

## **Debating is our life companion.**

Long recognized as an important part of government affairs, academic deliberations, negotiations, philosophy and citizenship, debate is a complex form of communication which can train all of us in critical thinking and creativity - so important in our contemporary world.

For the first time ever in ESF we organised a SWALS Debate Competition. On 23rd of June, four teams - Poland, Sweden, Portugal and a mixed group discussed various, controversial topics beginning with *Is competition good* and ending with *Who was more influent to mankind: Shakespeare or Walt Disney?*

In the final, a group from Finland, Hungary and Romania faced the Portuguese team and discussed the importance of school grades. After a difficult deliberation by the jury (Mr Dimitri Esteves and the SWALS teachers), the winner was announced: **Portugal!**

Congratulations and thank you to all participants!







