

## EVALUATION SUMMARY

### Toronto's Agenda for Prosperity: Learning from Glasgow, Scotland

Monday, May 5, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Canada's National Ballet School, 400 Jarvis Street, Toronto

(1=Strongly Disagree --- 5=Strongly Agree)

Speakers	Response Average	Total Number of Responses
<b>Eddie Friel</b> – <i>Places and People Matter: The Rebirth of Glasgow</i> The speaker provided us with new or important information.	<b>4.7</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Christine Raissis</b> – <i>Toronto's Agenda for Prosperity</i> The speaker provided us with new or important information.	<b>4.1</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Adonis Huggins</b> – <i>Community-Based Arts: Engagement &amp; Social Change</i> The speaker provided us with new or important information.	<b>4.2</b>	<b>42</b>

(1=Strongly Disagree --- 5=Strongly Agree)

Panelists	Response Average	Total Number of Responses
<b>Tim Jones</b> (President and CEO, Artscape) The panelist provided us with new or important information.	<b>4.1</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Rahul Bhardwaj</b> (President and CEO, Toronto Community Foundation) The panelist provided us with new or important information.	<b>4.2</b>	<b>42</b>

(1=Strongly Disagree --- 5=Strongly Agree)

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Overall, the Network Meeting was useful to the work that I do.	<b>4.2</b>	<b>43</b>
The Network Meeting provided a good networking opportunity.	<b>4.3</b>	<b>42</b>
The Network Meeting was well organized overall.	<b>4.6</b>	<b>43</b>
The meeting facilities were comfortable and conducive to learning.	<b>3.8</b>	<b>44</b>

#### Selected comments on speakers/panelists:

- Eddie was an excellent speaker, provided good background information on Glasgow to put his work in context.
- Eddie's comments regarding an inclusive human society are much needed, as is inclusion of the private sector.
- All three speakers were well worth listening to – excellent!
- Keynote speaker was excellent. Others were a good support to the main theme.

- Tim and Rahul made some very good points on some obvious issues that continue to exist regarding seeing youth as our future yet the actions of our government leaders contradict this and build barriers.
- Adonis' video presentations were interesting and useful.
- The video was a welcome tool for discussion and the panel helped articulate a Toronto focus.
- Better linkages between speakers would have been useful.
- More audience interactivity might have added to the knowledge building.
- Would have loved some small group discussion on the topics. Very interesting meeting and speakers.
- Good opportunity for questions and interaction.
- Very much enjoyed the richness of the discussion.

#### **General comments and suggestions:**

Many attendees noted that while the National Ballet School was a beautiful venue, it was difficult to hear the speakers at lunch time. Some also commented that it was hard to see the panelists who were seated.

Other comments included:

- You should do better marketing for future events – ICE seems to be one of Toronto's best-kept secrets. You have such excellent presentations for such small groups.
- Excellent scope! Difficult topic – need for three levels of government to make presentations.
- A discussion of action steps would have been interesting. Great session!
- It was kind of neat to be in the middle of a working school. I didn't mind the distractions. However, it was too bad the kids had to eat their lunches in silence – because of us. Thank you for organizing this event. Content was good, food and venue were excellent!
- Thanks for moving the event around to enjoy Toronto's diversity of public/private organizations and spaces.
- Include some small group discussion or longer break for discussion in the morning.

#### **Suggestions of topics and/or speakers for future forums and roundtables:**

- Cultural workers and their contribution to the economy.
- Green collar jobs; Toronto Green Agenda; "green" skills.
- Would like to have Eddie Friel back for longer. It was interesting to hear about using tourism to strengthen and rebuild the economic community. Tourism as part of the solution but not tourism as the goal.
- Aboriginal futures, social inclusion and capacity – money, projects and leadership.
- Successful partnerships with the private sector, municipalities, province and federal government.
- Stronger neighbourhoods and community development initiatives – showcase the possibilities of all three sectors involved (private, public and NGO).
- No suggestions – ICE always brings great speakers addressing excellent topics.
- Alberta is drawing away our talent pool – what about focus on northern Ontario and connect to Toronto – could be very insightful.
- More youth-based speakers and programs highlighted that work at enriching the city – educational, artistic, environmental, cultural, etc.
- Bridging social and economic development; contribution of cultural workers/sector to economic development; social enterprise and social entrepreneurship.
- Rural communities in economic transition.
- More about inclusion and problems in Toronto due to "over-regulation," too many rules and agencies, regulatory boards, accreditation boards, too much government is hurting Toronto, its people and business.
- Engaging residents in change; helping immigrants to work.
- Population health as a function of equality – Richard Wilkinson.
- Integrated local labour market and labour market information.