

Neighbourhood Action: What Works Locally
Friday, May 26, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
St. Lawrence Hall, 157 King Street East, Great Hall

Summary of Evaluation Responses

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

	Response Average	Total Number of Responses
Sue Corke, City of Toronto The government representative provided us with new or important information	3.9	33
Mary Crescenzi, Service Canada The government representative provided us with new or important information	3.5	33
Paul Marcoe, Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services The government representative provided us with new or important information	3.7	33

Selected comments on the speakers:

- Very interesting presentations – it is important that we keep on talking about these issues and solutions.
- A few more minutes would be more helpful.
- I thought it was a very interesting mix of representatives. Unfortunate that Marilyn Renwick could not attend.
- Important information – however people providing service still do not have the funding support needed.
- Excellent comments from Sue Corke.
- There was substance to Sue Corke’s presentation. However the other speakers could have provided more details.

FACILITATED PANEL DISCUSSION: (1=Strongly Disagree --- 5=Strongly Agree)

	Response Average	Total Number of Responses
Debra Dineen, Regent Park Neighbourhood Initiative The panelist provided us with new or important information	4.2	35
Tracy Cato, It's In Me Education and Training Program The panelist provided us with new or important information	4.5	35
Neethan Shanmugarajah, Malvern Community The panelist provided us with new or important information	4.2	35

Selected comments on the first panel discussion:

- Excellent presentation – demonstrated how community members can and will identify key issues and strategies that work in their communities.
- Presenters give a good overview of the individual issues and challenges each neighbourhood is experiencing.
- Important information – however people providing service still do not have the funding support needed.
- Really enjoyed Tracy because it was about how to get things done.
- Good to have perspectives from local residents and/or small grassroots organizational representatives.

FACILITATED PANEL DISCUSSION: (1=Strongly Disagree --- 5=Strongly Agree)

	Response Average	Total Number of Responses
Donna Quan, Toronto District School Board The panelist provided us with new or important information	4.2	33
Derek Ballantyne, Toronto Community Housing Corporation The panelist provided us with new or important information	4.3	33
Peter Sloy, Toronto Police Service The panelist provided us with new or important information	4.7	33
Allie Lehmann, Toronto Public Health The panelist provided us with new or important information	3.9	33

Selected Comments on the panel discussion:

- Peter Sloly’s presentation renewed my faith in police services in Toronto. He conveyed a great deal of information in a powerful way.
- Really smart panelists – thank you for inviting such an intelligent group of people who clearly articulate their organizations’ positions.
- I was most impressed and optimistic about Mr. Sloly’s vision and leadership. It provides hope for the future.
- Working used to be enough to pull most people out of poverty...many policies and means/asset testing jeopardize families; prioritizing communities, penalizing communities for working hard to solve their problems – there are needs in every corner of the city. Can we lose the term “targeting”?
- Enjoyed the perspectives of the speakers. Especially the recognition that healthy communities are all our jobs as public servants/residents in communities.

GENERAL: (1=Strongly disagree --- 5 = Strongly Agree)

	Response Average	Total Number of Responses
Overall, the Network Meeting was useful to the work that I do	4.2	33
The Network Meeting stimulated my interest in finding new ways for governments and neighbourhoods to work	4.1	34
The Network Meeting provided a good networking opportunity	4.0	33
The Network Meeting was well organized	4.3	32
The meeting facilities were comfortable and conducive to learning	3.3	33

Selected general comments and suggestions:

- The facility was not the best - too cold, poor acoustics.
- The acoustics in the room were very poor.
- Thank you for arranging the session and speakers. It was very appropriate to the work we are getting involved in now.
- This was an excellent session – great panelists.
- Very informative and valuable sharing of information.
- The theme/topic was very timely and encouraging.
- Hall acoustics were a bit off at time and was a bit cold. Otherwise great meeting. Thank you.

Suggestions of topics and/or speakers for future roundtables:

- Experiences with positive action based change.
- Attracting large business development and manufacturing companies.
- Economic development programs.
- Though this is intended as a forum to hear presentations and network; it would be great if there was a way to facilitate working groups to problem-solve on specific community issues.
- Continue to follow up on the Priority Neighbourhood initiatives, share experiences and best practices and challenges and support networking across these neighbourhoods.
- This was a good session. It reinforced why the focus needs to be local. My impression of the provincial and federal government is that they remain the weakest link.
- Invite Parks and Recreation (City of Toronto).