



# Cheshire East

# Make Your Mark results

## September 2024





Cheshire East Youth Council is made up of a group of young people who campaign on and create positive change for others. They work with decision makers and help them to make services and the support that children and young people receive better. The group feeds into Children's Trust Board.

The group campaigns on issues that are important to young people e.g. mental health, physical health, children's rights, access to early help, support for LGBTQ+ community, period poverty, sexual harassment and sexual violence, hate crime. The group is driven by important issues not political parties.



# What can leaders do to improve our Health and Wellbeing?

“Make school and public spaces safer, be able to walk around with no threat”

“safe spaces for young people to be heard and report if needed”

“mental health support available in and out of schools”

“Maintain parks and green spaces to enjoy”

“trained professionals in school, proper resources to help”

“Educate young people on being a good citizen”

“Reduce stigma about asking for help, too afraid to ask for help”

“Make sure there is enough staff in schools to provide individual support”

“Provide accessible services”

“Keep the libraries”

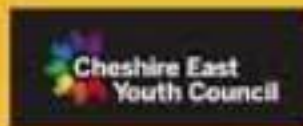
“People don’t ask because they think there isn’t any help, make sure there is help available no matter what”

“Make sure people know about and have the confidence to get the help they need”

“Run projects that focus on hate crime, discrimination and wellbeing to focus on these issues. Sometimes it is hard to know where to get support.”

“Spaces for young people to go where they don’t have to pay to just be, relax, be with friends. Put signs on doors so we know where we can go.”





# What is ?

- Make Your Mark is the largest consultation of 11-18 year olds in Europe. It gives young people the chance to have a say on what matters to them.
- Topics are presented to young people (on a ballot paper, online or on a presentation). Voting happened in schools, colleges and youth groups throughout February and the topic with the most votes becomes the newly elected MYP campaign theme for their 2 year term.
- Cheshire East Youth Council will get involved in the national Make Your Mark campaign, but they may also wish to create their own campaign based on what young people voted for locally.

# Time for the results

## Cheshire East Results:

7479 young people voted in total

1 – 1294 voted for “Crime and Safety”

2 – 1112 voted for “Health and Wellbeing”

3 – 1077 voted for “Jobs, the Economy and Benefits”

## North West Votes:

Crime and Safety

## National Votes:

Health and Wellbeing



# What has happened since Make Your Mark?

- Survey on Hate Crime and Discrimination, **116 young people took part**, the group is using the information gathered to influence a Hate Crime and Discrimination Campaign aimed at:
  - Equipping professionals with how to deal with hate crime
  - Educate young people on what a hate crime is
  - Raise awareness and understanding
  - Share how to report and where to turn for support

# What should young people do to address bullying, hate crime and discrimination?

- Report the incident to a trusted person / tell someone who can do something about it
- More discussion in schools regularly about it / raise awareness and how to recognise it
- Learn to stand up for yourself
- Call people out on it (7 comments)
- Don't bully / more care for others
- Give accounts from people who have experienced it to show the impact
- Videos or posters around the experience and advice / post things on social media for awareness
- Educate others around what it would be like to be on the receiving end
- Create a better sense of community / space built on respect
- Punishment in a way that deals with the problem
- More anti-bullying rules
- Therapy for those who bully to help them stop

*As someone who has experienced bullying and discrimination directly, I feel that young people who are victims of hate crimes, discrimination, bullying need to speak out and share their past experiences of abuse towards them. By doing this, we can educate everyone regarding the severity of bullying and discrimination, and the impact it has on young people.*



# What should leaders do to address bullying, hate crime and discrimination?

- Harsher punishment / consequences for those given warnings who continue / to deter in the future
- Teach more about it / more awareness
- Provide a safe environment for people to talk in / get help
- Explain about the impact of bullying / hate crimes more such as poor mental wellbeing and trauma
- Report it to someone that will help / do something about it
- Take into consideration what the individual wants to do with the situation
- Teach children how to speak out / stand up for themselves
- Make laws/rules to prevent bullying / discriminative websites and social media content
- Stop bullying
- Address the drivers of bullying and get it sorted with an adult
- Telling an adult can often increase the bullying which makes people afraid to speak out / discretion is needed

Which name do you prefer for the  
Hate Crime campaign?

☑ Select one

☐ Voices Against Hate 0

☒ Hate Stops Here 14

☐ Break the Hate 0

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# Any questions? How can you help?

