

Wikimedia Science Conference, 2-3 September 2015, Wellcome Trust, London

Feedback form – summary of responses

The Wikimedia Science Conference had around 100 attendees. We received 29 feedback forms from 29 people that attended the event.

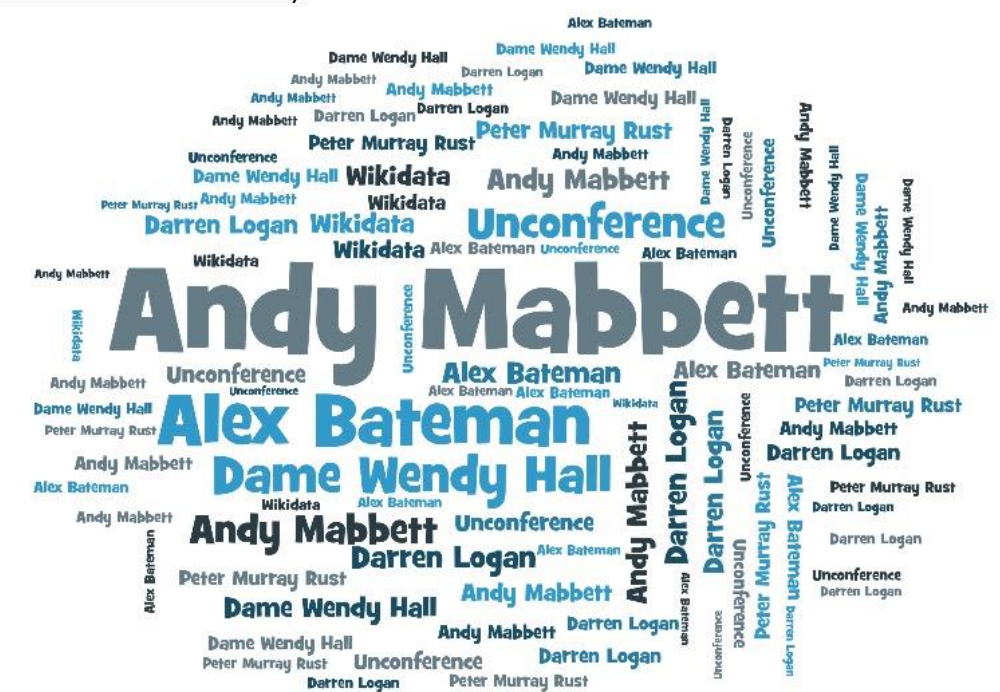
Notes: the feedback has been given a numerical value to aid analysis, with the bottom of the scale (e.g. “very bad”) being given one at the top (e.g. “very good”) a value of five.

1. Please rate the quality of the following.

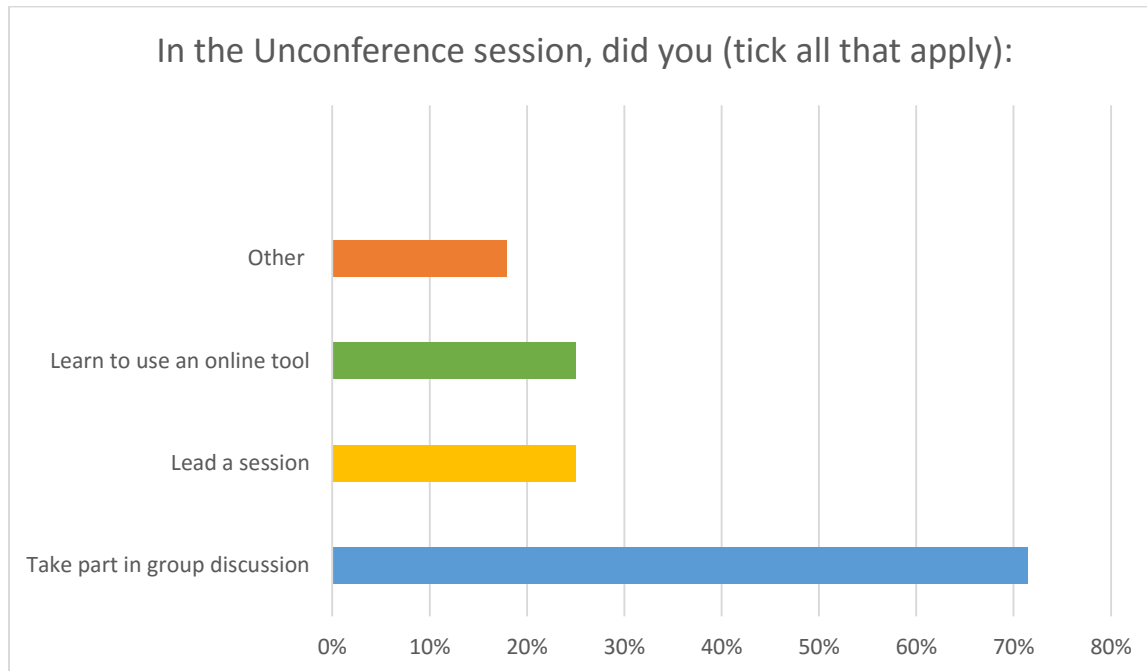
Answer options	Very low				Very high	Mean rating
The conference as a whole	0	0	1	6	22	4.72
The speakers	0	0	0	17	12	4.41
The information available beforehand and booking process	0	1	3	15	9	4.14

2. Which session (s) was most useful for you?

18 percent of the attendees identified the “Unconference” as the most useful session of the conference. Followed by Andy Mabbett’s presentation of “Wikipedia, Wikidata and more - How Can Scientists Help?” (See Appendix I for further details).



3. In the unconference session, did you (tick all that apply):



From the 29 feedback forms submitted, 20 attendees took part of the group discussion at the “Unconference” session. Other highlights of this session were the opportunity to learn to use an online tool and leading sessions.

4. What will you do next as a result of this conference? (e.g. Will you talk to colleagues? Edit Wikipedia or other Wikimedia sites? Share research outputs with an open access license or in a Wikimedia-compatible form? Write a blog post?)

The majority of the attendees responded that they will talk to colleagues about Wikipedia and find collaboration spaces to contribute in Wikipedia (e.g. trying to get scientists involved to improve or create articles on female scientists).

See Appendix II for further comments.

5. Please write three words/expressions which describe this conference for you



See Appendix III for further details.

6. Tell us at least one thing that would have improved this conference for you

The most significant feedback received from the 20 responses were to have better Wi-Fi connection, to offer longer coffee breaks, and to allocate more time for speakers.

See Appendix IV for further comments

7. Further comments – anything positive or negative that you would like to share!

Of the 17 comments, some of the feedback received was to that it could be useful to provide an overview of Wikimedia's structure; and to have more Wikidata novices in the meeting as well.

See Appendix V for further comments.

APPENDIX I

Which session (s) was most useful for you?

"The talks about recruiting scientists for editing up"

"The talks were useful, some provided much food for thought. Unconference sessions were interesting, but short, and difficult to achieve much"

"Most of them, but particularly demonstrative elements (e.g. unconference work sessions)"

"Unconference"

"Most enthused by WMF staff talking about alt. metrics, etc..."

"Wikidata, Wikimedians in Residence"

"Darren Logan's and the one on pgam/Rgam (most relevant examples)"

"Making your first Wikidata in Unconference"

"I especially enjoyed Daniel Mietchen's talk along with Alex Bateman and Prof. Hall"

"Unconference"

"Wendy Hall, Stefan Kasberger, Andy Mabbett, Peter Murray Rust"

"Citing as a public service - Dario Taraborelli"

"Discussions over coffee and beer"

"Content mine session"

"Editing, Wikipedia, content mine, crossref, open science"

"Chatting to people at coffee"

"Hall - Bateman - Molloy - Mabbett - Murray Rust – Highton"

"Andy Mabbett, Wikipedia, Wikidata & more - How can scientists help?"

"1st keynote"

"Andy – last of 1st day"

"Melissa Highton/ unconference: editing for the 1st time"

"Andy Mabbett, Darren Logan"

"The CRUK report; the DOI report"

"Several - keynote Wendy Hall, Alex Bateman + my own!"

"Hallway chats + Peter MR + synthetic bio"

"My own"

"Alex Foster (?) session on Editing for researchers"

"Hackathon"

APPENDIX II

What will you do next as a result of this conference? (e.g. Will you talk to colleagues? Edit Wikipedia or other Wikimedia sites? Share research outputs with an open access license a Wikimedia-compatible form? Write a blog post?)

"I'll go and edit a few WP articles that have been waiting for me to work on them. I'll try to recruit new editors, edit and publish interviews that I recorded during the conference and I'll probably write a blog post."

"Write a blog summarizing my experience of the meeting, will keep looking at Wikidata periodically to keep up with its progress, will think about linking data from my projects to Wikidata. "

"Talk to associates and colleagues, review certain pages that I am interested in"

"Go to the pub"

"Continue work on Wikidata and integration with other services"

"Edit Wikidata + Wikipedia"

"Contact new people to ask you r advice, try to get our scientists involved, and edit articles on female scientists"

"Edit Wikidata and see what data in proton world can be added"

"Share tools with colleagues and wider network/ Get involved with WikiNews and edit more actively."

"Edit wiki - Seek to employ ways to use Wikipedia"

"Talk to UK govt colleagues. Maybe edit Wikipedia"

"Write a blog post"

"Hack with Wikidata if I can find the time"

"New connections to contact"

"Talk to colleagues sign up as an editor"

"Write a blog post"

"Share stories about the event with my e-list"

"See if I have some images for Wikimedia (I have thought about this before and was reminded)"

"to watch Wikipedia/media as a home for researchers + consider moving some of our work onto Wikipedia."

"work with colleagues to arrange wiki training"

"Edit, Wiki page + create my own"

"Edit, explore more about Wikipedia"

"Talk, edit certainly"

"I have made excellent connections and arranged ongoing collaborations"

"Talk to colleagues various - follow up topics and Wikidata"

"Network with more colleagues"

"Follow"

"Talk to colleagues/organise events"

APPENDIX III

Please write three words/expressions which describe this conference for you

"Informative, engaging, uplifting"
"Community, sharing, learning"
"Friendly, informative, good"
"Useful, interesting, exciting"
"Interesting, surprising, engaging"
"Engaging, encouraging, entertaining"
"Making links Wiki(M)edia >> Wiki(p)edia"
"Inspiring, friendly, open"
"Interesting, educational, relaxed"
"Interesting, thought provoking, well-run"
"Fun, lively, informative"
"Fun, invigorating"
"Thought provoking, dominated by the insides, well-organized"
""Interactive, diverse, informative"
"Interesting, informative"
"Full, insight, open"
"Enthusiastic, informative, relaxed"
"Stimulating, informative"
"Bloody Marvelous"
"Classy, stimulating, great group"
"Great day out"
"Interesting, friendly"
"Dynamic, organized, varied"

APPENDIX IV

Tell us at least one thing that would have improved this conference for you

"More international coverage"

"In this location, the unconference work sessions would have worked better if tables had been arranged beforehand attending or on other available rooms"

"Outside London"

"More frequent food and drink. Perhaps morning coffee. Was too hungry to concentrate by lunch."

"Many speakers knew each other + hence only referred to each other by first names in talks + a little hard to follow for newcomers, and does give the impression of a clique - but overall the conference very friendly and open."

"More structured networking (timers/speed-dating style)"

"Diversity of delegates - some fields (e.g. physics, engineering, mathematics) under represented compared to chemistry and biology."

"More time - all speakers were worthy of deeper exposition"

"More time for questions"

"Can't think of anything"

"More time"

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"Less Wikimedia insider knowledge required"

"Non PayPal online registration"

"It being one day earlier so that I could attend it all!"

"N/A"

"Reliable wifi in lecture hall"

"Might have been useful if there was a (voluntary) workshop on Wikidata, as I think there's a lot of confusion about what it is, it's scope and ambition, and how one gets data into it. It's clearly got a committed, enthusiastic community, but I don't think they realise how opaque some of this is to people outside that community, even people skilled in computing and data wrangling. Another potential issue is that most of the academics attending were middle-aged, they didn't seem to be many young academics although there were a fair number of younger people). I don't know whether the conference organisers have enough data to test perception, but it's worrying that something as innovative as this attracted an older crowd. I suspect it reflects the risks involved for academics, which are perceived of as being less if you're well established. For future events it might be interesting to attract young people, and to get some idea of the experience of younger researchers interested in these approaches."

"N/A"

"Extra short coffee breaks"

"Better wifi + plan coverage"

APPENDIX V

Further comments - anything positive or negative that you would like to share!

"Brilliantly done (organising and on the spot activities alike), great audience, wide array of topics, great venue and good food. Thank you."

"When do we meet again"

"Very good for networking"

"Really good and interesting"

"Would recommend it, very good"

"Overview on Wikimedia structure would help give some context."

"Good to get more Wikidata novices along for part of meeting."

"Pity about presentation glitches (live, internet, video) but academia is used to that!"

"Look forward to slideshares"

"Fantastically organized!"

"Enjoyed this very much - Thanks for organising - Great to meet people working in open science"

"Good beer"

"Grateful to Wellcome + RSC for sponsorship + catering"

"More please"

"Very good food"

"Great job Martin & WMUK. Thanks Wellcome, RSC"