

SEND Futures Conference (Feedback)

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We asked delegates at the SEND Futures conference to share some of their “gems” with us. This is what you said:

- AfC Local Offer, helped with transport information, out of school, advice for the holidays.
- Link together charities and organisations with similar goals, expertise and ambitions. E.g. RUILS, Richmond MENCAP, AfC, Off the Record, iNS.
- Invite Stuart Guest, a headteacher and parent of adopted children, who does a wonderful talk on ‘attachment friendly schools’. His suggestions would help all children and particularly those with experience of trauma.
- Take on the rights respecting award from Unicef based on the International Rights of the Child.
- Parenting courses at www.AfCLocalOffer.org.uk. AfC offer a range of parenting sessions for those families with a specific need, i.e. they have a child with a specific condition, ie. ASD
- Keep in contact with other parents with children with SEN, for support/advice.
- SEND learning and resources library: contains resources and links primarily for teaching staff about a wide range of SEND topics, see: www.afclocaloffer.org.uk

Key to Success...



What is working well?

At the SEND Futures Conference, we had a 'Feedback Wall' and asked all delegates to share with us their thoughts on what is working well. This is what you said:



Access to therapy, SALT, OT for SEND support



Quality and amount of SEND school provision is increasing



Lots of new SEND school places being created in both boroughs



Agencies' commitment to SEND



Children and Young People's academic outcomes

You Said, We Did

At the SEND Futures Conference, we had a 'Feedback Wall' and asked all delegates to share with us their thoughts on what could be done better. This is what you said, and this is what we did:

You said:



"All schools need to be as inclusive as the most inclusive among them are! Peer reviews and challenge/feedback."

This is what is happening and we will look to do more of:

- There is a secondary school peer review of practice and plans are currently underway to implement this with primary schools
- The [SEND Resource Library](#) on the Local Offer contains resources and links about a wide range of SEND topic - this will continue growing.
- Achieving for Children's [CPD online](#) has a wide training offer

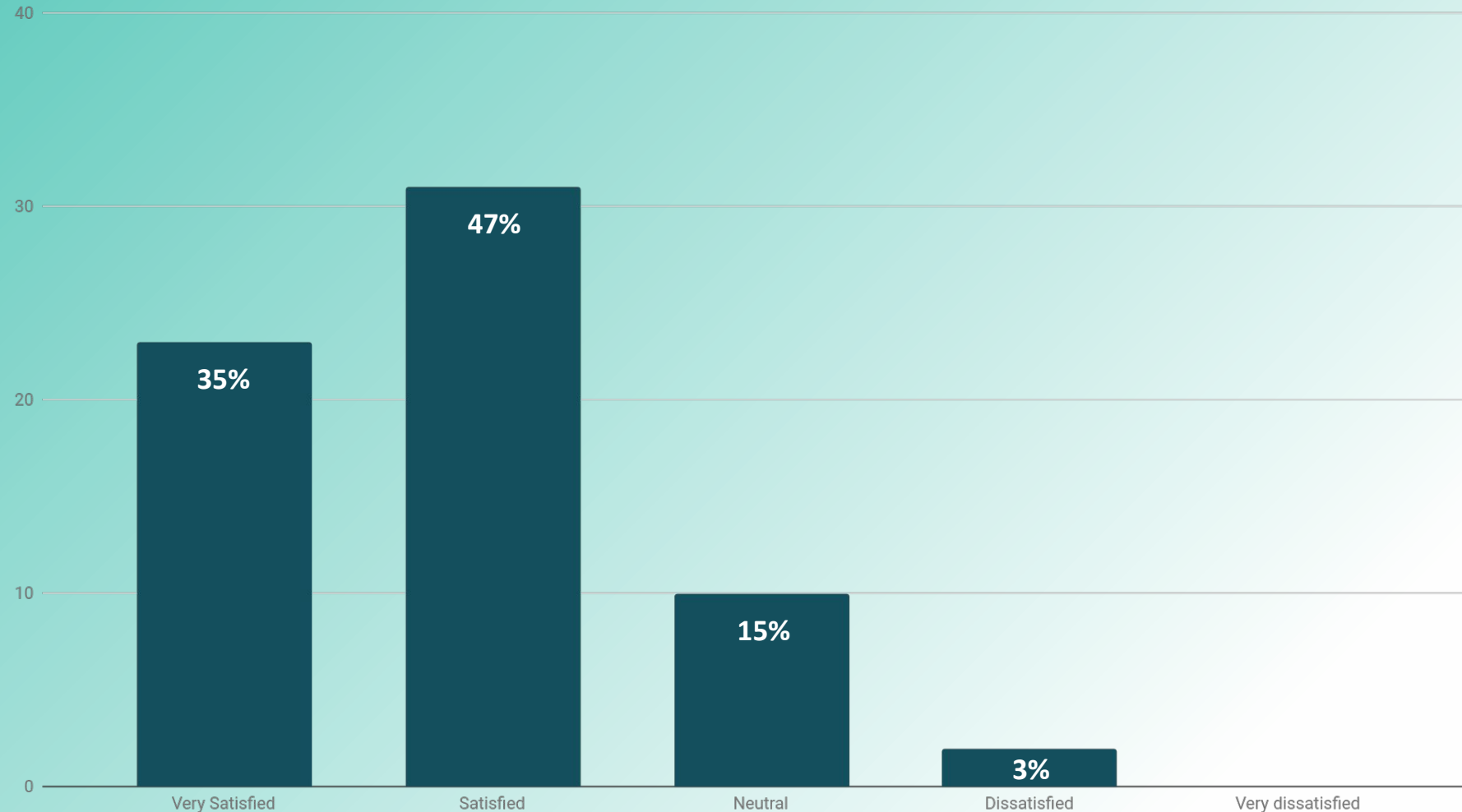


"More sharing of good practice. You can never have enough sharing."

- SENCoS to continue sharing good practice at SENCo network meetings
- Schools to share good practice at the next SEND Futures conference
- As part of the Service-Level Agreement, leads from Specialist Resource Provisions (SRPs) are to engage in outreach work, sharing good practice
- An [Early Years model](#) has been developed, based on the principle of sharing good practice across the boroughs

Your evaluations of the conference

Overall, how satisfied were you by the SEND Futures conference?



Your evaluations of the conference

Top three best things about the conference:

It was clearly centred around children and families and listening to the young people speak.



Networking opportunities with a range of interested people



The workshops and options available



Top three things that would have made the conference a better use of your time:

Workshops need to allow delegates to engage and work together on more practical activities



Need more formal opportunities to network



Timings: Later start time, earlier finish, less packed day and more breaks



You Said, We Did

Based on your feedback, this is what we will do to make the next SEND Futures Conference better:

You said:



Workshops needs to allow delegates to engage and work together on more practical activities

What we will do:

- There will be more guidance and a brief given to all workshop leaders, during planning, to ensure that all workshops follow a format that allows discussion, practical activities and working together.



Need more formal opportunities to network

- This will be achieved by providing guidance to workshop leaders to plan and allow for more structured engagement between delegates during workshops

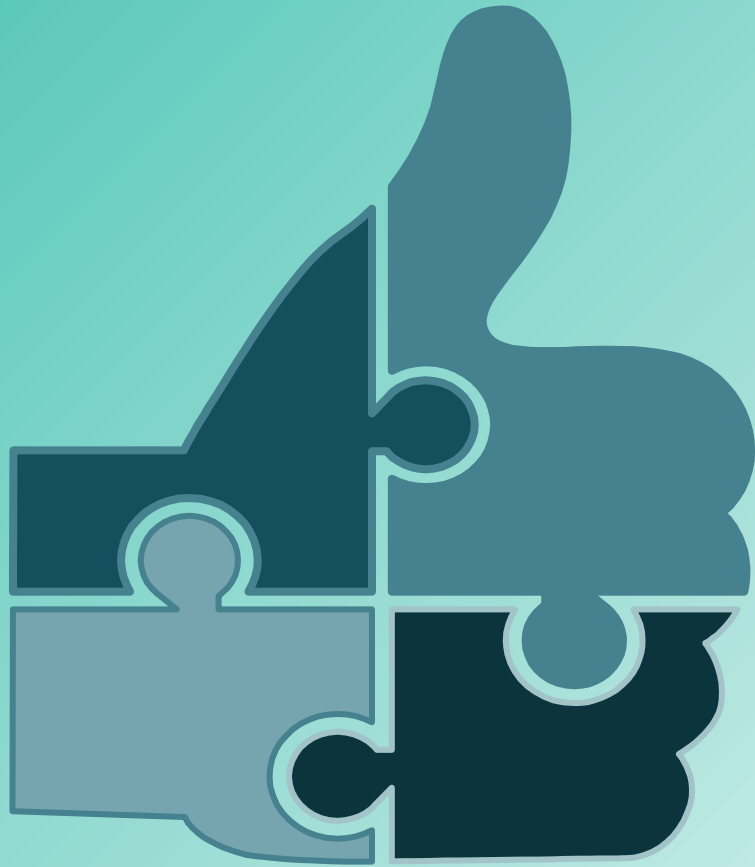


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- We will be sharing a video recording, on the Local Offer website, of the Q&A session which took place at the end of the conference
- When asking people to take a day out to attend a conference, we aim to maximise the amount we offer, to ensure that it is worthwhile

Your evaluations of the conference

Other things you told us you liked the most about the conference



Ian Thomas' speech and the clear buy in from Kingston Council



Well thought out sessions and speakers



Practical ideas from Natalie Packer, the Educational Consultant



The videos shown throughout the day



Having different concerned groups represented and hearing everyone's perspective



Hearing from the Department for Education

Your evaluations of the conference

Other things you told us would have made the SEND Futures conference a better use of your time.
We will take all your feedback into consideration when planning SEND Futures 2020.

