



2023

Rapid reads from Zengage C.I.C

NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer



RAISE AWARENESS
CHALLENGE PERCEPTIONS
START CONVERSATIONS

Crossing Borders

Bridging the gaps between creative organisations and communities



Our co-founder Phil Goss presented at 'Crossing Borders' held at the Storyhouse Theatre. This event aimed to share best practices and promote collaboration across the region. With more than 20 years of knowledge and experience, Phil shared his passion for the tireless work Zengage undertake, and the imminent challenges for arts organisations and communities face to be sustainable.

Public Health Symposium

Putting the art back into Public Health



Our director Ed Morris, alongside Professor Evelyn Jamieson, spoke at the 12th International Symposium: Strengthening Community Health & Wellbeing: putting art back into public health, hosted by The European Training Consortium and The University of Chester. The symposium focused on reaffirming the important role of arts and culture in Public Health, policy and practice. Ed discussed several Zengage projects and how our approaches and methods raise awareness and incite change whilst encouraging healthy behaviours.

Transition to Secondary – Moving Up

Alleviating fears and dispelling myths about the move to secondary



Over 250 students from local primaries watched 'Moving Up'– a performance about the transition to secondary school, hosted by outreach at the University of Chester. Teachers and pupils commented on how the session helped them prepare for the next big step in their school journey. If you are interested in scheduling a session for new students entering year 7 or would want more information about the Moving Up transition, which has also been delivered to several high schools for their feeder primary schools, please get in touch.

Creative Summer Schools

Creative summer schools for underrepresented groups



Following the success of last year's summer arts programme co-led by Higher Horizons and co-led 2engage will run again this summer. For 2023, we will also be working with LiRa Dance Creative. The summer arts programme is free to all young people and will develop teamwork, communication, and performance skills. The group will work towards a showcase performance and celebration for their respective families and friends. Engaging in arts activities provides a positive and productive outlet for young people to make new friends and increase their confidence. If you know any budding performers aged 13-16 based in Cheshire West, please email: lucy.williams@chester.ac.uk

Snaptrap Tour Success

Collaboration with Safeguarding partnership see 93 schools benefit



The 'Snaptrap' Cheshire West tour reached 93 primary schools in 2023 and has received some exceptional feedback from students and teachers. The award-winning e-safety session for primary schools, helps young people recognise the risks associated with online activity, the use of social media and helps young people make more informed choices online. A big thank you to our team of actors, the schools for hosting and partnering up and the Cheshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership for allowing the initiative to be offered to so many schools.

Public Speaking Sessions

Finding the voices of looked after teenagers through theatre



Aspire2uni (University of Wolverhampton) and 2engage collaborated to work with looked after children for a day-long public speaking session. Aiming to develop their confidence and self-esteem, the young people all spoke publicly on their chosen topic and demonstrate effective communication and oracy skills. The workshop introduced them to a series of exercises to articulate their thoughts, ideas whilst helping them navigate various social situations. Phil said "It is always amazing to witness the growth of each participant and the sense of accomplishment they have after speaking out".

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