



Futures Project

Evaluation Report:

'The Voice of Young Leaders' panel discussion (Day 2)

Introduction

'The Voice of Young Leaders' panel discussion took place on 26 May 2015 at Storey Hall over a two and a half hour session. Five participants attended the discussion and all five responded to the evaluation questionnaire.

A post-discussion evaluation was administered to assess both the participants' ratings of the relevance of the panel discussion topics to their organisation and the way in which the information was presented. The evaluation took the form of a short questionnaire comprised of two Likert scale questions, assessing the relevance and clarity of the information provided, and four open-ended written response questions which aimed to assess gained information and skills, networking opportunities, how the discussion itself could be improved and what other information could be useful.

Attendees were asked to circle whether they were attending the panel discussion as an individual or from an established or new and emerging organisation. One respondent identified that they attended the panel discussion as an individual, one from an established organisation, one from a new and emerging organisation and two did not identify themselves as attending either as an individual or from an established or new and emerging organisation.

Summary

The overall results from the 5 participant evaluation questionnaires received indicate a positive response to the panel discussion 'The Voice of Young Leaders'. Participants gained useful information on a range of topics including how to better engage young people and how organisations work to address certain needs. Aspects such as the discussion and relevance of the information were well received by the participants, who indicated an overall satisfaction with the event. Suggested improvements included greater publicity of the event to attract a bigger and more diverse crowd, more assistance to identify organisations relevant to them and more information about how they can become more involved in organisations in the future.

Results

Table 1
Self-Assessment Post-Training Survey
N: 5

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The panel discussion was useful and relevant to my organisation.	2 (40%)	3 (60%)	0	0
The information was presented in a way that was clear and easy to understand	4 (80%)	1 (20%)	0	0

Table 1 shows the results from both Likert scale type questions, assessing the relevance and the clarity of the information presented during the panel discussion in relation to their organisation and work. The results indicate that there were no participants that disagreed or strongly disagreed with the relevance of the topic or the clarity of the information presented. All participants either agreed, or strongly agreed that the topic was

useful, and most strongly agreed that the information was presented in a way that was clear and easy to understand. This suggests that the information presented was interesting and dynamic and that the discussions were relevant to the individuals and organisations present.

Table 2
Self-Report Questionnaire
N: 5

Survey Question	Participants' Comments
What information and skills did you find most useful and could most likely be applied to you or your organisation?	<p>Established Organisations</p> <p><i>What young people look for and how to better engage with young people.</i></p> <p>New and Emerging Organisations</p> <p><i>Discovering ideas from other youths.</i></p> <p><i>That there is a need to be addressed.</i></p> <p><i>There is an organisation willing to help.</i></p> <p>Individuals</p> <p><i>The importance of peer education and everyone's interest in the idea.</i></p> <p>Organisation not identified</p> <p><i>Information around what attracts/engages young people.</i></p> <p><i>Realising that an organisation is essentially the people and not just the project/goals.</i></p>

Table 2 identifies the topics that were considered most useful to the participants' organisations. The key topics identified included a better understanding of how to engage young people and the importance of peer education. Participants also indicated that they found information about how organisations work and needs that can be addressed by organisations useful.

Table 3
Self-Report Questionnaire
N: 4

Survey Question	Participants' Comments
Did you have the opportunity to network with other young people and is there a possibility of working together in the future? If yes, how?	<p>Established Organisations</p> <p><i>Yes I did (networking). Hopefully (future)! Promotion of events, more participation in our projects.</i></p> <p>New and Emerging Organisations</p> <p>Individuals</p> <p><i>Yes. Learned about programs through Women's Health West</i></p>

	<p><i>and am keen to get involved.</i></p> <p>Organisation not identified</p> <p><i>Yes. By exchanging phone numbers/emails and discussing future projects.</i></p> <p><i>Yes. Not sure how, but through other forums.</i></p>
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Table 3 shows the responses in regards to networking opportunities and possibilities for future collaborations. All four respondents indicated that they had the opportunity to network with other participants. One participant did note that they were unsure how to connect and work with other participants in the future.

Table 4
Self-report Questionnaire
N: 5

Survey Question	Participants' Comments
In what way could this panel discussion be improved?	<p>Established Organisations</p> <p><i>More young people.</i></p> <p>New and Emerging Organisations</p> <p><i>Overall is a great experience. Needs more patrons.</i></p> <p>Individuals</p> <p><i>Larger spread of opinions (though I understand this is difficult!).</i></p> <p>Organisation not identified</p> <p><i>Increase promotion for event.</i></p> <p><i>Increase forum size.</i></p> <p><i>More variety of food.</i></p>

Table 4 highlights participants' responses about ways in which the information session could be improved. The main suggested improvements included more promotion to attract a bigger crowd, with greater diversity and more young people. Most of the feedback in this section was positive and constructive.

Table 5
Self-Report Questionnaire
N: 3

Survey Question	Participants' Comments
What other topics or information would be useful to you?	Established Organisations

	<p>New and Emerging Organisations <i>What are the needs of youths needed to be addressed.</i></p> <p>Individuals <i>Existing organisations to get involved in or used as examples of “what works”.</i></p> <p>Organisation not identified <i>Problems that young people face.</i> <i>How to tackle social problems.</i></p>
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Table 5 provides participant suggestions of other topics or information which would be useful to them. Responses included how to tackle social problems and understanding problems that young people face, which are highly relevant topics for young people to be considered for future panel discussions.

A final question asked: How did you find out about this forum?

N: 4

The participants found out about the panel discussion through a range of mediums including personal connections, professional contacts and online.

Appendix 1: Names of Organisations that Attended

- AMES
- Genesis Youth Ministries
- Women’s Health West