

**The Governance Conference Evaluation Review - Tuesday 6 October 2009 at Radisson SAS Hotel Edinburgh**

**Section 1: You**

**1. The overall aim of the Conference/Workshop was to provide an opportunity for college board members to consider key areas of interest and development. Specifically the conference aims to provide updates on key activity in the sector related to college governance; provide an opportunity for board members to discuss and develop their roles; develop knowledge through workshops and discussion sessions; and offer a networking opportunity. These aims were, broadly:**

Achieved		28	100%
Not Achieved		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		28	100%

**2. Please provide any specific comments on the aim of the conference/workshop.**

9 Responses

Comprehensive. Pitched at a level I was comfortable with as a Board Member.
Very ambitious.
Informative and well organised.
Wide - enough to encourage thinking.
Very relevant.
Valid - it's where we are.
Achieved it's aim.
A wee bit too rushed.
The focus areas were well thought out and dealt with well.

**3. My participation had value in: (select all that apply)**

raising my awareness of the topic (ie better prepared for the future)	10	36%
confirming my understanding of the topic (ie adding to my confidence)	19	68%
enhancing my understanding of the topic (ie changing my practice)	12	43%
Other, (please specify)	1	4%

Helping me think about future.

<b>4. My participation will impact upon: (select all that apply)</b>		
setting and/or achievement of strategic targets	23	85%
setting and/or achievement of operational targets	8	30%
setting and/or achievement of professional development targets	14	52%
Other, (please specify)	4	15%

Reflecting on how my board operates.
Encouraging other board members to attend much eve
Reflecting on my own contribution to the board.
Ability/confidence to probe and challenge.

<b>5. My participation will enable me to: (select all that apply)</b>		
contribute more fully to discussions on the topic	24	86%
promote changes in the practice of others	13	46%
deal with impending changes impacting upon my job	7	25%
prepare for likely future changes which will impact upon my job	7	25%
Other, (please specify)	0	0%

<b>6. My participation is likely to lead to improvements in: (select all that apply)</b>		
job performance	8	33%
performance of the team I largely work with	16	67%
job satisfaction through more secure understanding of the topic	7	29%
the learner experience	7	29%
Other, (please specify)	0	0%

## **Section 2: Presenters**

### **Risk and Opportunity**

<b>7. Do you think you will use the content from the session?</b>			
Immediately		11	42%
In the future		14	54%
Unlikely		1	4%
Definitely Not		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		26	100%

<b>8. How would you rate the delivery of the session?</b>			
Very Good		4	15%
Good		22	81%
Fair		1	4%
Unsatisfactory		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		27	100%

## Risk, Opportunity and the Role of the Board Member

### 9. Do you think you will use the content from the session?

Immediately		12	44%
In the future		13	48%
Unlikely		2	7%
Definitely Not		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		27	100%

### 10. How would you rate the delivery of the session?

Very Good		4	15%
Good		19	70%
Fair		4	15%
Unsatisfactory		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		27	100%

## The Value of Scotland's Colleges

### 11. Do you think you will use the content from the session?

Immediately		8	29%
In the future		16	57%
Unlikely		3	11%
Definitely Not		1	4%
<b>Total</b>		28	100%

### 12. How would you rate the delivery of the session?

Very Good		4	14%
Good		16	57%
Fair		7	25%
Unsatisfactory		1	4%
<b>Total</b>		28	100%

## Governance and Accountability

### 13. Do you think you will use the content from the session?

Immediately		12	44%
In the future		11	41%
Unlikely		3	11%
Definitely Not		1	4%
<b>Total</b>		27	100%

### 14. How would you rate the delivery of the session?

Very Good		3	12%
Good		13	50%
Fair		9	35%
Unsatisfactory		1	4%
<b>Total</b>		26	100%

<b>Evaluation for Boards</b>
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<b>15. Do you think you will use the content from the session?</b>			
Immediately		9	33%
In the future		14	52%
Unlikely		4	15%
Definitely Not		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		27	100%

<b>16. How would you rate the delivery of the session?</b>			
Very Good		3	11%
Good		15	54%
Fair		8	29%
Unsatisfactory		2	7%
<b>Total</b>		28	100%

<b>Governance and Accountability</b>
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<b>17. Do you think you will use the content from the session?</b>			
Immediately		9	35%
In the future		12	46%
Unlikely		4	15%
Definitely Not		1	4%
<b>Total</b>		26	100%

<b>18. How would you rate the delivery of the session?</b>			
Very Good		4	15%
Good		17	65%
Fair		5	19%
Unsatisfactory		0	0%
<b>Total</b>		26	100%

<b>19. Please provide any specific comments on the presentations.</b>			
3 Responses			

Some writing on the projector too small and even smaller to read on handouts. I am disappointed I cannot read some valuable information.
Environment; lighting and acoustics did not lend itself to the presentations.
Most presenters too rushed and seemed to lose focus.
A broad subject - perhaps tried to cover too many topics.

**Section 3: Us**

**20. It would be helpful in our future planning if you were able to provide suggestions of further related topics.**

9 Responses

- More re evaluation tools.
- Events for Board Secretaries.
- Secretaries to the Board.
- Evaluation.
- Ideas on measurement of effectiveness on Boards.
- Continue to ensure we have these networking events and are updated on current/future issues.
- Achieving outcome based leadership and targets/measures.
- More regular and localised BoM Meetings.
- Interface with Boards of Management and the senior team.

**21. How would you rate the domestic arrangements:**

Very Good		6	21%
Good		18	64%
Fair		3	11%
Unsatisfactory		1	4%
<b>Total</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>100%</b>

**22. Please provide any specific comments on domestic arrangements.**

8 Responses

- Lunch good.
- Poor venue in terms of sound and visibility of lower half of screen. Aircon far too loud.
- Acoustics.
- No coffee on arrival.
- Not enough water on tables.
- meal was fine as were drinks provision but meeting room just not suitable.
- Generly very good.
- Noisy air conditioning spoils acoustics.
- Noise of air conditioning very off putting.

**23. Please provide any additional comments on the conference/workshop.**

6 Responses

Informative and enjoyable. Good balance between debate and workshops.
Room very hot, air conditioning loud.
Acoustics bad.
Good central location.
Cutting seminar short for Minister not good - he was early and left early. We all work to tight schedules.
Presenters should not assume that we all know everyone! Some of us are new and might feel excluded by the inner group.
Acoustics dreadful - presenters should have had lapel mics and roving mic for floor.
Poorly lit and could not be read from the back.
Air conditioning loud and did not help acoustics.
Find a better venue.
Workshops lacked clarity and focus.

**24. How did you travel to this conference/workshop?**

Own Car	7	25%
Hired Car/College Car	0	0%
Taxi	3	11%
Train	13	46%
Bus	7	25%
Cycle	0	0%
Walk	4	14%
Other (please specify)	0	0%

**25. Please select which type of events you would be interested in attending in the future. (select all that apply)**

Access	1	4%
Communities of Practice	4	17%
E-college	4	17%
Leadership and Professional Development	12	52%
Learning Process	3	13%
Professional Learning	1	4%
Qualifications and Achievement	3	13%
Quality Enhancement	10	43%
Scotland's Colleges Annual Conference and Awards	13	57%
Scotland's Colleges International	11	48%
Subject Networks	3	13%

**26. Please type below your name and email address if you would like to be added to the ezine mailing lists for the events selected above.**

8 Responses