



Sustainable Funding Fair 3rd November 2011

Summary of Feedback.

The Funding Fair was attended by 90 delegates of whom 45 returned a completed feedback form (50%).

Of those;

1. 49% of those that responded felt that the organisation and pre-event information received was excellent, 49% felt that it was good and 2% felt that it was fair.
2. In relation to the suitability of the venue for the event; 54% felt that it was excellent, 42% felt that it was good, 2% felt that it was fair and 2% felt that it was poor. Comments received included that “it was the wrong side of town” and that “ the rooms were stuffy and lacked air-conditioning”
3. In terms of the information received and the general content of the morning; 42% felt that it was excellent, 56% felt that it was good and 2% felt that it was fair. Comments received included: “it was all relevant” and that “there was a wide range of information available”.
4. In response to the question “Did you find the event useful?’ 98% of respondents said YES and only 2% (1 person) responded NO. Comments were: “very useful event”, “very informative”, “very useful – exactly what we needed” and “very helpful with very good speakers”
5. 69% of respondents felt that sufficient time had been provided for the workshops and 31% felt that they could have been longer with some respondents commenting that the workshops felt a bit rushed at the end or that they over ran.
6. The following responses were received in answer to the question “ how would you rate the content and usefulness of the information you received in the workshops that you attended”

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Fundraising	42%	46%	1%	0.50%
Social Enterprise	56%	44%		
Contracting & Commissioning	22%	78%		
Trusts & Foundations	77%	23%		

Comments received about the workshops were all positive and included the following:

Fundraising – “ very useful information”

Social Enterprise – “good speaker – enthusiastic and knowledgeable”

Contracting & Commissioning – “really good information and facilitation”

Trusts & Foundations – “ lots of information provided – very clearly presented”

General comments were; “ very dynamic workshop leaders”, “brilliantly presented and clear and understandable with good realistic information given” and “very knowledgeable presenters”

Suggestions of topics for future events included the following:

- Workshop on tender writing
- More advanced contracting and commissioning session for people who are further down the line
- E- tendering
- Staff/ Volunteer recruitment & training advice - where/how to recruit
- Workshop on completing application forms & applying for grants
- Working in partnership & collaboration
- Matchmaking - opportunities for potential partners to get together & discuss joint projects
- Funding for overseas aid to developing countries
- Looking at working examples of social enterprise businesses
- Speed dating with other groups
- Evidencing social impact of services provided.

General Comments received about the days events:

- "Excellent well done and thank you to everyone involved in today"
- "great timing - a morning is a nice length of time"
- "useful networking event"
- "very well organised"
- "great well organised, pleasant, friendly"
- "there is more help out there than I realised"
- "focussed & purposeful - good range of stands"
- "not enough time to process info and visit stalls"
- "Fantastic job - well done"