

Evaluation Report 2005

Validation form from final session

37 respondents

Location

Good 23
Satisfactory 11
Poor 1
Good - Sat 2

Stream	Location Comments
Web and Community	Poor to satisfactory. The room on the other side of UTS was hell to get to - I'm five months pregnant.
Web	Exercise was good
Web	Well laid out, nice & central
IT and Community	Really good position - close to main CBD street, cheap food & transport.
IT	One room too remote
Community	Smaller venues , auditorium & computer labs excellent. Venues & presentations made questions & comments difficult.
Community	First day lab too far away.
All	Could be better in a smaller venue - easier to find locations
All	Monday's workshop location disabled the networking opportunity with other participants.

Facilities

Good 17
Satisfactory 16
Poor 3

Stream	Facilities Comments
Web and Community	Except a lot of technical problems
Web	IT problems a nuisance & regular
Web	Excellent
Web	There were a number of IT issues - didn't affect me too much however.
IT and Community	I wish the IT was more reliable - the only thing that spoiled the sessions; fresh water to drink please.
IT and Community	Support of facilities was poor
IT	Technical issues with presentation
IT	Technology glitches happened too often
IT	Issues with network access

Stream	Facilities Comments
IT	Catering was good
Community	Day One net access was a mess - fine apart from that!
Community	Food was delicious
Community	Need microphone and PA. Speakers in large room were frequently asked to "speak up."
Community	Very poor IT! Computers not working, video not running, network down.
All	Rooms okay. UTS tech support seemed pretty poor - no prelim. Testing.
All	Sound was poor in a couple
All	Wireless Internet?
All	Technical glitches

Length of session

Good 23

Satisfactory 11

Stream	Length of Session Comments
Web and Community	The length of sessions was ok. But the presenters had too much content, no time for questions.
Web and Community	Some could have been longer
Web	Long enough to allow some depth
Web	Were good
Web	Could be longer
IT and Web	Depending on content & presentation style 45 min can be too long.
IT and Community	Presenters should allow for more question time. More active chairing.
IT	More time for questions (10 minutes each session)
IT	Little too short to allow presenters adequate time
Community	Closing plenary too long.
Community	Not too long or short - 45 mins good.
Community	Very good
Not specified	More time should be allocated for Q&A

Quality of presenters

Good 24
 Satisfactory 9
 Good - Sat 1
 Good - Poor 1

Stream	Presenters Comments
Web and Community	Great people
Web	A range, some unprofessionality frustrating but in general fantastic.
Web	Excellent
IT and Web	Some need to slow down & practice presenting, use layman's terms.
IT and Community	I enjoyed hearing most presenters I heard - they managed IT interruptions well.
IT	All great
IT	Wide variety but good in main.
Community	Mixed. A couple of examples of bad use of PowerPoint I.e. not people-friendly. Conference organisers might give a written brief to presenters.
Community	Some mixed
Community	Excellent field, from variety of disciplines, great networking,
Community	Poor - good: Some presenters need to learn how to use PowerPoint. Some presenters need to learn to talk to overheads.
Community	Very mixed
All	Some were poor, most were excellent.
All	Mixed
All	Good overall.

Relevance of information

Good 24
 Satisfactory 13

Stream	Relevance comments
Web	All relevant, just difficult to absorb it all!
Web	very good
IT and Community	Mixed. Some not my area, others much more so. I want more Indigenous oriented content.
IT and Community	Some more so than others
IT	Really impressed
Community	Very relevant, innovative ways of doing work better.
Community	Double tick at Good
Community	Very mixed
All	Less presentations from commercial service providers which turn into marketing sessions.

Networking opportunities

Good	28
Satisfactory	8
Poor	1

Stream	Networking Comments
Web	More networking / social options may have been useful
Web	Met some fantastic people.
Web	Not much of a networker
Web	Wonderful to see so many people like me!
IT and Community	Met a lot of people who inspired me or whom I would like to collaborate with.
IT and Community	Really met with like-minded people
IT	Excellent
IT	Plenty of opportunity to network
Community	At last - others who understand.
Community	No opportunities to gather socially - very bad for people from out of town - a group dinner would have been great.
All	Would like to have had a list of participants, their backgrounds etc. at the start of the conference.

Opinion overall

Good	26
Satisfactory	6
Good – sat	1

Stream	Overall Comments
Web and Community	Small attendance, could have done with more combined sessions & a closing plenary with panel & Q&A - but maybe we're doing that now. More govt. representation would have been good.
Web and Community	All good! I got what I came for.
Web and Community	Great conference & needs to be promoted more widely!
Web	Very enjoyable, learnt a lot, will be good to increase diversity of attendees e.g. environment etc.
Web	It was info we need to achieve the re-development of our website.
Web	Greatly needed.
Web	I found it worthwhile attending but the conference didn't seem as interesting as ML 2004. (2 b honest I didn't attend the first day - so I may have missed out on some of the web development sessions that I was particularly interested in). Would like more hands-on web development sessions - longer or separate from the conference.
Web	I've enjoyed this a lot and only wish I had time to go to more than 2 sessions.

Stream	Overall Comments
IT and Web	Maybe some more technical workshops, particularly open source CMS.
IT and Community	I would have liked more topics/sessions that were personally interesting/ relevant to me, but understand the wider needs. I would like more chance for discussion. I learned a lot from speakers and others and am very inspired to see where/ how creativity and ICT can produce greater community capacity.
IT	Really worthwhile, I will definitely come again and recommend to others.
IT	Good - may need to review content to remain sustainable
Community	Pretty good - in terms of huge array of people's experiences & work in ICT.
Community	I'll be back next year. Thanks!
Community	
Community	Excellent, informative, want to see Making Links in 2006.
Community	There was no information desk - no-one to ask general questions. The fellow at the table where I asked responded, "Sorry, I don't know anything".
All	Thought community philosophy was missing. Talking tools means sometimes we miss passion - may be the things I went to.
All	Perhaps add a peer-reviewed academic stream to the conference next year to attract more researchers working with/in NGOs. DEST requires conference papers to be peer-reviewed and published.
All	Really enjoyed the conf overall. Hard to pick what might be most relevant to you sometimes, but the abstracts helped.