

DESCRIPTIONS OF SESSIONS AVAILABLE AT IC 2023

GLOBAL ISSUES PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Global Issues Problem Solving Coaches are invited to join Martha Barlow, our Wisconsin Director, in a series of optional Zoom sessions to supplement their Global Issues work. These 45 minute sessions will also be recorded and shared with registered attendees.

Building Topic Knowledge Using the RRR and Beyond – Monday, May 8 from 9:00am – 10:00am Eastern
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81606612167?pwd=QVB4dIVPMkluTFdsRIR2TVkwUVFXQT09>

Developing Underlying Problem Ideas While Preparing for Competition – Monday, May 15 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm Eastern
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81764218687?pwd=UEZOMUVYemdFbVFPaER2Kzlhdk13Zz09>

Enhancing a Future Perspective and Showing Research in Booklet Writing – Monday, May 22 from 9:00am – 10:00am Eastern
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83856335996?pwd=aW1nbWIDTEhmZTVLWUJMSUJLeVdlZz09>

Participant types: Coach

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

FIRST TIME TO IC COACH CONNECTION

Coaches that are attending IC for the first time should join this meeting to gain information on the Conference!

Session time is 8:00pm – 9:00pm on Wednesday

Participant types: Coach

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

PARENTS' MEETING

Parents and guardians of FPS students should join this meeting to gain information on the benefits of FPS!

This session will be offered from 2:00pm – 3:30pm on Thursday.

Participant types: Chaperone & Coach

CREATIVE WRITING

Scenario competitors are invited to join Mandi Randell, an Iowa Writers workshop undergrad alum with a masters in English creative writing, for this engaging workshop. Mandi is a published author for both poetry and plays. This session is based on a session she presented at the Australia National Finals. The session is criteria based, evaluates exemplars, and gives a writing opportunity. It is truly a skill building experience.

This session will be offered from 2:00pm – 4:00pm on Thursday.

Participant types: Middle and Senior division Scenario Writing students

FRIDAY MORNING

TIPS AND TOOLS FOR CMPS

Community Problem Solving students and coaches should join this session to learn tips and tools to enhance CmPS projects! Explore how critical and creative thinking tools can enhance project work!

This session will occur from 9:00am – 11:00am Friday.

Participant types: All division CmPS students or other interested attendees

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

DEIB TO BUILD ETHICAL CITIZENSHIP

What Do We Mean When We Say "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging"?

Join us for a discussion of how we define Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging from a student perspective. We will take time to share our ideas about what these terms mean to us based on our life experiences as students and how we can use those experiences to help inform the global conversation around diversity and equity. Facilitated by Dr. Sarah Sumners, FPSPI Board of Trustees member.

This session will be offered from 2:00pm – 4:00pm on Friday.

Participant types: All attendees interested in expanding their understanding of DEIB

THE ART OF STORYTELLING

Bringing your stories to life through Scenario Performance and Scenario Writing

Scenario Performance and Scenario Writing allow each student to create a story and tell it to an audience, themed after one of FPSP's annual topics. Learn how you can build strong communication skills through storytelling, develop speaking skills and equip you with confidence and readiness to speak to others through stories.

In our workshop you will cover the following elements:

1. Creating the storyline:
 - Developing the Storyline
 - Characterization
 - Creative Thinking
 - Connection to Audience
 - Reaction Thinking

2. Storytelling Performance
 - Eye Contact
 - Gestures
 - Voice
 - Facial Expressions
 - Styles of Scenario Performance

This 2-hour workshop session will be offered from 2:00pm – 4:00pm on Friday

Participant types: All division students from Scenario Performance and Scenario Writing

ENHANCING CREATIVITY WITH GENERATING AND FOCUSING TOOLS

Perhaps you have heard that there's more to brainstorming than just brainstorming? The session will focus on exploring a few of the thinking tools for generating and focusing ideas.

Brainstorming with post-its, SCAMPER, Paired-Comparison Analysis, and other thinking tools will be introduced, modeled, and practiced through collaboration with others. These tools have been used around the globe for decades with students and adults of all ages, in all academic areas and all problem solving arenas, to boost high-level problem solving!

Over the past decades, Dr. Ed Selby, Dr. Donald Treffinger, and others have developed, perfected, and shared Creative Problem Solving with thousands of educators through their books, research articles, online modules, and face to face workshops such as this one. This session will be offered by Dr. Ed Selby.

Session time is 2:00pm – 4:00pm on Friday

Participant types: All attendees interested in building their toolbox for creative thinking

FRIDAY NIGHT

SENIOR DIVISION FORUM

Senior Division FPS students who are graduating in 2023 or 2024 should join this session to connect and share FPS experiences as well as future plans!

This session will occur from 9:00pm – 10:00pm on Friday.

Participant types: Senior division students

SATURDAY MORNING

FPS Q&A SESSION FOR COACHES

Coaches that are attending should join this meeting to gain more information on the Conference!

Session time is 9:00am – 11:00am on Saturday

Participant types: Coaches

INTRODUCTION TO CMPS EVALUATION

Are you interested in learning more about CmPS evaluation and how to become a certified evaluator? In this session, we will explore the principles of evaluation, discuss the scoring rubric (including some examples of high scoring project work), and how evaluators use the rubric descriptors to enhance our authentic evaluation process. Attendees will get a preview of the upcoming asynchronous online evaluator training on FPSAcademy (coming before 2023 ends!) Insight about becoming a certified CmPS evaluator in your local area will also be shared.

Session time is 9:00am – 11:00am on Saturday

Participant types: Senior division CmPS students, parents, and coaches interested in becoming a CmPS evaluator

ENHANCING SCENARIO WRITING SKILLS

Join other writers from across the world and share your methods for writing exceptional scenarios. In this session, California Affiliate Director Ariella Leeder and Scenario Writing alum and published author Nihar Suthar will share elements that make a scenario stand out, and give you an opportunity to allow your creativity to shine through an interactive writing activity!

This session will be offered from 9:00am – 11:00am on Saturday.

Participant types: All division Scenario Writing students

VIEW PROBLEM SOLVING STYLE

Join this session to learn about YOUR problem solving style and how teamwork is enhanced by knowing and appreciating problem solving styles. Exploring these styles helps teams understand each other and work effectively together.

This session will be offered from 9:00am – 11:00am on Saturday.

Participant types: Middle and Senior division GIPS competitors (we encourage teams to come together), adult leaders (coaches, parents)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

IMPROV WORKSHOP

Let's Get Creative with IMPROV!

Improvisation, or **improv**, is a form of live performance which the plot, characters and dialogue of a game, scene or story are made up in the moment. Often improvisers will take a suggestion from the audience, or draw on some other source of inspiration to get started. Learn how improv can help students develop public speaking skills and grow comfortable speaking in front of an audience. Improv can help FPSPi students boost their creativity and brainstorm ideas.

In our workshop, we will cover the following elements:

1. Whole-group improvisation
2. One-on-one interactive improvisation
3. Small group improvisation
4. Using "yes" and "accept" for improv storytelling
5. Always be listening
6. Relax and have fun

This 2-hour workshop session will be offered from 2:00 pm – 4:00pm on Saturday afternoon.

Participant types: All division students interested in Scenario Performance or theatrical improv

MAGIC COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE

Come meet other problems solvers to explore the six-step process. MAGIC teams will be randomly formed so you are working with other attendees from different affiliates!

This experience is non-competitive and encourages the spirit of problem solving!

This workshop will be offered from 2:00pm – 4:00pm on Saturday.

Participant types: All division students in all components

SCENARIO WRITING TEAM WORKSHOP (NON-COMPETITIVE)

Join other writers and create a futuristic group scenario!

In this session, writers will brainstorm, collaborate, and write a group spontaneous scenario based on the International Conference Future Scene.

- Writers are encouraged to collaborate and share their ideas as members collectively decide on a general theme and setting for a futuristic scenario, using the Future Scene as inspiration. Each team member writes a section or part of the group scenario.
- Scenarios will be discussed and shared during culminating events.
- Ideas and creativity will be celebrated!

This workshop session will be offered from 2:00pm – 5:00pm on Saturday.

Participant types: All division Scenario Writing competitors and those interested in Scenario Writing

ENHANCING PROBLEM SOLVING WITH PROJECT MANAGEMENT

This exciting, hands-on workshop will provide you with an introduction to project management and how it can be used to solve global problems. By the end of the session, you will be able to identify project management concepts, understand how it relates to your everyday activities, and use it to address complex, global issues. In addition, you will get to test your problem-solving skills with a challenging and fun team activity. This is one workshop you don't want to miss!

This workshop session will be offered from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm on Saturday.

Participant types: All division CmPS competitors