



EFYE 2014

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About EFYE 2014

- 95% would recommend attending the EFYE Conference to a colleague
- 94% were satisfied or very satisfied with the event
- 57% found the exhibitor stands useful



How can we improve next time?

- More discussion type workshops
- Have a structured "get acquainted" activity at the very beginning
- Add some extra time between sessions to allow for extra question and answer and sharing of ideas
- Allow more time for the panel session
- Shorter lunch on Tuesday
- Less strands? I liked the fact there was lots of choice, and everyone wants to share good practice, so a very difficult one.
- It would have been nice to know about other countries university system, because one noticed that there's a big difference between countries. Differences also effect on practises and concerns.
- More students and involve students

What did you like best about the EFYE 2014 Conference?

- There was a lot of sessions to choose from and a variation in sessions
- Plenty of time to network
- The depth of the presentations and knowledge of the speakers
- Informality, cosiness, the change between plenary and parallel sessions
- The global perspectives on HE that were generously shared by all
- A realisation that what we are doing is right!
- Great buzz, everyone engaged and interested
- The organisers and the speakers were all very relaxed and friendly. This contributed to a very relaxed and positive atmosphere
- Using an artist to sketch some of the discussion

What was the most useful or meaningful idea that you took away from the EFYE 2014 Conference?

- We all have the same problems or challenges but we have different ways of dealing with them mostly because of different traditions
- The adaptation of 1st year students consists of some many different parts! We have to do so many different activities in a very smart way!
- Many, many smart ideas from the different show and tell that can be easily incorporated
- Others' experiences of peer mentoring programmes - this is definitely something I'd like to implement in my institution
- I have learned a lot about induction and the way to make the most out of arrivals week
- All of the institutions on both sides of the Atlantic working on student engagement and retention

What might you do differently in the future as a result of attending the EFYE 2014 Conference?

- Engage with big data!
- Use alumni to inspire and encourage
- Build an induction programme based on the ideas of different sessions at the conference
- I don't know yet.. But I got a lot of ideas
- Build differentiation into my modules and continue to work on students' resilience
- Input social media mechanisms to some of the activities that we do
- Change my First Year Program orientation
- Implementation of peer mentoring
- Introduce flip learning into a module I teach on



2015 and beyond...

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- 49.18% would prefer us to set up a new Twitter feed for each conference (for example EFYE2014, EFYE2015)
- 50.82% would like us to use one Twitter feed that we use for all conferences



If the EFYE network were to do one additional piece of work this year, this is what you said would be the order of priorities:

- Further develop the EFYE (average rating 3.93/5)
- Recruit a volunteer thematic lead for different elements of the first year, for example induction, peer mentoring (average rating 3.83/5)
- Set up an EFYE research committee (average rating 3.72/5)
- Recruit a volunteer national chairperson for each European country (average rating 3.14/5)

Is there anything that you would like to see at the EFYE Conference in future years?

- More students and more input from students
- More discussion workshops and networking opportunities
- Research guidance/strand
- More illustrators and discussion about these images from the front
- More information on second year programs
- More about ethics and counselling
- More open sessions with the chance to talk about the most current challenges
- Show and tell -sessions were nice way to present, so I hope in the future there would be more of these!



See you next year!

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http://www.uib.no/en/efye_2015