



Evaluation Report Summary

Overall the response from participant's evaluations indicated that the conference was stimulating and useful. 260 people attended, with representation from local government (the majority), state government, community sector, arts, academia and health; from all levels, officers, managers, CEOs and elected representatives. Evaluation response rate was 38% of the 260 attendees, the highest ever for a CDN event!

77% of respondents rated the conference between excellent and good, and 81% of respondents rated the speakers between excellent and good. Aspects of the conference most valued were networking opportunities, quality of discussion, workshops and engaged atmosphere.

Positive comments included;

- overall a very valuable conference
- CDN conference are becoming important milestones documenting changes in public debate about ccd so please keep arranging them
- well balanced program of speakers, interesting group of delegates- as interesting to meet as was the speakers to listen to

There were also suggestions for areas of improvements. Most frequently mentioned issues were;

- time-management
- balance of talk/activity
- crowdedness of the program
- lack of local indigenous content

There were many ideas about how future conferences should be organised and what should be discussed including;

- expansion to a three day event
- site visits
- more how-to
- ccd beyond local government
- what hasn't worked
- other thinkers on 4th Pillar.

And topics for future events such as were suggested such as;

- skill development for artists
- evaluating arts/culture programs and
- best practice models

47% of respondents felt that the conference would encourage them to take new steps, with ideas that the conference contributed including;

- stimulating cross-council agency activation
- building links between business, local government and artists
- using culture as a tool and indicator of success of plans in council
- action from the bottom- just do it!
- become CEO!

Overall, our sense was the conference was well-received and valuable for participants. We will note suggested possible areas of improvement, ideas and positive and critical feedback in planning of future activities.

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