



LASER Alliance Annual Conference

Thursday 20 February, 2014
Safeside, West Midlands Fire Service

Evaluation Results



LASER Alliance is committed to helping people learn how to make responsible decisions about safety and risk. Our members range from individuals to large organisations across the UK, but the underlying ethos is to promote **Learning About Safety by Experiencing Risk** – ‘hands on’, practical education.

Date:	Thursday 20 February, 2014
Time:	10:00 – 15:30
Venue:	Safeside (WMFS), 101 Vauxhall Road, Nechells, Birmingham B7 4HW www.safeside.org.uk
For:	LASER Alliance members, colleagues working on practical safety education in local authorities, emergency services, transport companies, utility companies, outdoor education, schools, voluntary organisations, youth and community organisations

Total of 61 evaluation questionnaires completed

Q1. What was your opinion of the following presentations/workshops?

Presentation 1 – The Past, Present and Future of Practical Safety Education
Andy Townsend, General Manager, Lifeskills Bristol & Chair of LASER Alliance

	Overall score	
	Low 1	High 4
Average total:	2.9	

- Comments:**
- Useful and thought provoking
 - Good overview
 - Well presented Andy!
 - Very relevant, interesting and informative
 - Useful
 - Boring
 - Not very interactive – a bit scripted

Presentation 2 - Accessing Information about Unintentional Injuries: A National and Local Case Study
David Wells, Associate Director, Child and Maternal Health Intelligence Network Public Health England

	Overall score	
	Low 1	High 4
Average total:	3.1	

- Comments:**
- Incredibly helpful body of evidence delivered in an engaging manner
 - Good reminder of the wealth of information available
 - Made me wonder again why we don't get support from Health in Cornwall for partnership education
 - Was interested in stats for Wales & Scotland too but not mentioned
 - Useful presentation, especially the 'how to access information' part
 - Very interesting & informative
 - The statistics used were very interesting for me due to some proposed work
 - Very useful – liked visuals
 - Informative
 - Very useful info
 - Okay
 - A lot of graphs & tables
 - Interesting & informative
 - STATS – really helpful to some work we are currently doing
 - Interesting, but handouts weren't very readable
 - Good information
 - Useful info

A. Cyber Bullying and working with Young People to Design E-Safety Lessons

Leah Sareen, Nottinghamshire County Council & Andy Clarke, Nottinghamshire Police

	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding before workshop			Knowledge, Skills and Understanding after workshop	
	Low 1	High 4		Low 1	High 4
Average total:		2.8	➤		3.5

- Comments:**
- I had thought it would focus more on cyber bullying rather than the issue being working with young people
 - Not too relevant to my line of work
 - I liked the positive & negative feet activity
 - Useful tools & informative
 - Would have liked a bit more info about types of projects
 - Well done, hands on approach
 - Great practical approach
 - Interesting approach in how to look at issue
 - Not quite what I expected but can see how the SARA principles can be transferred

B. Developing high quality PSHE resources to support Practical Safety Education

Hayley Sherwood, 1 Decision and Caroline Booth, The Resource Bank

	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding before workshop			Knowledge, Skills and Understanding after workshop	
	Low 1	High 4		Low 1	High 4
Average total:		2.8	➤		3.5

- Comments:**
- Excellent knowledge from Caroline & Hayley
 - Excellent session, relevant & useful
 - Touching on the 10 Principles was great
 - Very clear and demonstrated by example & participation

C. Does more cycling have to mean more casualties?

Duncan Vernon, RoSPA

	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding before workshop			Knowledge, Skills and Understanding after workshop	
	Low 1	High 4		Low 1	High 4
Average total:	2.3		➤	3.2	

- Comments:**
- A useful discussion
 - Very good topic

D. Filming with Young People, Copyright Issues and Using Video Clips

David Wilkinson, Northern Rail & Students from the University of Central Lancashire

	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding before workshop			Knowledge, Skills and Understanding after workshop	
	Low 1	High 4		Low 1	High 4
Average total:	2.8		➤	3.4	

- Comments:**
- Good presentation & good resources identified
 - More of a showcase for the students, too many talking about their pitch. No time for Q&A or discussions on copyright that would have been useful as a practitioner
 - I thought this workshop was about using YP in films as opposed to YP writing the films. Very useful to hear from students
 - Sterling work by all involved
 - Informative! Good pitches
 - Not quite what I anticipated, interesting and useful info

E. Involving Young People in Delivering Scenarios

Richard Graham, Metropolitan Police & Steve Barnabis, The Soul Project Youth Space

	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding before workshop			Knowledge, Skills and Understanding after workshop	
	Low 1	High 4		Low 1	High 4
Average total:	1.6		➤	3.0	

- Comments:**
- Very interesting & very different to audience we deliver to
 - Interesting concept to involve young people
 - Excellent outline of very successful info

F. LASER Alliance and Outdoor Learning

Martin Smith, English Outdoor Council

	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding before workshop			Knowledge, Skills and Understanding after workshop	
	Low 1	High 4		Low 1	High 4
Average total:	2.7		➤	3.4	

- Comments:**
- Engaging session leader
 - Enjoyable
 - Helpful in terms of group of delegates and given insight into current approaches and trends

G. Recruiting, Retaining and Training a Diverse Volunteer Team

Tristan Dugdale-Pointon, West Midlands Fire Service

	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding before workshop			Knowledge, Skills and Understanding after workshop	
	Low 1	High 4		Low 1	High 4
Average total:	2.6		➤	3.2	

- Comments:**
- Had expected more about volunteers in wider population rather than ethnic population – useful all the same
 - Was as expected

H. Water Safety – towards an Evidence-based Approach

David Walker, RoSPA

	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding before workshop			Knowledge, Skills and Understanding after workshop	
	Low 1	High 4		Low 1	High 4
Average total:		2.1	➤		3.0

- Comments:**
- Interesting info
 - Interesting look at risk over life experience
 - Very helpful
 - Excellent presentation

The event overall

Q2. How relevant do you feel it was to your work? 3.2 (average)

Additional Comments:

- I have missed the conference for a few years; this was a welcome return to a thought provoking day
- Very good both for generic grounding into & networking & for some more specific linkage in my area
- Good opportunity to network and share new ideas & best practice
- Very relevant – I felt it was better to have longer in smaller numbers of workshops. Better than previous years
- Inspired and enthused – will probably be contacting you about business cases etc.
- Very interesting & enjoyable
- Some relevance in certain areas
- Very relevant, found day very useful. Overall a good day with some informative feedback/info that will be put to good use
- Gained knowledge of how to incorporate safety into young people's groups

Q3. What could we have done to make this a more successful event?

Comments:

- More space on chosen workshops
- I thought it flowed well
- Not sure that it would be feasible to make it longer but it always seems to be too short!
- More specialist days would work well
- Can't think of anything
- Perhaps slightly longer so could have done more than 2 workshops
- No networking opportunity – was difficult at lunch time
- Tea/Coffee on arrival and after lunch would have been nice, but thanks for a very informative day
- More time for questions during the workshops
- More time in the street scene
- A pity that the “Developing PSHE” recourses was a ‘self promoting’ session
- Would be useful to have confirmed decision on CRB checks
- More interactive sessions
- Provide a meal/lunch
- More time for workshops
- Unlimited tea/coffee
- Longer workshops, a later start and more refreshments
- Longer workshops
- More coffee
- More workshops
- Better microphone e.g. radio
- Perhaps a legal practitioner's insight? IOSH for instance have legal advisors alongside safety practitioners – can create interesting conflicts and contradictions
- Have an opportunity to visit more workshops
- Programme changes were a snag?

Q4. How beneficial do you feel this event was to your work?

3.1 (average)

Additional Comments:

- Maybe in the future have a speaker about funding – seeing as so many people are seeing reductions
- Very informative & relevant, everyone very passionate about safety – a joy for someone new like me, very friendly & accessible
- Martin Smith was excellent!
- Networking & stats
- Can transfer learning for role and future development
- A useful networking opportunity for me
- It is key for sharing experiences with other agencies both locally and nationally, when looking events for young people with the aim of reducing accident both in the home & outside
- I hope funding for LASER Alliance can be found in order to secure its valuable and relevant offering
- A good chance to network