



Knowledge  
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Nodes

## Knowledge Transfer Innovation Activism in Further Education

The Impact of Knowledge Transfer Exchange Nodes  
held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, at the Royal Society, London.

# Feedback From Attendees

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## 1. Learning Points for NEF

### 1.1 Visible Industry Participation Adds Value

Content delivered with the participation of industry partners was considered of higher value, by some attendees. This was derived from comments from Nell Bringham, and comments during the post event networking.

### 1.2 Reach A Wider Audience

In response to the question 'What was missing ...' Andrew Callard responded with: 'A wider audience of interested FE colleges.'

Reaching more of 'yet to be converted' to start KTE activity, appears to be one obvious response to 'what next'.

### 1.3 Challenge And Opportunity To Sustain KTE Activity

'Presentations demonstrated a wide range of activities within and across colleges to move the KTE agenda forward with many positives. Some raised questions as to sustainability once this pot of funding is expended in an environment, where activity will increasingly need to be resourced to survive. The challenge and opportunity for each KTE is to keep the activity going until such time as they are to access funding through a range of initiatives and to act as a sector-wide source of information.'

Andrew Callard

'Examples of good work with colleges & business and dedication to keep in place'.  
Stuart Robinson, Tribal Group.

### 1.4 Networking is Valued

'A slightly longer lunch break with more time to network'

## 2. Quotes

'Exceeded my expectations thank you for the invitation'

Anne Harper, Cogent SSC

'Excellence exists in so many different places – let's continue to collaborate for future innovation and success'

Anne Harper, Cogent SSC

'NEF have played an extremely supportive and encouraging role during the KTENS project. It has been fantastic to work with such an enthusiastic funder that genuinely values the work being carried out, and also knowing that the outcomes will be fed back to policy makers in a meaningful way.'

Nell Brigham, Duchy College

'The degree of enthusiasm demonstrated during the presentations and informal meetings was a real joy to behold and it gave myself and BAe Systems (the industrial participants) a good sense that, at long last, something was being done to help us with our skill shortage and technology deficit in the composite Aerospace sector.'

Terry Unsworth, BAE Systems

'working with our local Burnley College, BAe Systems and Aircelle has been most beneficial and the degree of synergy between the requirements for the 3 Industrial partners was most encouraging. I am sure this exercise has produced a very suitable NVQ3 Composite training programme that will ultimately prove to be most useful in ensuring our Lancashire NW region remains competitive in the Global Aerospace market place and survives and flourishes into the distant future.'

Terry Unsworth, BAE Systems

'I am also convinced that this successful partnership, which has fully demonstrated that Fe's and Industry can work together and that this will lead to more collaborative projects in the future'

Terry Unsworth, BAE Systems

'The FE sector is struggling with KTE generally, with some of the KTENS providing the bright lights. The danger is that the advances made by the KTENS will be knocked back by the general economic climate and lack of financial support.'

Andrew Callard, Hartpury College

'We felt that the day really brought the projects to life and allowed us to see our work in the bigger picture.'

Nell Brigham, Duchy College

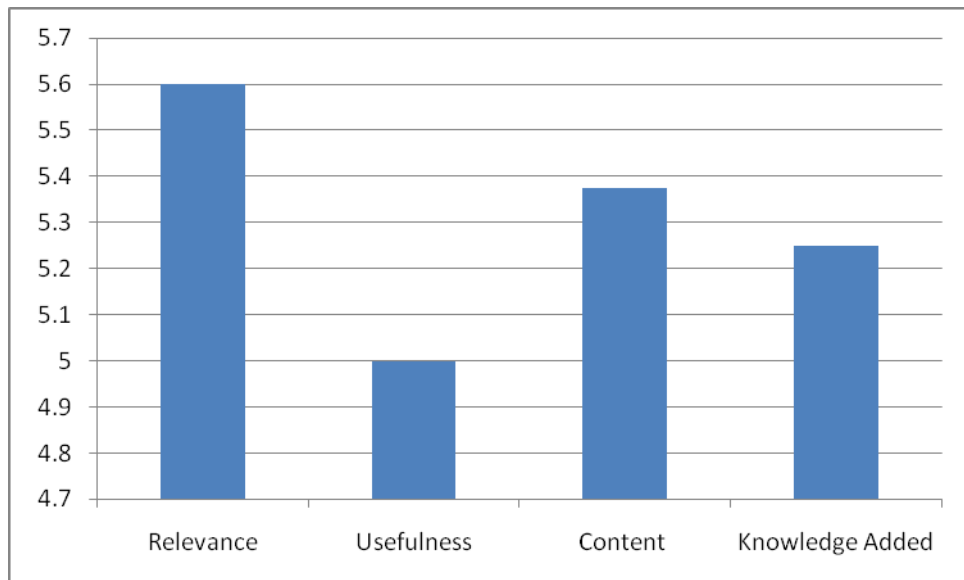
'Thank you for a wonderful day. Some very interesting presentations and good networking. Please thank all those involved for making Friday a special day.'

Graham Peters, Central Sussex College

### 3. Quantifiable Feedback

There were 43 attendees, excluding NEF staff.

The feedback form was e-mailed to the 39 attendees for which we hold valid e-mail addresses.



Score 1 for 'low' 6 for 'high'

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