What do the Student Conferences aim to do?

- Bring together students who have experienced success on the programme
- Develop, motivate and inspire students moving into their next educational phase through keynote speakers and workshops
- Gather student voice which represents the students of South Yorkshire
- Focus on understanding and getting to know learners, including their barriers, challenges, and motivators
- Gather student voice to support improvement of delivery and programme planning
- Celebrate student voice on programme and demonstrate the value of students in our planning

Celebrating HeppSY’s Impact on Students: Pre and Post 16 Student Conferences

As part of HeppSY’s annual student conferences students from a variety of schools across the region gathered at Sheffield Hallam University and the University of Sheffield to celebrate the HeppSY programme and give their opinion on higher education matters that affect them. This year’s conferences took place in July 2022 and saw 65 students impacted by work carried out by the HeppSY programme attend.
July 2022 Programme

The morning of each conference focused on motivation, featuring a guest speaker and motivational workshop, these activities were designed to help students reflect on their educational career journeys to date.

The afternoon focused on student voice workshops to give students a chance to have their say and for HeppSY to learn from what learners on the region had to say on specific subject matters.

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Feedback and Impact

“The two student conferences went well! I was pleased with the outcome of both. Students took a lot from the two days and it was a pleasure to host the events.”

Charlotte Rodbourne, School and College Programme Manager

“The student voice sessions were very beneficial, it was really interesting to see the results.”

HeppSY School

“Our students were buzzing after returning to school after the conference. It was a very positive day.”

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