductions, and sustainable urban development. Participants will need to think critically, construct logical arguments, and respond persuasively to opposing viewpoints.





Why Participate?

- ✓ Develop critical thinking and argumentation skills.
- ✓ Gain a deeper understanding of climate and environmental policies.
- ✓ Debate real-world challenges and propose solutions.
- ✓ Engage with like-minded young people passionate about the future of the planet.
- ✓ Experience a prestigious academic competition that sharpens public speaking and teamwork skills.

"Blue Sky 2025" is more than a competition—it is a platform for young leaders to voice their opinions, refine their perspectives, and become ambassadors of change. Through debate, we shape the future, one argument at a time.

Join us and make your voice heard for a cleaner, more sustainable world!

This event is organized as part of the LIFE project "Silesia. Blue Sky Restored."



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