

Conference 2010

Summary of feedback forms

The final conference attendance was around 50. Feedback forms were completed and returned by 20 people. Most of the questions on the form were open-ended. In the following summary various words and phrases have been considered equivalent in order to give some indication of the weight of opinion. The comments after the dashes are based on what was actually written and numbers in brackets indicate repetitions of the same or similar words. Where appropriate, some information offered in answer to one question has been included in the summary of another.

Which three things did you find most beneficial about the conference?

Not every respondent gave three.

- **The people [16]** – collegueship; speaking to more experiences town/city centre ministers; interaction with participants; conversation; meeting people in similar work [2]; networking [5]; new contacts; fellowship with new people; sharing with others [2]; commitment, skills and personalities of all my colleagues
- **Pete Phillips [6]** – digital world/embodied mission; stretching; insight into Internet world
- **Lucy Winkett [6]** – hearing from a practitioner in a particular context
- **Eunice Attwood [6]** – challenging; Sex in the City; good presentation; time for interaction; hearing from a practitioner in a particular context
- **Time [4]** – time to reflect [2]; a couple of days away from the routine of work; time out with colleagues
- **Input from speakers [3]** – challenging
- **Ideas [2]** – new; shared
- **Holy Communion**
- **Confirmation of my calling to city centre ministry**
- **Opening session**
- **Bar**
- **Encouragement** – hearing about things going on around the country
- **That it happened**

Suggest three things that could help improve the conference next time

Not every respondent gave three.

- **Allocation of time[11]** – more for talking/reflecting; in groups [4] (after lunch); workshops on specific topics; something specifically for new folk; a little more free time [2]; more time for interaction in sessions; one speaker (more sessions); evening entertainment; general meeting shorter
- **Sharing [8]** – who is willing to talk about specific aspects (e.g.history/theology) of (specific) town/city centre work (information in advance); more stories from members; more contributions from members to gain expertise from practitioners; joys and sorrows; more about where people come from and their work/interests; bar open longer

- **Speakers [2]** – some were not as good as others [2]
- **Timing** – avoid stationing week
- **Stance** – begin to see ourselves making statements and expressing opinion with a corporate voice
- **Venue**
- **Bookstall**
- **Worship** – creative
- **Organisation** – more information on (and before) arrival about rooms and times (difficult for someone who has never been before)
- **Location** – if in a city then visit a plant

Comments about the venue

Not every respondent made a comment.

- excellent[4] – especially comfort of rooms/bed; to its normal high standard
- meeting room [2] – bit small; not large enough for us to sit in the round; sound poor, too warm
- very good [2] – easily accessible
- good [2]
- food [2] – not too good; moderate
- enjoyed the venue
- OK – apart from accessibility
- comfortable
- beds too soft

About the 2012 conference ...

Is this a good week in November for you?

- Yes [16] – any time in November; if know enough advance; OK
- No [3] –already booked for something else; stationing week; clashed with MIBIC conference (liaise?)

Would you be interested in the 2012 conference being in Düsseldorf?*

- Yes [1 2] – cost?, but UK city better
- No [3]
- Possibly [4] – if not too expensive

Would you be interested in the 2012 conference being in a city?

- Yes [15] – Plymouth; Plymouth sounds good, Plymouth? (If not Düsseldorf)
- No [2]
- Possibly [3] – sometimes good to get out of the everyday situation; if good venue can be found; depends where; good suggestion about city centre location near ancient sacred space; good to have a change

* Pete Phillips spoke about the work of the church in the centre of Düsseldorf and it was suggested that we might hold our 2012 conference there so that we might learn more.