

WikiConference UK 2013, Lincoln College

Feedback form – summary of responses

We received 20 feedback forms from people who attended WikiConference UK 2013.

Note: the feedback has been given a numerical value to aid analysis, with the bottom of the scale (eg: “very bad”) being given one and the top (eg: “very good”) a value of five.

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the event?

Answer options	Very dissatisfied				Very satisfied	Mean rating
	0	0	1	10	8	4.37

2. Please rate the following:

	Very dissatisfied				Very satisfied	Mean rating
Choice of location	0	3	3	10	4	3.75
Venue	0	0	2	10	8	4.30
Range of topics	0	0	4	11	5	4.05
Quality of speakers	0	0	1	14	5	4.20

3. Did the date of the event suit you?

Answer options	Yes	No	Not sure	Percentage yes
	18	1	1	90.0

See Appendix 1 for further details

4. Did you feel the talks were of appropriate length?

Answer options	Yes	No	Not sure	Percentage yes
	17	2	0	89.5

See Appendix 2 for further details.

5. Was there enough time for questions you may have liked to ask?

Answer options	Yes	No	Not sure	Percentage yes
	12	5	2	63.2

See Appendix 3 for further details.

6. What were the two talks or sessions you found most useful and why?

In total 17 people responded to this question; 12 highlighted two talks while all 17 mentioned at least one. The talks most frequently mentioned by respondents were Martin Poulter's talk on the three prongs of outreach (4 four times), Robin Owain's review of Wikimedia in Wales (4), Martin Eve's talk on Opening up Humanities Sources (7).

See Appendix 4 for further details.

7. What were the two talks or sessions you found least useful or interesting and why?

Compared to the previous question this received far fewer responses: 8 compared to 17, with only one person highlighting two talks. Half of the responses highlighted the Malta Music Memory Project as the least useful talk, explaining that it was "a bit confusing" and "too obscure".

See Appendix 5 for further details.

8. How likely are you to attend the next WikiConference and AGM?

Answer options	Very unlikely				Very likely	Mean rating
	0	0	1	5	13	4.63

9. How far are you willing to travel to attend WikiConference 2014?

The general consensus was that people would be prepared to travel up to two hours to attend WikiConference 2014.

See Appendix 6 for further details.

10. What would encourage you to attend next year?

The responses to this question were varied but three common themes emerged: choosing a venue with good transport connections, ensuring there will be high-quality speakers, and that some people who attended this year don't need more incentives to attend.

See Appendix 7 for further details.

11. Would you attend both days if the talk took place over two days?

Answer options	Yes	No	Not sure	Percentage yes
	9	2	7	50.0

12. Possible venues where you would like the event to be held – think about both location and possible venue.

There was a variety of suggestions from the 9 people who answered this question. Manchester was mentioned three times (and North West England in general once), and London three times. Birmingham was suggested just once. Only one location outside England was mentioned (Cardiff).

See Appendix 8 for further details.

13. Are there any elements you think should be added to future agendas?

The five responses gave very varied feedback.

See Appendix 9 for further details.

14. Would you be interested in helping to organise future conferences?

Answer options	Yes	No	Not sure	Percentage yes
	3	1	0	75.0

15. Any other comments about WikiConference UK 2013?

Most people took this question as an opportunity to say thank you for the event. A couple of people made suggestions about improving organisation for future events.

See Appendix 10 for further details.

Appendix 1: Did the date of the event suit you?

“Clash with Open Rights Group Conference”

“Clashed with the Stone Roses in Finsbury Park!”

Appendix 2: Did you feel the talks were of appropriate length?

“By and large yes, but some speakers really struggled to stick to the limit. This problem carried over into other people's talks where speakers had to adapt their presentations due to having less time. Limits need to be stuck to more carefully.”

“More time generally”

“Longer maybe 20-30 mins”

“Longer for some please 30 mins”

“In some cases 15 mins may have been too short”

Appendix 3: Was there enough time for questions you may have liked to ask?

“Usually yes but had to be cut sometimes due to lack of time”

“Not always”

“In some case 15 mins may have been too short”

Appendix 4: What were the two talks or sessions you found the most interesting or useful and why?

"Wikipedia in Wales"

"Stevie Benton's on VLE because I love tech & the new software / service is / will be brilliant"

"Wikipedia in Wales. Good to hear of success of WMUK outside England"

"Opening up Humanities Source"

"Opening up Humanities - illuminating about problems facing academics"

"Opening up humanities sources - different, slightly external"

"ALL"

"Wales"

"Wikimania - now understand a lot more about the outreach plans. Rather more confident about it now!"

"Opening Up Humanities Sources interesting to hear why things are the way they are"

"WIKIMANIA"

"Martin Eve good coverage of Open access and increasing alternatives that are lesser known (EG curated layer journals)"

"Martin Eve on Digital humanities"

"Outreach"

"Martin Poulter"

"Andy Manbett was very informative and knowledgeable"

"Wikimedia in the Wales"

"Andy Marbbet's on audio 'Have you heard' I think it's a very innovative idea, i already offered a helping hand with the project"

"Mediawiki for Open Educational resources"

"Three Prongs of outreach – inspiring"

"Spies"

"Opening up humanities sources - learned a lot"

"Wikimedians in Residence interesting to hear what they do"

"Martin's Three Prongs of Outreach"

"Stevie Benton UK's Virtual Learning Environment"

“Simon Knight on OER”

“Would like to caught Andy M's WIR stuff (useful subject area)”

“Robin Owain spoke very well”

“Three Prongs of Outreach”

Appendix 5: What were the two talks or sessions you found least useful or interesting and why?

“Malta Music project. Mandate / purpose of talks wasn't clear, it was about Malta music or memory. It was entirely technical!”

“Malta music memory - too obscure”

“Malta music project - a bit confusing”

“MediaWiki for OER and Learning Analytics - a bit technical”

“Wikipedia Cymraeg”

“Malta Music Memory Project - not sure about content (hosting, etc?)”

“Darren Stephens too technical”

“Not really applicable”

“Finance report needed - signed audit”

Appendix 6: How far are you willing to travel to attend WikiConference 2014?

"1.5 hours, longer if staying overnight"

"100 miles from London"

"That is subjective! 'Quite far' would be my subjective answer"

"2 hours"

"Anywhere in UK"

"300 miles?"

"Aberdeen"

"250 miles"

"Any distance"

"2 hours max"

"Not a problem. Good to see a new side of country"

"Depends if I'm coming for a day or staying over"

"2 hours"

"2 hours"

"An afternoon's travel"

"I'll be there regardless"

"I don't know"

"200 miles"

"Don't mind"

Appendix 7: What would encourage you to attend next year??

"Cake"

"Trustee opportunities"

"Another WikiConference! Nice to hear people talking about their work"

"Interesting external speakers"

"Similar quality talks"

"Keynotes"

"Easy travel"

"No need to encourage"

"Interesting subjects talks"

"Interesting talks"

"Can't keep me away!"

"I'll be there regardless"

"Conference in London (easier to travel, cheaper)"

"I don't need incentivising"

Appendix 8: Possible venues where you would like the event to be held – think about both location and possible venue

“Loughborough Uni/ College, Bedfordshire University, College, The Royal Society”

“Barnes Wallis Building, university of Manchester, Manchester Awesome city :D also a good location for conference centre with staff to main it. Five mins walk from Manchester Piccadilly and near hotels!”

“Manchester”

“North West England”

“Big city with transport links”

“Birmingham”

“I think someone suggested Google Campus”

“London or Manchester. Cardiff also good if transport is not too stressful”

“London”

Appendix 9: Are there any elements you think should be added to future agendas?

“Membership levels/tiers. Membership recruitment strategy”

“Interesting external speakers”

“Multiple tracks, outside speakers”

“Measuring our success?”

“Separate very technical sessions to a labelled track”

Appendix 10: Any other comments about WikiConference 2013?

“Thank you!”

“Thanks you”

“Very good conference room - break out space too far”

“Pre emailing presentations to a single laptop is preferable for timekeeping”

“Really surprised that apparently no preparation of the projection/audiovisual aspects up until a few minutes before the conference started. Thought this was a basic thing to do in setting up a conference.”

“Harry, Tom et al did a very good job”