



Evaluation Report

Conference – 14 October 2025

Introduction

The following report highlights the feedback from the third CRAG Conference held on 14 October 2025.

46 people completed the Evaluation Form on the day – the Youth Delegates and their comments have been highlighted.

124 people were down to attend but on the day 15 did not attend leaving 109. There were 5 teachers accompanying the five schools represented.

Q1. Why did you attend the conference today?

- As Area Commander for Cheshire West it was important for me to understand, contribute and listen to the communities.
- **Youth Delegate** - I was speaking as a youth delegate.
- Co-organiser for CRAG.
- I was supporting the students.
- To get an update on the OCP.
- **Youth Delegate** - Represented Queens Park High School and saw it as an opportunity to advocate for young peoples' voices in Chester.
- Event photographer.
- **Youth Delegate** - As a student and love for Chester.
- Catch up on knowledge and be re-energised.
- Local resident.
- **Youth Delegate** - Came with school to present views on Chester and then solutions.
- **Youth Delegate** - Attended as a student.
- Attended as a teacher bringing pupils to present.
- **Youth Delegate** - Attended from Queens Park High School.
- Because I love Chester.
- I am a resident, and I attended last year.
- **Youth Delegate** - Represented Queens Park High School as deputy head student in order to share my critiques of the OCP as a young person with a voice.
- As City Centre Manager I wanted to engage with communities.
- Interested local resident.
- As a guest speaker and a resident.
- The Live! charity is very engaged in co-production, and I would like to think we a part of what makes Chester tick.
- **Youth Delegate** - to speak about problems affecting youth in Chester today.
- To keep up with Chester initiatives.
- As a speaker.
- **Youth Delegate** – to share concerns affecting young people and solutions that could be implemented.
- Guest speaker.
- Director Lead for OCP on the Council.
- To voice my concerns and offer an array of solutions to current issues.
- Resident and to hear youth perspective on OCP.
- I am a Chester resident and Trustee of Live! (charity based at New Scene, Limewood Fields).
- Keeping up with developments.
- CRAG member.
- To understand and contribute to our local community whilst giving our sixth formers exposure to such events.
- To represent The Queens School Chester.
- I care about the city and the wellbeing of the residents and the community.

- **Youth Delegate** - representing Christleton High School.
- **Youth Delegate** - offered the opportunity by my school.
- **Youth Delegate** - representing my school and having a voice.
- To understand the future plans for Chester.
- Was invited as I was chairing a session.
- Member of CRAG and Residents Association.
- **Youth Delegate** - because I have an interest in politics and all the factors that go into influencing policy and running a city.
- **Youth Delegate** - Presented for Upton High School.
- **Youth Delegate** - Speaker for Upton High School.
- To learn about problems in Chester.
- **Youth Delegate** - as part of a school project speaking as a young person in Chester.
- **Youth Delegate** - to make connections and learn about problems in Chester and OCP plus speaking in front of people.
- **Youth Delegate** – I attended with peers from my school and to deliver our concerns regarding Chester.

Q2. Do you feel that the aims of the Conference and the Programme were achieved? If Yes-How, If No- Why not?

- Yes x 8
- Yes, I learnt a lot from the student voices.
- Yes – as a **Youth Delegate** I got the opportunity to express my views and network.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** - however I felt that it became more of an information event rather than developing Chester in the here and now.
- Yes – I saw plenty of questions and comments answered. I found the day very interesting.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – great conversation and discussion.
- Yes – Actions rather than wish list demonstrated.
- Yes – The inclusion of young people and their views was much appreciated.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** -Great feedback.
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- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – I was able to talk to people who can help us to improve student leadership. Apparently however a lot of issues raised at the 2024 conference have not been resolved according to attendees from last year.
- Yes – the inclusion of young people was excellent.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – Discussions were held about OCP and critique / developments from young people were discussed. Opportunity to meet real councillors leading to real change. No – some things were repeated.
- Yes, - we saw a wide range of partners and stakeholders present information.
- Yes – appreciated learning where OCP was up to, hearing about young peoples' perspectives, about local charitable organisations and initiatives.
- Yes – it was great to hear directly the progress that has been made with OCP.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** - much more informed about Chester.
- Yes – All good presentations by schools, charities, CWAC and those involved with OCP.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – more awareness was brought to our issue and improvements that could be made have been shared.
- Yes – interesting and informative feedback.
- Yes – engaging, positive on the whole, large range of views shared and content covered. Very good to hear from school pupils.
- Yes – I feel that awareness about many current and up and coming improvement projects have been clarified.
- Yes - I have a renewed energy that we are moving in the right direction, but improvements are always possible.
- Yes – we heard about progress in the OCP.
- Yes – plenty of information for thoughts.
- Yes – it all went well and great to see so many young people involved.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – lots of focus on Chester and groups that lead to Chester's success.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – Aims were discussed and some conclusions reached.
- Yes – very informative.
- Yes – definitely, best so far.
- Yes – good with councillors and students.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – I was made more aware of problems concerning the local community.

- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – there was a mix of raised concerns, solutions and it was very informative.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – everyone expressed their worries and the solutions to them.
- Yes – people shared solutions, ideas, opinions and problems.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – interesting conversation with various bodies.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – people shared lots of different views and problems.
- Yes – **Youth Delegate** – lots of areas were covered by different people.

Q3. How would you describe the pace of each session?

Too Slow	14	Too Fast	0	Just Right	32
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Q4. Did you enjoy the sessions?

No, none of them		Most of them	22	Yes, all of them	23
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Q5. Would you attend in the future if CRAG held another event:

No	1	Yes	36	Possibly	9
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Q6. If yes, would you prefer half or full day?:

Half Day	20	Full Day	26
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Q7. Did you attend the CRAG Conference in 2024

Yes	17	No	29

Q8. Additional Comments or Suggestions:

- Brilliant conference blending the passion held by residents, business with the endeavour from our services.
- School presentations were excellent and hopefully will join local Residents Associations and CRAG, perhaps as a sub-committee for young people.
- Thank you for hiring me as the photographer for today. Watching today's talks has made me incredibly grateful to attend a University in an amazing, calm and beautiful City. Thank you making this City a second home.
- Format great. Ethos amazing. Benefits far-reaching. Well done everyone. The magic was engaged and re-energised.
- **Youth Delegate** – It would be nice if there was more on the night-time/evening and the impact they have on city – both good and bad.
- Thank you.
- It was a shame not to see many associates for Chester South eg. Handbridge, Lache – is this an issue of cost? Are there reduced rate community passes for disadvantaged/under represented areas? £18 tickets are a lot for some people. Lower rates would be lovely as making connections is important. Loved session 3 – it shows community well.
- **Youth Delegate** – Loved everything Chester Zoo has done. Saying the youth ideas are good is positive but they must be acted upon. Will act on Charities – all were brilliant.
- When I last looked, the research into people listening to presentations suggest that concentration and engagement drops off significantly after 45 minutes while physical discomfort increases. The length of the first session ignored these considerations being way too long. Thereafter, the pace of the conference was much improved.
- Please, please, please! Act on the young people's recommendations.
- **Youth Delegate** – Pace good for discussions with questions, It was great when there were more interactive sessions. Simpler discussions with young people – maybe panel discussions and Q & A sessions. More opportunities for young people to speak.
- The emphasis on young people's perspective was a particular highlight of this year's conference.
- Many slides were hard to read and should have bigger text. Good facilities at venue. Good updates on OCP. Good young people's sessions especially contributing possible solutions – hope they get listened to and acted upon. Quiz was good fun. Need to put QR codes for polls on table. Regarding cycling - we need to change attitudes as well as infrastructure. We need to reduce car dependency and make cycling the normal default option as well as walking and public transport.
- Really enjoyed the presentations from teenagers from school – their thoughts and aspirations.

- Great youth engagement. Would be good to link into CWAC Youth partnership Board, CWVA Youth and SEND subgroups and the Local Voices Network next year? Also voices of those with lived experience of learning disability and autism – we can help with this. (As per Mary Watt from Live Charity)
- **Youth Delegate** – more youth involvement required.
- Nothing more to add other than possibly a young persons and residents meeting as a stand alone meeting that informs CRAG and other relevant agencies.
- Well done all.
- Really enjoyed the input from the students. Good to find out what concerns they have. Charity section good to – from cradle to grave.
- Thanks for organising this inclusive event.
- Well done Mike and team!
- Well done to CRAG – be even more proactive next time.
- Pre lunch round up was poor and rambling.
- **Youth Delegate** – I would be interested in being a part of a youth panel for CRAG.
- **Youth Delegate** – invite more people from different industries so they can listen to changes.
- **Youth Delegate** – more opportunity to network would be good as the time was too short.
- **Youth Delegate** – Networking was good, and it was nice to speak to different people.