

Report and Evaluation

The nine full time participants and the course facilitator provided written evaluations.

All were positive.

Comments on 'the education and learning process':

'Excellent experience. Thought the format of the course was very good and perhaps better than the traditional speaker and comments from the floor...'; 'Group involvement and participation by all is more effective to develop ideas and themes'; '...stimulating and thought provoking...'; 'first event of its kind I have attended... thought provoking and enjoyable'; 'learned a lot.'; 'keynote speaker first class... groups very lively...size of group (10) was good... most able to contribute.'; 'structure of the weekend worked well'; 'stimulating level of discourse never pressed to become tiresome';

Comments on venue:

'very good – no faults.. staff very helpful'; '...would have liked tea/coffee in the meeting room. Otherwise, excellent service, food and rooms...'; 'staff were wonderful...'; 'good in every respect'; 'exceeded expectations'; '.. staff were excellent and very helpful...'; 'far exceeded expectations - helpful staff and food very good'; 'good atmosphere for teaching and discussion'; 'nicely self contained location'.

Future?

'Perhaps more introductory written material'; 'Advance paper on suggested themes...'; '... attract younger and more diverse participants..'; suggested theme: 'how changes to the present system could be achieved democratically'; 'reading list please'; 'A weekend on Democracy'; 'More of the same...'.