Average scores from 1 (not at all useful) to 5 (very useful):

**I have found the workshop on communicating science useful** – 4.5

**I found the talk sessions useful** – 4.5

**I found the workshop sessions useful** – 4.5

**Ben Valsler’s session on science communication** – 4

**Pete Bailie’s session on how to present** – 4.5

**Q&A** **session** – 4

**Ben Valsler’s Workshop** – 4.5

**Pete Bailie’s workshop** – 4.8

**Would you recommend this workshop to colleagues?**

All participants said they would recommend this workshop.

**If there were different themes, would you sign up for a workshop like this again?**

All participants showed interest in attending a similar workshop with different themes, e.g. how to write a press release.

**Would you prefer if this event would have been only half a day?**

Five participants (out of 17 who responded with the feedback forms) would have preferred if the event had been half a day for practical reasons. Two felt they could not sacrifice a whole day of lab work and three others had to head back to their labs due to meetings that had been called on short notice by their PIs. However, four of these five participants that missed part of the workshop thought the two parts were useful and that it was a good idea to have talks in the morning and workshops in the afternoon.

**How might you use the workshop?**

The participants felt more confident giving presentations. Several participants were enthused to engage in outreach activities and produce podcasts about their projects. Below are some comments:

*“It has made me consider the way I give presentation in a new light. If I do want to run an outreach event in the future I have the confidence to do so”*

*“I will definitely change my body language during my talks as a result of this workshop”*

*“I feel much more confident about public speaking”*

*“I plan to explore more the opportunities to communicate my work and science in general”*

*“I am definitely interested in further pursuing public engagement work”*

*“I will produce some podcasts in the course of our project”*

**What will you do next?**

The participants were inspired by the workshop and compelled to engage in outreach activities and create podcasts about their work. Below are some comments:

*“I will be giving presentations with more confidence”*

*“I would like to join staff from other schools (within the University) to do outreach activities”*

*“I am planning a stand with other to get involved with Science Day”*

*“I will create a podcast and look more into science communication in general”*

*“I have already contacted our affiliated press office and expressed my interest to one media broadcaster regarding my interest in gaining experience with them”*

*“I am looking into future career prospects in public engagement and science communication”*

**Comments/Suggestions**

In general the participants thoroughly enjoyed the day and felt motivated to engage in public engagement. Most participants appreciated both the talk (morning) and workshop (afternoon) sessions and felt it was very helpful to be able to put in practice what they learned in the morning. They felt it was well organised and a very useful experience. Participants from the School of Medicine did not feel the workshop was publicised enough. Below are some comments:

*“Really well organised and I feel I have taken a lot from the experience”*

*“I enjoyed it and found it very useful; I think a workshop conducted in a similar fashion covering different topics would be great”*

*“I think it was excellent! I can’t think of any weaknesses”*

*“Excellent. If you could replicate the quality of this workshop into a written communication theme, I think it would be very popular”*

*“Thank you very much for the opportunity. I enjoyed networking with other disciplines and found this helpful in understanding the role of collaboration in research”*

**About SoNG**: “I feel it is a very useful and cohesive group to work in and hope to become more involved in the future”

**Comments on Ben’s workshop:**

“Perhaps a more practical podcast workshop, i.e. a session in which we have the opportunity to create our own podcast and have some feedback on it”

“I thoroughly enjoyed the day. Both guests had very good advice and were nice people that I felt I could approach easily. I have taken a lot from the experience”

**Comments on Pete’s workshop:**

“Really enjoyed and was very impressed by Pete!”

“I thoroughly enjoyed the day. Both guests had very good advice and were nice people that I felt I could approach easily. I have taken a lot from the experience”

**Footnote:** Kirstin Williamson received an award for one of the best talks at the Institute of Life Sciences post-graduate conference after the workshop. She feels the workshop has really helped towards achieving this.