



Halton Children's Trust Question Time Event and Feedback

Approx. **100** in attendance

young people, accompanied by teaching staff

- Cavendish Academy
- Chesnut Lodge
- Cronton Sixth Form College
- OBA
- OCA
- Riverside College
- Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College
- The Grange Academy
- Wade Deacon High School



Trust Panel Members

David Baugh Emlyn Wright Ewan Jago Louise Cherrington Donna Wells Ann McIntyre Mil Vasic Tracey Coffey Eileen O'Meara Helen Whittick Leigh Thomp





Questions, Questions and more Questions

4 questions, themes included:

- Healthy Living and Mental Health
- Community Safety
- Youth Services – Activities
- Learning and Employment – Transition
- Halton and Future Plans

Time allowed for:

- ✓ 28 answered at the event
- ✓ 16 written responses sent to schools to pass on to pupils

Schools/Pupils – Summary Feedback

It was good to be invited, next time would like a greater focus on Post 16+ strategy/issues.
(Students/Mary Murphy/Ben Barton/, Riverside College)

All enjoyed the event very much, extremely well organised and executed. Excellent idea to expose students to a forum for grown up debate. Good timings, coverage of issues and spread of schools involved.
(Howard Mealey/Pupils, Wade Deacon)

Extremely worthwhile event, well organised and we felt very welcomed. Students thought the event was amazing and learnt a lot new things about what life is like for young people in Halton, particularly those in mainstream schools. They found that their views about life in Halton and concerns for the future were different to their own. (Clair Ball/Pupils, Chesnut Lodge)

Students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were extremely proud of themselves for speaking in front of so many people and asking their questions. (Kim Histon/Pupils, Cavendish)

Students enjoyed the event and said it was good to hear how things are developing behind the scenes. They really enjoyed being part of it, felt involved and liked knowing what's being done about things that are important to them. That hearing directly from professionals made them feel like things were being done. They enjoyed the meet and greet opportunity at the start of the event. (Pupils/Stacey Snagg, OBA)

Parents/Carers (Board Members) – Summary Feedback

I thought the event was brilliant thoroughly enjoyed it.
Peter Wills, Halton SEND Carers Forum)

Tracy we really enjoyed the question time event.
(Angela Woolfall and Sharon Canavan-Daly, Foster Parent reps)

I thought yesterday was brilliant, I hope they are a regular event, Peter and I found it very informative. Thanks for letting me attend. Being the new kid on the block, I really enjoyed the event. I learnt a lot of what is going on in Halton and where it is accessed.
(Lynne Hall, Halton SEND Carers Forum)

Board Members - Summary Feedback

Thought the event was excellent and good to hear young people's voices - we should do this more often.
De Roberts, Halton CCG)

Good event, well organised. **(Eileen O'Meara, Public Health Halton)**

Thought it was a very good opportunity to hear the views of some young people in Halton. **(Ann McIntyre, HBC)**

Wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone, events such as this energise me, they remind me of why I do what I do and I value the partnerships our teams have. These young people are our adults of tomorrow and we need to work alongside them to help them achieve whatever it is they aspire to. They should be very proud.
Paul Evans, NHS Bridgewater)

Really enjoyed being a panel member. Thought the student questions were excellent. **(Emlyn Wright, O)**

Found it really enlightening, in terms of how engaged the young people were in the whole process and it was a great opportunity to meet with a fantastic representation of the young people in Halton.

John Whittick, NHS North West Boroughs - Halton CAMHS)

Overall, I felt it a useful exercise and has the potential to be developed further into something whereby young people can engage directly with decision makers. **(Phil McClure, Halton Youth Cabinet)**

Thought the question time went really well. Questions were answered in detail.
John Smallman, Halton Speak Out)

Future Plans

Use feedback ideas and suggestions to:

- Plan similar events for young people
- Ensure 2-way conversation

Next Steps

Review Children's Trust Arrangements



What did you think of the event?

We all enjoyed the event very much. It was extremely well organised and executed. It was a great idea to expose students to this kind of forum for grown up debate. Wade Deacon would

What worked well?

The setting was good and the opportunity to chat to young people was good. The ov

What didn't work well

some time practising it so he felt confident speaking in front of a large group of people. (Clair Ball/Pupils, Chesnut Lodge)

Any other suggestions or comments?

A very enjoyable event, Tracy. We enjoyed being involved and thank you for all of the organisation that I know you will have put into the event. It was a great success. A suggestion for how this might work for young children at Primary school could be for youngsters working in smaller groups asking questions of experts who would rotate around the groups as the event progresses. (Howard Mealey, Wade Deacon)

We would be more than willing to hold an event at our school and we would love for you to meet more of our students and get their views from them. To make this more accessible for our students and primary students, the answers need to be more concise and direct. The professionals who answer the questions could potentially record their answers and then someone could make their answers more appropriate for younger students and pupils with SEND or send the answers to school staff earlier so we are able to explain the answers in detail straight after the event. For future events we would like to be more prepared for our pupils and we would ask that the full list of questions is sent to us so that we can symbolise it for our students and make them aware of the type of questions that may be at the event. We would love to be involved in forthcoming events as a school, and our pupils can give you a unique perspective in helping you to shape the future for the youth trust in their community. (Kim Histon/Pupils, Cavendish)

To consider accessibility for wheelchair users when choosing venues. Also, to do this type of event for younger children, you could make it less formal and maybe more of a round robin event, where pupils could speak/find about what the plans for Halton are in a more child friendly way. (Clair Ball/Pupils, Chesnut Lodge)

Would like to run this session regularly but also involve primary aged children. (Ann McIntyre, HBC)

The only other thing is, I wish it was longer as it was very informative. Well done I thought it was a great event. (Lynne Hall, Halton SEND Carers Forum)

We should have a separate Post 16 Question Time for the colleges and the school sixth forms. (Mary Murphy, Riverside College)