



The Children's University's seventh annual Conference

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December 2014

Shrigley Hall Hotel, Golf and Country Club, Pott Shrigley, Near Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5SB

FEEDBACK



'What can I say????? A HUGE / MASSIVE thanks from us to All of you for a magical few days!!! What a start to the festive season!! We just wanted to let you know what a wonderful time we had and we were truly treated as VIP's!! Kian and Keely couldn't wait to return to School on Friday to tell them all about it. I hope the rest of the event went as smoothly and the CU members enjoyed it as much as we did?? Kind regards to you all, wishing you a Fantastic Xmas and New Year. We will no doubt keep in touch. I know Angela is planning to help CU in conjunction with Carolyn and Kian is determined to be an Ambassador for CU!!' Rupert, Angela, Kian and Keely Saville

'Just a quick note to say a huge thanks and congratulations on planning, organising and delivering such a brilliant event next week. I am well aware of how much time, effort and commitment over and above the call of duty went into making it all happen ... it was clear to me that all the participants gained a lot; the content was inspirational and informative, the organisation so professional, plus a great networking opportunity. Well done all!! Really looking forward to seeing you next week; it's going to be a pleasure and a privilege to work with you over the coming months.' Mary De la Peña, CU Scotland and CU Trust

'I just wanted to drop you a very brief line to thank you personally for your kind and generous hospitality at the Children's University conference this week. I'm very grateful to you for making the arrangements which made my involvement so enjoyable. Thank you. I must also congratulate you and your colleagues on a clearly excellent conference. From an 'outsiders' perspective I was really impressed and spent the 5 hour drive back to Brighton trying to think of more ways to cement the rapport between the Children's University and Raring2go! I look forward to meeting you and your colleagues in the New Year in Manchester Andrea to discuss further the opportunities before us. Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.' Freddie St George, Raring2go!

'Just wanted to say a MASSIVE thank you for organising the National Conference - it was fantastic! the talks and workshops were so useful and inspiring so thank you for that, and it was great to meet some of the coordinators from the other areas. I am putting together a presentation to show to my department this week, and was wondering when I will be able to access the slides and videos etc from the conference? Please let me know.' Jessica Goss, Plymouth Children's University



What worked well for you?

'The workshops were very practical in finding out about new ideas to take back with me and being able to share our good practice with others.'

'The variety of theme related topics worked particularly well as did the networking, both structured and over dinner.'

'Interaction with other CU Managers.'

'The networking opportunities.'

'Speed dating sessions, networking with other CUs.'

'Entertainment during dinner was great.'

'Contacts with others.'

'Some great, insightful speeches. The opportunity to chat to others.'

'Loved Kian, Caroline and Mick's talks! Loved it all!'

'The opportunity to meet and network with other CU Managers. Incredibly inspirational speakers. The whole event was excellent.'

'Cultural connections talks, Social Action workshop, guest speakers have been fab throughout, hotel and services = fabulous, child's perspective.'

'Inspiring inputs from visiting speakers.'

'The workshops were interesting.'

'Workshops.'

'Tilden Suite – inspiring speakers, networking opportunities, celebratory meal, sharing of projects.'

'Speakers were excellent. Workshop timings were good and provided time for questions and answers. Love the idea of the CU school plaque - need costings. Thank you to all the staff who organised the fantastic conference.'

'Well organised!'


'The format of day one – much more relaxed. Enjoyed the speakers – especially on day one!'

'I got some good ideas form the workshops; networking – support from other CU Managers.'

'Opportunity to meet other CU Managers and discuss strategies. Good to hear from Kian to see a child's perspective. Caroline Casey's presentation was excellent and inspirational!'

*'The balance of speeches and workshops! Variety of speakers great. The mix of people who were introducing speakers. It was great to see some CU Managers doing this. Perfect time of year! Perfect venue! Mick, Kian and Jill were fantastic on day one. The workshops were brilliant! I felt the whole conference was a really good atmosphere. Very relaxed, informal and engaging. It felt like a 'family' at this conference. Caroline Casey – **WOW!** Amazing! I want to listen to her all day! Thank you to all CU Trust team, you did a fantastic job 😊*

'The workshops were well times and well structured.'

'Networking with other CU Managers. Thank you! Fantastic once again.' 

'Interactive sessions; social time to network; Kian Saville – A STAR! Caroline Casey – WOW! Thank you so much for a great conference – have you got a time machine so I can actually fit in all the great ideas that I've heard about?!' 😊

*'All of the 2 days – transforming! This has been a fantastic 2 days. My first time at a CU Conference: brilliant speakers and a real pleasure to be with so many wonderful people. A treasure! **Thanks!***

'Good speakers, balanced programme. Inspiring!'

'I particularly enjoyed the workshops on day 1.'

'Workshops and speakers.'

'Workshops were great. The team are doing a great job – keep up the great work, we all appreciate it.'

'Inspirational speakers, well organised, much better food, flowed well, not too much listening, good to have CU Trust at dinner table! Evaluation forms – thank you!'

*'Inspirational speakers, lovely meals and entertainment. **Very** well organised and executed by a wonderful team!'*

'I found the 'national' picture helpful at the conference; to listen and learn from good practice around the world – inspires new thoughts and possibilities.'

'Conference themes strongly followed. Workshops were excellent!'



'Thank you all CU staff for making the #CUconference2014 so uplifting&positive. Special thanks to @CU_Development @CU_Learning #futureisbright.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'I left the @CU_Development conference on Friday feeling very inspired. Exciting times ahead.' Freddie St. George @mojopublishing

'I spent the five hour drive home to Brighton @CU_Development thinking about local partnerships. Exciting collaboration for us all. TY.' Freddie St. George @mojopublishing

'Inspired by the passion and dedication of the @CU_Development Saw these amazing people in action at the annual conference this week.' Freddie St. George @mojopublishing

'Excited to be speaking @CU_Trust annual conference -big, bold, curious, magic, fun learning, sparking kids to reach their greatest potential.' Caroline Casey @carolinekanchi

'@carolinekanchi amazing! Our only limits are in the 6" between our ears. Attitude is everything. live your dreams! @CU_Trust.' Dundee Children'sUni @DundeeCU

'My vision is for us all to be dangerous dreamers! Our children will only benefit. #CUconference2014.' Jayne Basnett @Jaybazzie

'Inspirational 2 days at the @CU_Trust #CUconference2014 thanks to @CU_Development @CU_Learning and colleagues! Highlight@carolinekanchi.' Birmingham CU @BirminghamCU

'Great couple of days at #CUconference2014 with @SeftonCU #sharingideas #DangerousDreamers.' LancashireCU @LancashireCU

'Time for reflection after #CUconference2014, lots of #ideas and excited for 2015 with @LancashireCU.' Sefton Childrens Uni @SeftonCU

'Thanks to all at CU_Development for a great #CUconference2014 #inspiring.' GlasgowChildren'sUni @GlasgowCU

'@CU_Development well done you!!! Great job!! #teamwork' Jill Robertson @syandjill

'Getting a sneak peak at the new look Children's University website looking good! #CUconference2014 @CU_Development.' York Children's Uni @CUYork



'Don't forget, "The only thing that limits you is the six inch space between your ears" (@carolinekanchi at the #CUconference2014).' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Here's to creating and nurturing dangerous dreamers! "Dangerous dreamers change the world" (@carolinekanchi at the #CUconference2014).' Kent CU @K_C_U

'More wise words from the inspirational @carolinekanchi at the #CUconference2014 : "You don't need eyes to see. You need the vision"' Kent CU @K_C_U

'@carolinekanchi reminded us that CU "makes a star out of each child's uniqueness" #CUconference2014.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'@carolinekanchi Thank you so much for being such a passionate&inspiring speaker at the #CUconference2014 Your heart&warmth will live with me.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'The magnificent Caroline Casey closes the #CUconference2014 with passion, heart and soul! What an... <http://instagram.com/p/wO6vGSKJyT/>.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Fantastic #CUconference2014 with lots of inspirational speeches, exciting projects and connections to work with in 2015.' NorfolkChildrensUni @CUnorfolk

Thanks to all at @CU_Development for a great #CUconference2014 #inspiring GlasgowChildren'sUni @GlasgowCU

"Creating a sky full of stars". Inspirational speech by Caroline Casey, Kanchi #DangerousDreamers #CUconference2014 Sefton Childrens Uni @SeftonCU

"The only thing that limits you is the 6inch space between your ears" Amazing speech from @carolinekanchi to close #CUconference2014 York Children's Uni @CUYork

'What an amazing, inspirational and passionate woman! @carolinekanchi I really enjoyed listening to you today, thank you #CUconference2014.' 😊 Kimberlee Bagley @Kimiiberlee

'We're looking forward to Children's University! Les Ebdon is currently speaking at the #CUconference2014 @CUnorfolk.' UEA Ambassadors @UEA_Amb

'Caroline Casey WOW amazing #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

"You don't need eyes to see, you need vision" Quote of the Conference by @carolinekanchi #CUconference2014.' GlasgowChildrensUni @GlasgowCU

'Moving presentation by @carolinekanchi "a ticket to continue to believe" #CUconference2014.' GlasgowChildrensUni @GlasgowCU

'We will be re-reading this document (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/80188/Higher-Education.pdf ...) on the train back to Kent tonight! #CUconference2014.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Prof Les Ebdon CBE providing the #CUconference2014 with an invaluable insight into the flourishing relationship between CU and the OFFA.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCUUni

'CU merchandise 🥰. We'll soon have our own in the Black Country. #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/HkEZ9CWf1x.' BCCU @BCChildrensUni

'Wonderful to see how students from CU Coventry have been learning and connecting with CU China #lookingpastlimits #CUconference2014.' NorfolkChildrensUni @CUnorfolk

'There is a new and invigorating feel at the #CUconference2014 this year! <http://instagram.com/p/wONQhVKJ78/>.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Hearing from jagindar from Malaysia CU!! #CUconference2014. Commitment and dedication to the young people!' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'The power of CU is linking up communities across the world, from China to Coventry! #CUconference2014 #learningknowsnoborders.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCUUni

'Richard Machin @FinhamPrimary says "CU helps children to find their power in learning" #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/V7PGinFOvl.' Kent CU @K_C_U



'Richard Machin @FinhamPrimary says "each child's mind & personality is as unique as a fingerprint" #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/eLYL1bga9D.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Great to hear from CU Australia and now China and Coventry and how they are linking together #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Brilliant video from #CUAustralia, so very very professional! No surprise it looks ver sunny, I want to graduate there! #CUconference2014.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCUUni

'Nice to know that no matter where you are in the world we all face the same challenges! #CUAustralia #CUconference2014.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCUUni

'So great to see what is happening in the world of CU #CUconference2014 #stealingideas.' Sefton Childrens Uni @SeftonCU

'Great first day at #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/GVvBEctONI.' Sefton Childrens Uni @SeftonCU

'Our colleagues from CU Australia provide an insight into their development and growth #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/BEYMINMmiN.' Sheffield CU @SheffieldCU

'#CUconference2014 day 2 merchandise looking good pic.twitter.com/JKfWEpUCU0.' Annabel Collins @Annofthebel



'Looking forward to the new website going live this year! Will be a great resource for everyone that engages with CU #CUconference2014.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCUUni

'Exiting times ahead for CU marketing with a new website, app and merchandise #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/YQDDXTwK2e.' NorfolkChildrensUni @CUnorfolk

'The #CUconference2014 welcomes Freddie and Jane from raring2goHQ to hear about their quarterly local... <http://instagram.com/p/wOE7rYKJ8n/>' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Day 2 & the lovely Michelle talks about social media & CU facebook page! <http://www.facebook.com/ChildrensUniversityTrust> ... #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/hmxiQyRs1J.' Sheffield CU @SheffieldCU

'New merchandise to be launched in January!! Very exciting #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'New website is looking good :))) #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'The marvellous Debbie Bird (@cu_development) talks to everyone at the #CUconference2014 about the new... <http://instagram.com/p/wODczJqJ3i/>.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Getting a sneak peak at the new look Children's University website, looking good! #CUconference2014 @CU_Development.' York Children's Uni @CUYork

'Let's build our CU profiles and show the amazing work we do! #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Looking forward to day 2 of the CU conference #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Ready for day two of the #CUconference2014 Really looking forward to hearing about the new website, merchandise! #lookingpastlimits.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCUUni

'Looking forward to day two of the #CUconference2014.' L'pool & Wirral CU @Liverpool_CU

'Great day 1 at #CUconference2014 - wonder what day 2 will bring?' Aileen Wilson @Aileen_Wilson

'Kian for CEO or PM! So inspirational! #CUconference2014.' Jayne Basnett @Jaybazzie

'@freethechildren @OutwardBoundUK @CodeClub thank you you inspired me to rethink our cu clubs #CUconference2014.' Jayne Basnett @Jaybazzie

'Great benefit of attending #CUconference2014 is putting a face to a name (or Twitter account). Lovely to meet you all.' GlasgowChildren'sUni @GlasgowCU

'Really enjoyed listening to the speakers from @freethechildren @OutwardBoundUK @CodeClub @#CUconference2014.' L'pool & Wirral CU @Liverpool_CU

'Great first day, lots of ideas and information to think about #CUconference2014.' Blackburn CU @Blackburn_CU

'Great day 1 at #CUconference2014 Head buzzing with LOADS of ideas, going to need more days in the week to implement them.' GlasgowChildren'sUni @GlasgowCU

'Fab 1st day good mix of ideas & info sharing! Looking forward to meeting up with everyone later for meal & networking :) #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Brilliant first day at #CUconference2014 Great to share ideas with fellow CU members and lots to think about for 2015 @CodeClubRik.' NorfolkChildrensUni @CUnorfolk

'A brilliant first day at #CUconference2014 some inspirational speakers and great opportunity to discuss some emerging topics with other CU's.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCUUni

'Interesting to identity ideas and also what we are already doing in Oldham around Social Action #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'We have a fantastic Code Club in Oldham with @WebAppUK @WAUKCE @CodeClub #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

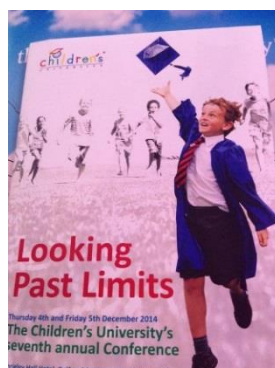
'Fantastic first session looking @OutwardBoundUK @CodeClub @freethechildren Some exciting and inspirational ideas! #CUconference2014.' Blackburn CU @Blackburn_CU

'The ever inspiring Lynne Upton (@cu_learning) reminds us that children can only aspire to what they know exists! #CUconference2014.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Thank you @CodeClubRik for giving us an idea for the Easter break... Become a Computer Programmer WILL come to Kent! #CUconference2014.' Kent CU @K_C_U



'It's great to see a Norfolk CU student on the cover of the #CUconference2014 programme pic.twitter.com/lvgB9ptOWa.' NorfolkChildrensUni @CUnorfolk



'Jill Robertson ended her keynote speech by reminding us 'It's not where you start, it's where you end up!' #CUconference2014.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'It is about life skills' #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Primary education should involve much more than literacy and numeracy' #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Much of their most important learning happens elsewhere than in schools' -this is what most educationalist are saying!! #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Jill Robertson head at Offley Primary School and trustee of CU says they are taking control of learning from the inside #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'@syandjill Great to have such an in-depth school perspective from an inspirational CU Trustee! #CUconference2014.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCU

'Jill Robertson (Headteacher, Offley Primary) reminds us of Professor Waters' view that learning needs to be irresistible #CUconference2014.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'"I can't do it...yet" great philosophy by Prof Mick Waters #cuconference2014.' GlasgowChildren'sUni @GlasgowCU

'Prof Mick Waters - 'CU needs to keep children believing they can succeed' #CUconference2014.' Sheffield CU @SheffieldCU

'Learning a language or musical instrument - talking about #threshold concepts #CUconference2014.' GlasgowChildren'sUni @GlasgowCU

'Priceless: Watching Kian & his sister's faces as Professor Waters talks about the days of sending camera film to be developed #CUconference2014.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Fantastic, interactive and engaging speech from Professor Mick Waters #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Great start to the #cuconference2014 pic.twitter.com/T0Qyz3Yct2.' York Children's Uni @CUYork

'Mick Waters never fails to give thought provoking content. A great speaker, always very entertaining! 👍😂 #CUconference2014.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCU

'It's our job to create an environment that encourages children to go beyond the limits set for them' #CUconference2014.' Sheffield CU @SheffieldCU

'#CUconference2014 an inspirational start to this years conference....looking forward to all that is to come #lookingpastlimits.' BuryCU @BuryCU

'Prof Mick Waters - 'encourage youngsters to follow their own paths...' #CUconference2014.' Sheffield CU @SheffieldCU

'There's a real feeling of excitement for the future of Children's University and today marks the dawn of change #CUconference2014.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Professor Mick Waters talks about the child as a learner in the 21st Century! #CUconference2014 <http://instagram.com/p/wL5jEbKJ68/>.' Kent CU @K_C_U



'#CUconference2014 Kian Saville stole the show already #inspiration #proud #FuturePrimeMinister.'
Sefton Childrens Uni @SeftonCU

'A truly inspirational young man what an ambassador Kian Saville #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Kian Saville..... WOW! #CUconference2014.' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCU

'Kian Saville talks about the impact of CU - lots more confidence & lots of fun experiences! #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/s4gQpwoeur.' Sheffield CU @SheffieldCU

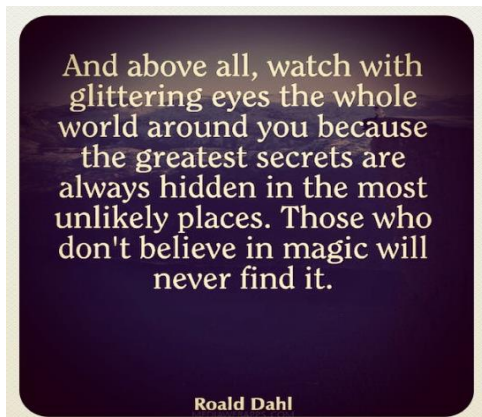
'14 year old Kian Saville - THE most inspirational speaker #CUconference2014 #greetin!.'
GlasgowChildren'sUni @GlasgowCU

'Kian Saville!! WOW!! I could listen to him all day!!! #CUconference2014.'
Oldham CU @OldhamCU

'Lynne Upton (@cu_learning) shares some wise words at the #CUconference2014 #KCThoughtoftheday http://instagram.com/p/wL3NxUqJ_Y/.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'The fantastic Lynne Upton highlights the aims of the #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/GjFOPF4nnV.' Sheffield CU @SheffieldCU

'The wonderful Lynne is now updating all of us #CUconference2014.' Oldham CU @OldhamCU



'It is exciting to see how many new Children's University teams are here, at the #CUconference2014 in... http://instagram.com/p/wL01xwKJx_/.' Kent CU @K_C_U

'Sandy Bradbrook, Chair of the CU Trust opens the 7th annual CU Conference... #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/NNfLcH1Jav.' Sheffield CU @SheffieldCU



'Delighted to see so many #CUconference2014 pic.twitter.com/HQObwv5dnQ.' Childrens University @CU_Development

'@FinhamPrimary #CUconference2014 very excited as the work begins - Looking past the limits of what is possible to raise aspiration :-).' Richard Machin @richardmachin11

'Great to be back at the #cuconference2014 this year the theme is 'Looking Past Limits'! Ready to get going!' Knowsley CU @KnowsleyCUUni



Thank you for all the feedback!

Any further comments welcomed

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