

Results for survey: Evaluation survey ETHOS Conference Ramsgrange 12 - 16 October 2011

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1. Preparation of the conference

Question 1*

Were you adequately informed beforehand about the aim and structure of the meeting (including the 'homework' you were supposed to do)?

Yes	29	93.55%
No	2	6.45%

Question 2

What could we have done better about the preparation of this conference?

ID	Text Answers (15)	View
8621708	was ok	View
8499623	No idea, it was well prepared.	View
8433921	Inform us what homework was to do	View
8424563	Nothing it was perfect	View
8424066	No idea	View
8420203	everything was well prepared	View
8392666	fixing exact dates of the mini conferences to come and some more details on the content would have been nice to have on the spot	View
8386597	Given members a little more detail about items to be discussed	View
8382978	You could have asked for two pairs of earphones instead of only one!	View
8382712	May be we should have prepared background information about the school since our starting points for the issue are very different. I mean that talking about Special needs may be a very different issue for a school in, let's say, the Netherlands, where they have different kinds of schools, to a school in Spain where all the students are in the same type of schools since we have an only type of Secondary Schooling.	View
8382125	ALL OF YOU DID YOUR JOB WELL. THANKS FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT;	View
8379522	Nothing in particular, I was enough informed	View
8379512	Nothing	View
8377071	A better time management with planned time-slots for unexpected changes	View
8376508	I think we could be given more "homework" so that the time could become more efficiently, fx we could have been shown Georgs example, and have been told to prepare more/other questions so perhaps we could have come closer to making the final questionnaire	View

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2. Organisation of the conference

Question 3*

What is your opinion about the way in which the conference was organised?

Excellent	3	11.11%
Good	23	85.19%
Neutral	1	3.70%
Fair	0	0.00%
Poor	0	0.00%

Question 4

How could the organisation have been done better?

ID	Text Answers (15)	View
8621708	better implementation of computer work	View
8557321	More time to organize the planned activities, such as master classes, mini conferences etc	View
8433921	stick more closely to the time frame inform us more clearly that special needs was such a crucial point	View
8424066	Perhaps there was too much listening and little group-talking	View
8420203	I think it was great	View
8417580	technical equipment should have been prepared	View
8392666	when you start on a clear base, one should try to avoid to create unclear situations where sometimes all of a sudden people don't know what to do anymore: example given: the paper flaps on the tables to be filled in	View
8386597	Avoiding some items taking much longer than planned	View
8382978	There was somehow a stress upon the time each activity should take and it felt we were a bit short in that respect...	View
8382125	to have tables or desks to take notes.	View
8379522	Giving more time to discuss ang deeper about every thing	View
8379512	It was excellent	View
8377764	Participants from different countries who were already able to explain their master classes, mini conferences, etc. should have had the opportunity to talk about their ideas as a hosting country at the very beginning. Besides, arrangements about students' exchanges should be exchanged at a very early stage of the two conference days so that people feel like having done their duty or having fulfilled their task as representative of the school. General powerpoint presentations, etc. could come after that - just to talk about concrete projects first and general information after that.	View
8377071	by setting up specific tasks for the delegates (e.g. that the schools contacted others BEFORE the conference about possible miniconferences/masterclasses)	View
8376508	As in the former answer, we could have a little bit more homework, perhaps the program sent to us could be a little more detailed, that would make it easier for us to prepare for the conference	View

Question 5*

What were your expectations of the conference in terms of objectives to be met and results to be reached?

ID	Text Answers (15)	View
8621708	overview about ethos project organizing bilateral projects	View
8557321	My main expectation was to have time to plan activities with other participants. This expectation was not fulfilled, but other expectations were. It was for example good to get an overall view on what will happen the next 2 years.	View
8499623	I had hoped to reach agreement on the programme and time schedule for the Master Classes, and on the approach of the Special Needs Research to be carried out by the schools.	View
8433921	get in touch with other schools an plan projects	View
8433736	As a newcomer, first of all I expected to understand the idea of the ETHOS project and its objectives, although I had been briefly informed about it. As to results, I expected the conference to provide the participants with specific ideas for activities following the conference.	View
8424563	to have explanations about the masterclasses and mini conference on special needs	View
8424066	They were higher. I had thought of inclusion as the basic topic but there was a lot time given to arranging matters.	View
8420203	I expected to organize the activities for the first year of the project and to find solutions for the lack of funding.	View
8417580	honestly I did not have any special expectations	View
8392666	clear and set precise measures for the future, so that everybody knew perfectly and deadlined what to do in between now and Finland	View
8386597	Agreement to be reached on key issues More schools signing up for the masterclasses and research projects listed in the Comenius bid	View
8382978	I mostly expected to contact possible partners for ISM possibilities.	View
8382712	Great expectations, nearly fulfilled in a 100%	View
8382125	Sharing and communicating,planning exchanges of various kinds,new contacts.	View
8380477	As it has been my first participation my object was to get to know the project. I do have got some insight in europroject and comenius	View

Question 6*

Were your expectations met?

Yes	21	77.78%
No	6	22.22%

Question 7

If your expectations were not met, please explain why not.

ID	Text Answers (8)	View
8621708	overview ok, not enough time for organizing exchanges	View
8557321	YES and NO - see question number 5.	View
8424066	Most of our schools are among the best in our cities. Ramsgrange is apparently an exception. We only have 10 students with special needs out of 700 in the secondary, which means we can't do very much from experience. This was my impression. I hope it improves in future.	View
8392666	not 100% A lot of "mist" was carried home by most of the participants, where most of them arrived without.	View
8375309	again the only remark is that sometimes the time given is too short ...	View
8368737	See above. Would also have been good to have a dinner placement at least the last evening. Now quite often people who new each other better sat eside each other all the time, not good in order to include all in the work and the social atmosphere. But I have to stress the overall friendly atmosphere and kindness all showed.	View
8367712	Still too vague and not a clear communication about the to do list for each country. It's a pity we didn't get the Decisions document presented.	View
8367694	q.6; yes, but I also thought the conference would be a bit more about the actual special needs at all the schools and approaches of the schools towards these pupils, but of course that was not possible yet...	View

3. Evaluation of the different parts of the programme

Question 8*

How interesting / or useful - in your opinion - were the different parts of the programme?

	not so useful or moderately useful		(very) useful or	Responses Total	
	interesting	or interesting	(very) interesting		
1 Opening ceremony	4%	38%	58%	26	7%
2 Presentation on the Irish School System	20%	64%	16%	25	6%
3 Presentation on meeting Special Educational Needs in Ireland	50%	31%	19%	26	7%
4 Summary of the ETHOS priorities	4%	23%	73%	26	7%
5 Planning the special needs research by teacher / student groups	4%	54%	42%	26	7%
6 Mindmapping workshop on agreeing the desired research outcomes / approaches	12%	50%	38%	26	7%
7 Introduction to cyber tools for use in ETHOS (like Kwik Surveys)	8%	12%	81%	26	7%
8 Analyses of group responses in mindmapping exercise about desired research outcomes	8%	40%	52%	25	6%
9 Research techniques for staff and students: Questionnaire design and interviews	12%	54%	35%	26	7%
10 Quality assurance	8%	56%	36%	25	6%
11 Revising ETHOS activities and participants (flip chart sheet exercise)	15%	15%	69%	26	7%
12 Elections	4%	52%	44%	25	6%
13 Membership issues (honorary memberships / priorities in welcoming new schools / supporting unfunded members)	0%	27%	73%	26	7%
14 Financial update and budget proposal	4%	50%	46%	26	7%
15 Preliminary information on the Finland conference	4%	12%	85%	26	7%

Question 9

Please leave suggestions about how we could improve parts of the programme here.

ID	Text Answers (15)	View
8621708	some more place for improving our skills	View
8557321	Use the time to plan together.	View
8499623	The speech on Special Needs was not very inspiring. I am not against inviting experts to deliver a speech but we have to mak sure that the contents are interesting and relevant. I think it is important to spend as much time as possible for the participants to work together in small groups rather than listening to other people.	View
8433921	I would have liked to get more information about Ramsgrange Comm. school	View
8424563	the presentation of school system must be less longer	View
8424066	I'm sorry but I can't offer many suggestions, except that group work and a summary of the results the different groups reach, would be more useful, as we would be an active part of it.	View
8420203	Maybe devide some working sessions in smaller groups and give more time to the partners who are having activities together, so that they can discuss details and share ideas.	View
8392666	/	View
8382978	Reasoning about the evaluation done so far I can see that the most interesting and useful aspects I considered have to do with practical exercises on new tools to be implemented in the developing of the several activities under ETHOS. Perhaps the directions on how to present each country's school system and more serious and long subjects could be in such a way as to try to make them livelier by using, for instance, more ICT tools. Or different more interesting ICT tools.	View
8382712	I like them the way they are.	View
8382125	Why not practise sports together,or work on European culture quizzes?	View
8379512	We got lot of information about IT ways to research and evaluate special needs of students but to few information on how to approach the whole matter with a more sensitive and "human' way.	View
8376508	I think it would be fine to send for instance the budget information to us so we can see it before we come, it will save time	View
8376391	Find a format for the presentation of the school systems to make them better comparable. Put them all on the homepage. On the basis of this very basic and factual information the "lecture" at the conference could then deal with weaknesses and strengths of the respective system, even add personal experiences etc.	View
8367712	Provide more time for activities like brainstorming. Make sure you have a computer room when needed. Communicate better about the to do's for a country.	View

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4. General opinion

Question 10*

Do you feel that this was a successful conference for the ETHOS project?

Yes	24	96.00%
No	1	4.00%

Question 11

Do you have any comments about your answer to your last question?

ID	Text Answers (15)	View
8621708	conferences are getting more structured - good development ;)	View
8557321	The days had a good balance between time spent on conference and the time spent on other activities. Many of the things we did during the conference were interesting. But since my main objective was to plan future activities and we needed more time for that, I would have liked to spend less time on some of the things we did.	View
8499623	It was a good kick-off conference. Much will now depend on the work which every school will do. The more we do and the more we organize, the more interesting and useful the next conferences will be.	View
8433921	I very much appreciated the warm welcome and hospitality of our Irish friends the time schedule in general was a good balance between work and leisure time only the first working session on special needs was a bit confusing to me	View
8433736	No, I don't.	View
8424563	nothing just thanks to Irish team, Q group, Ton, and Koen for what they have done for the network	View
8424066	Question 9 is in a way about the same. I don't have a very good impression of this conference, referring to the topics and the way to present them but the organisation was very good and Irish hospitality was there as they usually do. Marie, Bridget, Amanda, Rose, they did a very good job.	View
8420203	No, I actually found it well organized, with the perfect timing for the sessions and a good balance between work and leisure. It's always easy to work when there is a background team like the one we have.	View
8417580	no ...	View
8392666	/	View
8382978	As long as the bonds between the several partner schools in the project have been strengthened leading to and the organizing of the activities and (new) projects to be implemented, any conference has to be considered to be successful.	View
8382125	I liked it a lot, this will urge me to get even more involved in the Europroject. I liked meeting all these new chaps, and I'm looking forward to attending another conference soon. Thanks Koen, Pascal, Georg, Steve, Ton, Leendert and all the other members involved, long live this programme! See you soon! Michel Caron	View
8379512	The conference in general was successful. We met new colleagues, had time to talk about the planned activities, had a chance to meet the Irish way of living and plan future activities. One thing everybody should keep in mind is that not all of the Europroject schools have other resources or ways to get money to organise or to participate in a conference, so everybody must be more thoughtful when judging.	View
8377071	It was a good balance between work and socializing. The work sessions were well structured and spare time left enough room for individual communication.	View
8376391	Comparing BASIC VALUES to ETHOS I have the impression that we are making tremendous progress with every new project, we are still getting better. And we have reached an incredible level of proficiency and can present really good results to our national agencies. More than that, masterclasses will involve even more students and teachers. All that is to a high degree due to the load of work that is being done by the Qgroup/steering group beforehand. Conferences have become much more effective.	View