

56% of students keep up with
Climate Change news
via **School** and 81% through social
media

Merseyside Schools Climate Conference: global negotiations & local action



49 students from 9 local secondary schools took part in a first virtual Climate Conference organised jointly by Liverpool World Centre and InterClimate Network. Modelled on the **UN Conference of the Parties (COP26)**, students represented 15 countries in their **Global Negotiations** and answered tough questions about their country's progress and greater ambitions to help the world halt global temperature rise. Councillor Barbara Murray (Liverpool City Council, Environment, Employment & Skills) gave a thoughtful opening address. Students from all schools really showed their understanding of the climate science and international politics, and the need to step up global collaboration in response to this Climate Crisis.

Attention turned to **Local Action** in the second part, focusing on key areas where we can all make a difference especially in school: *Energy; Food; Transport; What we buy and use*. During this question and answer session, students put many insightful questions to, and gained inspiration from, a great panel from: Edmund Rice Schools Network; Liverpool City Council (Environment); Squash Nutrition and Ten Tonne Challenge. The panels' answers can be accessed separately.

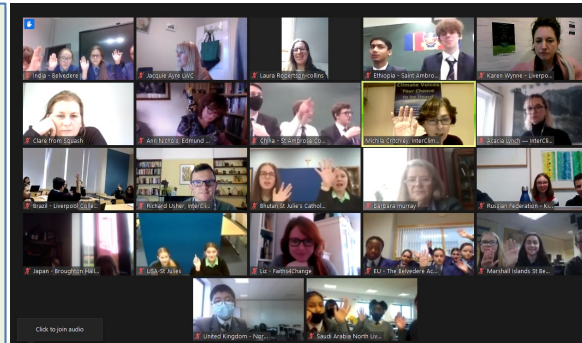
What were students looking for?

Knowledge & understanding of Climate Change

More awareness of approaches in other countries

Learn more about how we can make a difference

'Confidence in standing up for our planet and our future'



Endorsement of teacher:
"Thank you so much for organising this opportunity, our boys absolutely loved the conference and were keen for it to continue all day."

97% of students are somewhat or **very concerned** about **Climate Change**

Pre Conference Survey



How are students already supporting Climate Action in school?

- **63%** of students **feel that they can make a difference in their school and community**
- **72%** of students told us they **recycle at school**
- **25%** said they are **part of an Eco-group**
- **28%** said they **have not yet had the opportunity to support climate action in school**

... and outside school

75% are **'helping my family to recycle'**

63% are **'trying to reduce energy use at home'**

50% said they're **'thinking about own choices eg clothes, products, food'**

38% are **'having a say in what we buy and use'**

St. Anselm's College @anselmcollege · 21h
Virtual Climate Change Conference
Some of our students representing Bangladesh and Australia at the Merseyside schools climate conference.
@edmundrice_eng @edmundriceintl @ClimateVoicesUK



"I recycle at school because I believe even the smallest things can make a big difference."

Merseyside student

81% of students feel more confident I can influence others in my school

Post Conference Survey



What support do Merseyside students want?

- **67%** said 'Help us communicate our views including to politicians'
- **60%** want advice and guidance on their Climate Action
- **60%** want to link with local organisations that can help

...and what will they do as a result of the conference?

88% said they will 'Influence family and friends'

25% will 'Join an Eco-group'

19% said they will 'Write to my local councillor or MP'



“Make clean transport widely available, especially for school”

was top priority for young people from when asked 'What can make the biggest difference in tackling climate change in our area?'

63% students (up from 31%) agree / strongly agree local politicians take notice of what we as young people think *

Local Action & other comments



Just some of the questions put to the panel

- Do you think this year has made people more aware of the environment?
- Do you think more eco buildings should be built?
- Can you tell us some of the best/worst companies to buy from?
- How can you encourage residents to live more sustainably when convenience foods are so affordable and people would rather use transport than walk?

& what students most enjoyed

- Collaborating with other countries
- Asking questions to experts and input from the panel, very insightful
- Hearing the perspectives from different countries as regards climate change
- Independence and working with other schools, and the topic!

What will you ask your local Councillor?

Issues of litter, plastics, recycling & waste

Support for becoming a Green City

Promoting Eco-Schools in the local areas

What will you ask your MP?

Help families become green eg less meat, walking

Education on the Climate Crisis & action to take

LiverpoolWorldCentre @Liv_worldcentre · 1 Dec
TOMORROW teams from schools across the region meet to 'represent' 16 countries in UN style climate negotiations... Inspiration coming from @squashliverpool @ClIrBMurray @faiths4change @edmundrice_eng @ClIrLauraRC We're loving our partnership with @ClimateVoicesUK for @GetupGoals



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One school's 'take away':

We need to make people more aware that they need to shop for clothes more carefully and sustainably.

It is shocking how few clothing brands are sustainable.