



Total of 63 feedback forms were completed, therefore almost half of the participants with full registrations (approx 150) completed feedback forms.

■ **On a scale of 1 – 10, how beneficial has it been for you to attend this conference?**

1 participant indicated 4 (1.58%)
2 participants indicated 5 (3.17%)
3 participants indicated 6 (4.76%)
1 participant indicated 6.5 (1.58%)
6 participants indicated 7 (9.52%)
14 participants indicated 8 (22.22%)
10 participants indicated 9 (15.87%)
25 participants indicated 10 (39.68%)

One participant circled 'very beneficial' rather than a number.

Average of 8.5

■ **Do you believe that the conference achieved its aims to further feminist dialogues about the status of women?**

60 participants indicated 'yes' (95.23%)
No participants indicated 'no' (0%)
3 women indicated 'yes & no' (4.76%)

■ **Was the conference successful in showcasing a variety of diverse feminist perspectives?**

56 participants indicated 'yes' (88.88%)
2 participants indicated 'no' (3.17%)
5 participants indicated 'yes & no' (7.93%)

■ **Were the presentations during the conference effective and/or interesting?**

55 participants indicated 'yes' (87.3%)
No participants indicated 'no' (0%)
8 participants indicated 'yes & no' (12.69%)

■ **What was the highlight for you during this conference? In order of rating**

21 indicated Indigenous same sex panel = 33%

13 Indicated Indigenous Women's Panel = 20%

"As an Aboriginal woman, I felt honoured speaking on the indigenous panel"

■ What was the highlight for you during this conference? In order of rating

7 Indicated Family Law – Ellen Pence link up = 11%

“knowing we are not alone to advocate for social change”

7 Indicated The range of diversity in the presentations, views & perspectives = 11%

4 Indicated Panel on Sexualisation of Women = 6%

Quality & accessibility of presentations

LEARNING

- Learning so much about all the issues that affect women today, information that I was unaware of
- Learnt something from many of the speakers that I can immediately apply in my practice.
- Thought provoking theory & on the ground activism
- Unity and variety of ideas
- Learning current Policy & positive program information
- Greater awareness of impact of the media on women/girls gender roles and exploitation etc.
- WEEO Wiser program – collaborative, great example of feminist practice
- All the conversations, women’s personal stories
- Sharing and learning together towards stronger place in self

PARTICIPATION

- Able to feel empowered, atmosphere of people surrounding me
- That a non-practitioner young woman felt she could get up, speak and ask questions – for me, feminism in action – that heartened me
- The participation & presence of the Aboriginal women
- Co-workers first experience and exposure to feminism – excited by the dialogue
- Meeting network of powerful and passionate women
- Liked open feedback sessions
- Too much info, felt overwhelmed
- Loved the inspiration and guidance of these powerful women
- I wasn’t bored
- Felt too scared or not confident to ask questions or be included – they are all academics – I am not!
- At times, felt sleepy, hard to concentrate, information overload – need variety and more movement, practical items would help.
- New comer session or activity - so new people feel included
- The video link up – making that happen

Can you provide comments on how this conference could be improved?

GAPS

- Inclusion of disability issues
- Inclusion of government and other areas, invite specific agencies, target key government departments to get awareness out there
- Feminist sex workers need representation
- Too much mono feminism – more sex positive

ISSUES

- Where do we go from here? If conference recommendations are articulated, where do we take them, how do we ensure continuity?
- More space for discussions about feminism & how to make it relevant in the 21st Century, how do we overthrow patriarchy rather than having a limited vision of equality?
- Feminism doesn't have to mean that we all have one opinion
- Not all feminists are lesbians. Where is the perspective of non-conformist heterosexual women?
- Its time for action. Some time used to brainstorm ideas, submissions or organising plans for action.
- Women should have access to conference whether radical feminism or Christian feminism – otherwise we are seen as practicing four pillars of control as spoken by Ellen Pence Pro choice discussion
 - Troubled by anti-abortion Christian feminists – alternative needed
 - Kath Newman's attack on Melinda is very unethical as she was not there to speak for herself.

NEED FOR DISCUSSION

- Longer time for speakers to give depth, also recognise difficulty
- More time to unpack, discuss and interact issues raised
- Workshops better organised – expecting more, not happy – needed more time to be useful
- More small groups for discussions, instead of listening to people talk at you. Discussion arising out of presentations or other matters.

Can you provide comments on how this conference could be improved?

ORGANISATION – speakers and format

- More input from international speakers
- Multiple streams – more time for presentations
- Live in conference, dialogue could continue into evening
- Speakers repeated same information which is amazing
- Organisers need to ensure variety of topics covered and each speaker has their own topic, don't repeat already presented material.
- Workshop issues for recommendations
- Break out sessions after afternoon tea, explore topics further
- Background checks on prospective speakers
- More rebuttal speakers – different points of view
- Separate chair better than using speakers
- Less academic theory
- If you had fewer speakers, not so limited time and more time for discussions and question time.

Do you have any other comments?

- Thank you, awesome, courage for putting it together, well done, totally amazing
- Food was great, delicious
- Wonderful supportive, helpful, organising women
- Need more conferences like this one
- Gave me lots of ideas for social action
- Thanks for keeping feminism alive!
- relaxed and easy to be at...good venue
- Enriched my life
- Great job, I found in Brisbane what I was looking for in Madrid

THE END

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