

KE Insights Workshop for Research Higher Degree students and Early Career Researchers

EVALUATION SUMMARY

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The workshop introduces the Knowledge Exchange (KE) mindset and focuses on developing an understanding of the value of research as a resource. Participants learn the benefits of cultivating an outward facing perspective beyond academic circles.

Who was in the room

- Registrations: N=55
- Participants on the day: N=21
- Number of evaluations completed/part completed: N=19 (90% response rate)

Fifteen respondents indicated their 'level of study': two Early stage PhD, one Late stage PhD, and four specifying Masters. Participants indicating 'other' included: academic registrars (n=5), one policy writer, one practitioner based researcher, one completed PhD, one Postdoc, one early career researcher and one academic.

What they thought of the workshop

As outlined in Table 1, overall respondents were positive about the workshop. They appreciated the opportunity to network and discuss their work as well as the chance to hear different ideas and perspectives of KE.

As one respondent noted, "The discussion was very useful. Great wealth of ideas & opportunity to explore". Other indicative comments included the following:

- *Understanding different perspectives - from policy makers to consumers. Starting to think of how to make research more applicable in reality*
- *Understanding theoretical background of KE*
- *.... I found the Partnership Pentagon to be very useful – it helped me think about engagement opportunities and planning the project*
- *Helped getting me thinking about the purpose of research and how to communicate findings*
- *Videos were great. Pentagon was awesome, will definitely use*

Table 1: Workshop ratings (%)

N=19

	organisation of workshop	promotion of workshop	workshop communication	workshop content	presenters	Opportunities to discuss	networking opportunities	practical activities
excellent	37	26	32	32	58	42	42	21
good	63	47	63	63	42	42	47	63
fair	0	16	5	5	0	16	11	16
poor	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
not sure	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Suggested improvements

Suggestions included the following:

- *take us through a project from conception to completion*
- *more experiential learning & engagement would be good*
- *label the tables by level of researcher*
- *give us copies of the presentation*
- *more interaction especially after the video presentations to summarise them.*
- *....it would be good to have a beginners' early career workshop & a next level early career workshop.*

Feedback

Thirteen respondents indicated they were keen to be invited to future KE events. One participant provided their vision of their future plans – “Develop self-managed health care which truly is engaging for all participants”; with several comments of thank you – “Excellent - Well done & thanks for sharing your expertise and knowledge”.

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