National Institute for Medical Research Wikipedia training and editathon, 25 July 2013, National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill

Feedback form – summary of responses

We received 17 feedback forms from 21 attendees at the NIMR Wikipedia training and editathon.

Notes: 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. Please rate the following:

Answer options	Very low				Very high	Mean rating
The workshop in general	0	0	1	8	8	4.41
Content	0	0	2	9	6	4.24
Trainers	0	0	0	11	6	4.35
Materials available	0	0	3	6	8	4.29
Your confidence to edit Wikipedia	0	1	3	9	4	3.94
Your understanding of Wikipedia	0	0	3	9	4	3.82

Five people took the opportunity to leave additional comments and covered a wide range of topics. The comments detailed what respondents did during the session, noted that the workshop was an "excellent overview", and that while the early group session was difficult to co-ordinate, the one-to-one training was "excellent".

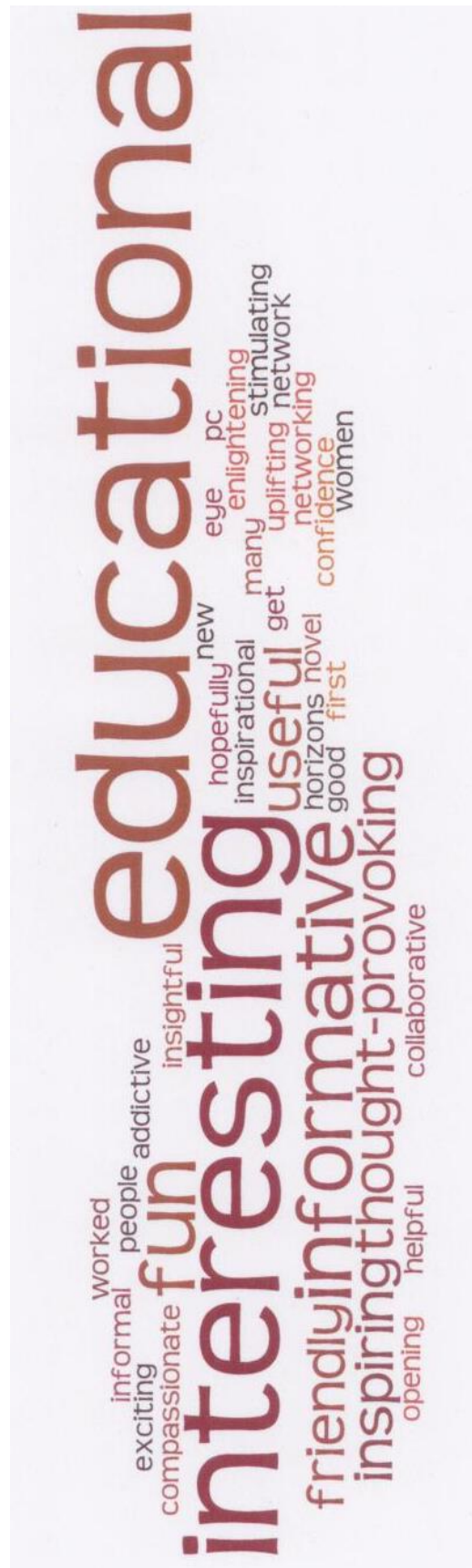See Appendix 1 for further details.

2. How likely are you to continue editing Wikipedia?

Answer options	Very unlikely				Certainly	Mean rating
	0	0	3	12	2	3.94

One person took the opportunity to leave a comment, noting that the event was "A total revelation".

3. Please write three words/expressions which describe this workshop for you

See Appendix 2 for further details.

4. Tell us at least one thing that would have improved this workshop for you

A common theme amongst replies to this question was that more time would have been beneficial. There were also suggestions that activities to do before the session would have been beneficial. Of particular interest was one comment which suggested that towards the end of the workshop, people could be invited to tell everyone what they had done to improve Wikipedia.

See Appendix 3 for further details.

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

Five out of the seven responses focussed on expressing enjoyment of the event. Of the other two, one noted that the respondent was looking to participate in future editathons, while the other observed that at times some trainees were doing their own thing during training which slowed down the workshop.

See Appendix 4 for further details.

Appendix 1: Please rate the following – additional comments

"Created page and added links"

"I was not sure if I was editing correctly"

"I think some of the early stages lost people - hard to coordinates everyone; excellent once learning one-to-one"

"Excellent overview. Well pitched :)"

"Needs more background"

Appendix 2: Please write three words/expressions which describe this workshop for you

"Eye opening"

"Friendly, informative, useful"

"Thought-provoking, interesting, helpful"

"Educational, inspiring, uplifting"

"Informative, fun, collaborative"

"Informative, inspirational, networking"

"Interesting, insightful, educational"

"Addictive (couldn't get out of the PC), compassionate (for the women I worked on), informal"

"Stimulating, educational, friendly"

"Useful, interesting, novel"

"Fun, good people to network with"

"Educational, fun, interesting"

"Exciting, new horizons!, confidence"

"Thought-provoking, hopefully the first of many"

"Enlightening, inspiring, educational"

"Interesting, educational"

Appendix 3: Tell us at least one thing that would have improved this workshop for you

"Better lighting conditions"

"More space"

"A brief update from the participants at the end on what they had contributed to Wikipedia"

"More info on inserting media"

"A work through example"

"More info ahead of meeting"

"If the editing procedure was more detailed"

"More time for editing, or a follow-up session"

"More time on the library resources"

"More citation information - how to and approved sources"

"More time"

"If I had researched a subject beforehand I could just concentrate on making the entry."

"Some pre-workshop exercises? (But the problem is that not everyone will do them, then it will be tough to start at right level.)"

"More tuition"

Appendix 4: Further comments - anything positive or negative that you would like to share!

"Great friendly introduction to the world of Wikipedia"

"Very accessible event"

"Thank you so much - it was a great experience"

"Thank you for all the work"

"Training a bit basic - but that's ok, not aimed at me. Will probably be getting involved in the next editathon - but online! But good to meet lots of passionate science people and Wikimedia staff!"

"In the 'how to edit' session a lot of people were doing their own thing on their laptops and I think this was off-putting for the presenter who could have covered more ground if he had people's attention."

"Really enjoyed the tone - not patronising at all! Patient and calm."