



Evaluation Conference

'Let's talk about....'

Closing Conference Safeguarding Project

CONFERENCE

On June 21st and 22th of 2018 the ‘Let’s talk about ... ‘ conference took place in Amsterdam at the AUAS. It was the closing conference of the international ‘Safeguarding Young People in Care’ project. Afterwards, all of the 59 participants were asked by mail to fill in an evaluation form. Unfortunately and due to the approaching summer holidays, only 12 participants (20%) responded to this request. Their reactions and opinions are summarized in this text. Because of the limited number of respondents the result should be seen as an indication of the overall assessment of the conference, please note that for some workshops only one or two participants responded.

PLENARY PARTS

Overall, the respondents rated the different parts of the conference (very) positively, with a few small exceptions. When looking at the three plenary parts (see table 1), the respondents were enthusiastic to very enthusiastic about the lecture of Erika Frans and the closing workshop with the two actresses. The opinions about the lecture of Christine Cocker were more divers but overall good.

TABLE 1
Mean ratings of the different parts of the conference (scale 1-10)

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean
The lecture of Erika Frans (The Flag System)	11	7	10	8,45 (SD 0,820)
The lecture of Christine Cocker (LGTB in care)	12	4	10	7,17 (SD 1,697)
The closing workshop (with the two actors)	11	7	10	8,82 (SD 0,982)

WORKSHOPS

During the conference, participants could choose between four different workshops in round 1 and three different workshops in round 2. The ratings of the workshops are mostly positive (ranging from 7-10 and for some workshops even from 8-10), the only exception is the rating of the workshop ‘How to use an online course’ (see table 2 and table 3).

TABLE 2
Mean ratings of the workshops in round 1 (scale 1-10)

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean
Knowledge about sexual development by Erika Frans (Sensoa)	1	8	8	8,00 (SD -)
Teaching on sexuality education by Wim van Tongel and Gwendy Moentjes (AP University Belgium)	6	7	10	8,17 (SD 0.983)
How to train professionals by Muriale Mingels (Qpido, Netherlands)	4	7	9	7,75 (SD 0,957)
Sexual risk behavior by Iddegien Kok (HvA) and Niels Grandal (Absalon University Denmark)	1	8	8	8,00 (SD -)

TABLE 3
Mean ratings of the workshops in round 2

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean
Knowledge about sexual development in special needs groups (by Sensoa, Belgium)	2	8	8	8,00 (SD 0,0)
Values, rules and regulations by Helinde Moons (Wingerdbloei) and Wim van Tongel (AP University, Belgium)	6	7	10	7,83 (SD 1,169)
How to use an online course by Gitte Riis and Bente Moeller-Jensen (Absalon University, Denmark)	2	3	5	4,00 (SD 1,414)

FACILITIES

The respondents were asked if they were happy about the facilities the AUAS offered and their mean responses were, on a scale from 1-3, quite high (N=12). When looking at the rating of the building the mean was 2,89, the food and drinks were rated a 3 by *all* respondents and the accessibility had a mean score of 2,89.

TOPS AND TIPS

At the end of the survey, the participants were asked what they liked best about the conference. Three people thought the closing workshop with the two actresses was the best part of the conference and another three wrote that they liked the interaction during the conference, one of them highlighted especially the interactions with participants from Belgium. Other responses to what was liked best were: the practical tips given, finding new resources to use when giving lectures and the expertise and solidarity present at the workshop.

The respondents formulated the following tips for conferences on similar topics in the future:

- More foreign people and some time to socialize with each other
- Give more attention to social/ethnic/religious diversity and how to deal with that
- Keep it as interactive as it was, that was one of the main strengths of the conference
- More interaction
- You were referring to the website, but what the website was, was not really clear to me. I would recommend to write down the link of the website as often as possible, so it is easier to remember it for later times
- Out of home placement [more attention to this subject]
- More participants

And finally, when asked if there was anything they would want to add, the answers were:

- We received name tags but it would be useful when those tags would also tell where somebody is coming from
- It was a great conference!
- Nice ending of the project!
- No
- I had a good time and learned a lot
- More information about the tour on the Wallen: I heard just 2 hours ago that it was moved forward in time
- I did like [it] and [it] shall help me in my work

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