

school students to represent each of the Commonwealth countries in a series of lectures, workshops and simulated negotiations and debates on a Commonwealth theme. The Conference concludes with a model Heads of Government Meeting at which the student delegates discuss agenda items of current concern to the Commonwealth.

In the realm of sport, the quadrennial Commonwealth Games and the associated Paralympic Games provide an opportunity for athletes throughout the Commonwealth to meet in friendly competition. In 1978, the Queen opened the eleventh Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. From August 3 to 12, teams of athletes from more than 50 member countries, associated states and dependencies competed in what is often and correctly termed the "Friendly Games". In sports as in politics, there are no Commonwealth superpowers since the basic principle of the association is equality of all members. The Games have twice previously been held in Canada, in Hamilton and Vancouver. The twelfth Commonwealth Games are scheduled to be held in Australia in 1982.

In Canada's view, the future belongs to the unofficial Commonwealth because it promotes the grass roots links between the peoples of member countries which are so important to the association.

