What is Congress?

Congress is the member-elected advisory body of IChemE made up of up to 40 volunteers split into functional and regional colleges. The make-up of Congress is inclusive. Seats are allocated to all member grades and regions to ensure that there are diverse perspectives in our discussions.

Congress reflects IChemE’s vision to be led by members, supporting members and serving society. It collates and consolidates members’ points of view, ideas and/or concerns on strategic matters, acting as a direct conduit to the Board of Trustees.

At the voice of the membership, it advises the Board of Trustees on matters that are of interest to the Institution and its members as part of the overall decision-making process. It acts as a sounding board and the feedback Congress provides helps shape the future direction of the Institution.

What does Congress do?

1. participates in online debates via Yammer and SharePoint.
2. submits issues to the Congress Chair to set the agenda.

How does Congress operate?

The Chair and Vice-Chair lead Congress and head up the Steering Group meetings with the IChemE CEO and one Trustee representative from the Board of Trustees.

The Chair of Congress sends a report to the Board of Trustees who provide written feedback to the Chair which is then shared with Congress members on Yammer.

Working with the Chair and Vice-Chair, Congress members review and provide collective and joint comments to formal governance documentation such as the Royal Charter, By-laws and Regulations to support the desire to make these ‘living documents’.

Members of Congress may identify and request topics to be debated through Congress sessions which subsequently may be submitted to the Board of Trustees for feedback.