



Relate - Resolve - Restore

2017!
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The 2016 Conflict Resolution Conference
1-2 Nov 2017 | Wellington, New Zealand

Feedback from attendees *A few examples of the feedback from conference attendees

What was best about the conference?

The excellent presentations

The opportunity to meet fellow Family Mediators and to have insight into Restorative practice

Meeting other like minded people. Range of speakers.

I liked opportunity to meet other people in the sector of disputes resolution both in RJ and Mediation. Enjoyed day 1 key note speakers.

Diversity of speakers, and choices for workshops

The excellent presentations

Collegiate mood Varied presentations Strong plenary presenters Some strong concurrent sessions Comfortable rooms, temperature Good location Good set up of service areas

The quality of the presenters and the range of topic areas

The collaboration between mediation and RJ and between individuals and what they are doing. People said they found RJ really welcoming and flexible - members were willing to share and did not hold back or protect their own gates.

Freedom to attend the presentation that was of interest

The presenters, the flawless organisation and the connecting with friends and making new ones and having a much more diverse range of areas present

High standard of keynotes and presenters.

Learning new things which I have already started to implement into my practice!

The range of experience and related professionals in the room

How could we improve the conference?

Allow longer breaks / less workshops with more time in between for toilet breaks, connections, getting to next workshop etc. Invite/involve Maori speakers

Maybe opportunities for particular interest groups to meet and discuss issues regarding their own practice. Not often we get to see people from more distant parts of NZ

As this is possibly the best conference I have ever attended, it would be hard to beat

Have a stronger school based focus

Not enough indigenous / Māori presentations.

I wonder if the sessions could be longer to incorporate more learning?

Spread it over 3 days please -so many great speakers .It was difficult to select the few you could hear

More interactive sessions, even whole conference discussion interaction- there are skills out there to run these well 3 back to back speakers just speaking at you is too much- a lot to learn from good teaching practices

Client's voices! How our work has an impact on the ground

Slightly less speakers with greater opportunity for discussion and asking questions

Other comments

This was a great conference. I am rarely so spoilt for choice in sessions that I would like to see, and I really enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and good humour. Thanks so much for putting this on.

I liked how the days were organised to hear from some of the concurrent session speakers at the opening and closing of the day, this helped to determine a couple of the sessions I went to. It was good that the opening and closing sessions covered such broad topics.

Liked the idea of combined RJ/RP with Mediators, Dispute resolution etc. Hope that some sort of understanding was gained particularly a desire to work more collaboratively. Thanks to all those who organised the conference, those who presented workshops and those who attended and Wellington for putting on such great weather!!