



# LEADING CHANGE

## Nottinghamshire County LINK Annual Conference

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Leading Change was the culmination of a very successful year's work undertaken by Nottinghamshire County LINK.

Sandra Horton compered the day for around 90 delegates and the conference focussed on LINK's achievements and featured presentations from each of the seven Task and Finish Groups. The speakers, who are volunteers and not professional speakers, did incredibly well providing brief summaries of the recommendations that each group is putting forward to the service providers. An Executive Summaries Report was available on the day and can be downloaded from the LINK website.

The first guest speaker, Molly Harvey, was a cheerful, inspirational speaker from Ireland who has spoken at the United Nations in New York. She engaged the audience with her messages, including 'Never think that a small group cannot change the world!' and she encouraged listeners to trust their 'inner sat navs'. This can easily relate to LINK as every contribution is most definitely valued and together we can make a Stronger Local Voice!

### **ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN ACHIEVE EXTRAORDINARY THINGS!**

During the afternoon, celebrity speaker, Alan Chambers, talked about his exploits planning and walking to the North Pole for the first time. This involved five years of research and training, as well as choosing a team to go with him. The latter didn't automatically result in Alan choosing the people with the most qualifications on their CVs or his friends, but individuals who he thought could work together to beat the 1% chance of success they were given!

The audience could take a lot from Alan's talk in relation to working for LINK, 'Ordinary people can achieve extraordinary things', was one inspirational message, if people pay attention to the finer details and work together to progress the confidence of the group will grow and results will come.



Alan explained he is a big believer of moving projects forward by using updated methods and being innovative.

His motivational message of thinking of the best ways to inspire your team can definitely be applied by LINK and was quite appropriate as Jane Stubbings followed Alan by explaining how the Issues Panel works, then introduced the Work Plan for the forthcoming year. This includes ten new Task & Finish Groups that feature consultations and a small number of short term projects running in Rushcliffe. Information about the new groups can be accessed from the LINK website.

During the summary of the day, Sandra drew the raffle prizes, which included a guest pass for Eden Hall. Anyone who signed up to the new Task and Finish Groups for 2010 – 2011 was automatically entered in to the prize draw. An impressive 25 people signed up to the new groups and the lucky winner was a Mr Joy Brealey.

LINK would like to thank Theatre Royal Nottingham for donating two tickets to see When Harry Met Sally in April, Mansfield Town Football Club for donating four tickets to see a home game and a voucher for a homemade cake of the winner's choice from Deli'cious Catering Company.

We would like to thank both the Lindhurst Rooms at Mansfield Civic Centre who proved to be very good hosts and supplied the conference with a lovely and varied lunch, and all the health and social care organisations from Nottinghamshire, who brought along all their equipment to provide informative merchandise for the delegates.

**Thank You to everyone for turning up and ensuring  
LEADING CHANGE was a great success!**

*We hope you enjoyed the day, please don't hesitate to contact the LINK with any comments you have.*

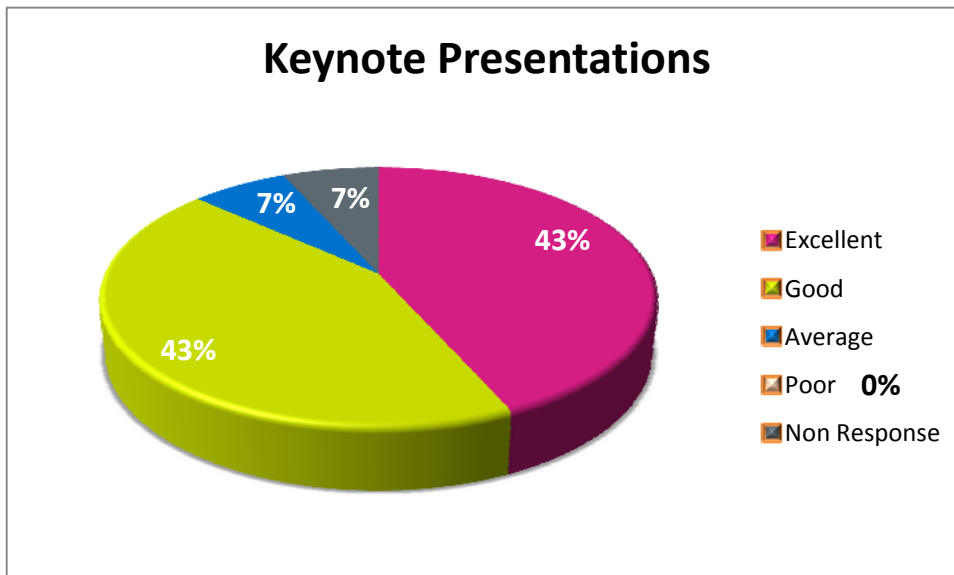
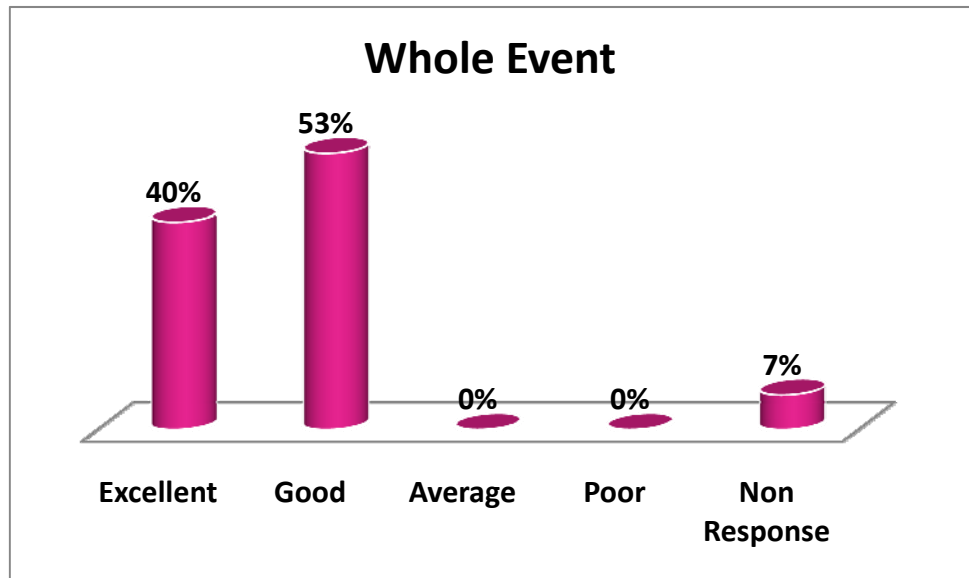
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31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

## Conference Evaluation Feedback

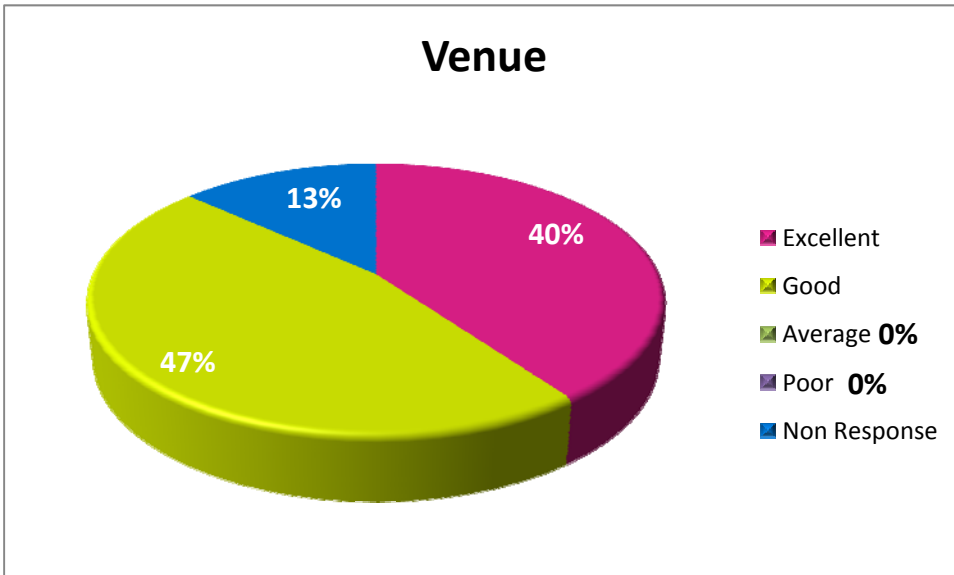
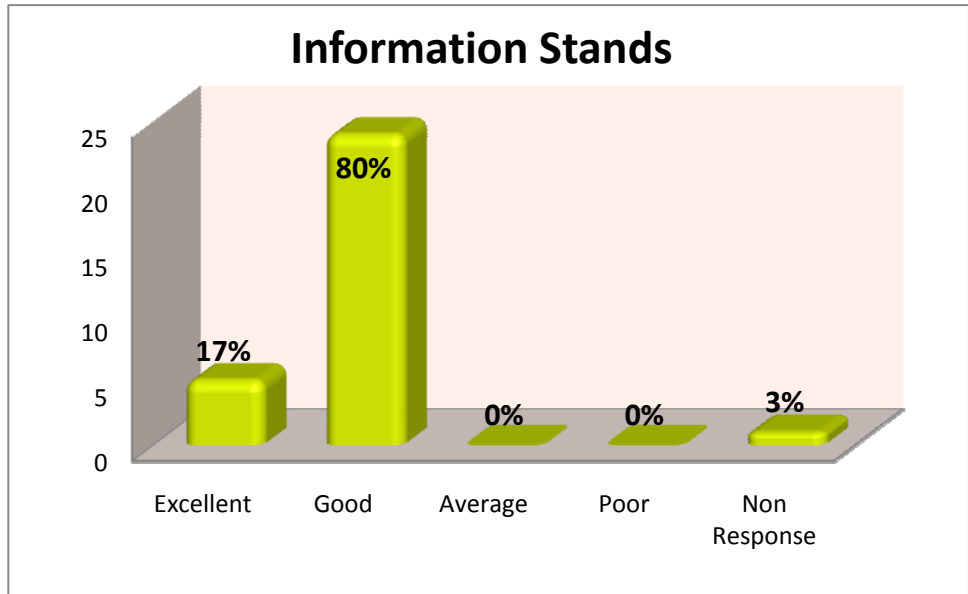
At the end of the conference, delegates were invited to give their feedback on different aspects of the day. A total of thirty delegates responded and said the following;

A total of 93% of respondents said that the whole event was either excellent or good.



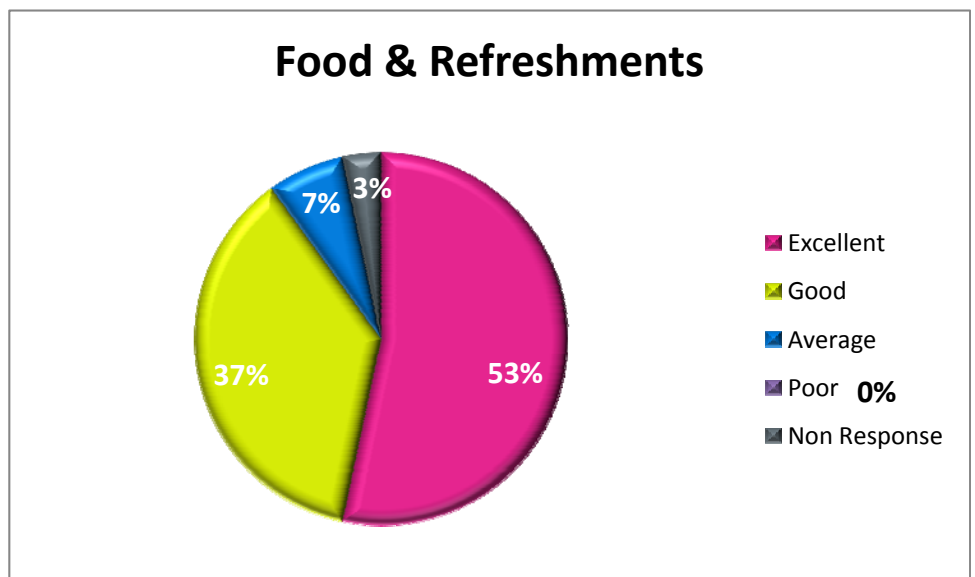
The chart to the left indicates that a total of 86% of respondents thought that the key note speakers were either excellent or good.

The third question on the evaluation form asked respondents to indicate their thoughts on the information stands which were placed around the conference room. 97% of respondents thought these stands were either excellent or good.

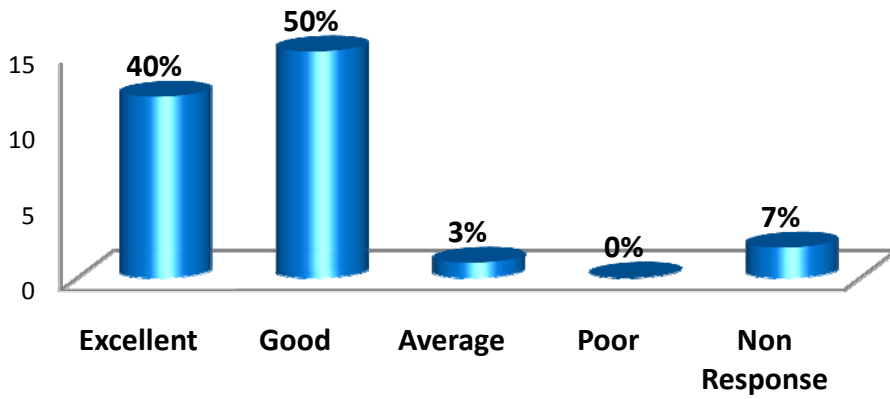


When asked about the choice of venue for the conference, the chart to the left shows that a total of 87% of respondents thought the venue was excellent or good.

A total of 90% of respondents felt that on the day, food and refreshments at the event were excellent or good.

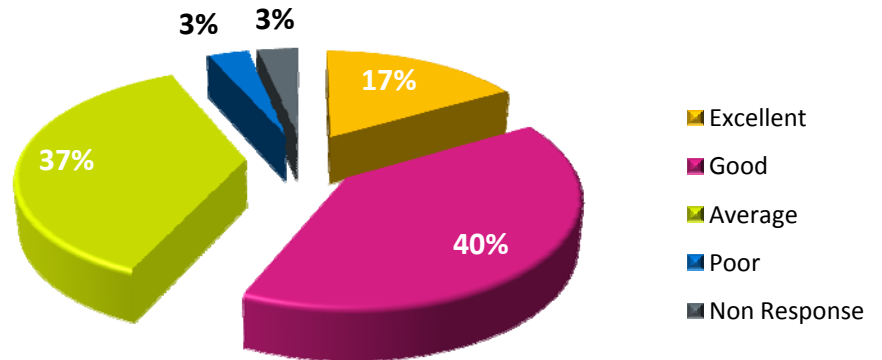


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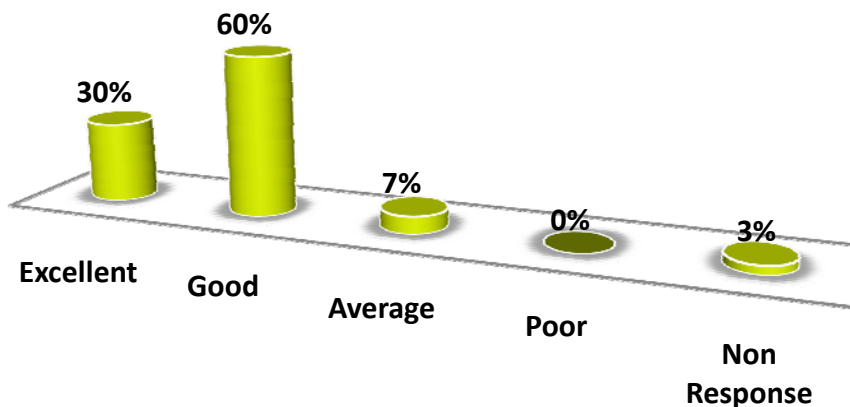
When asked about accessibility, 90% of respondents said that accessibility to and at the event was excellent or good.

### Promotion Prior to the Event



When asked about the promotion prior to the event the most popular response was 'good' which took 40% of responses.

### Organisation of the Day



Finally, respondents were asked to reflect on the overall organization of the day. A total of 90% of respondents thought that this aspect was excellent or good.