

# Conference Statistics and Feedback

## New Approaches to Volunteering DISRUPT INNOVATE CHANGE

“For volunteering as a topic to be given such a tremendous platform for debate, discussion, engagement and enrichment speaks volumes to importance all those in the sector truly believe it holds for the charity and public sectors but also society at large. To gather so many industry professionals together for such inspiring, informative and enlightening sharing of best practice, experience, common challenges and suggested solutions was a real privilege to be a part of. The energy, enthusiasm and atmosphere in the room definitely spoke to the new era volunteering is beginning to merge in to and I truly felt like between us we perhaps began a bit of a social movement to disrupt, innovate and change the face of volunteering for the future.”

**Rebecca Poppleton**  
**Senior Volunteer Acquisition Manager**  
**Cancer Research UK**

Group Conference 21st November 2019  
Baden Powell House  
London

Somewhat Satisfied  
13%

Satisfied  
17%



"I really enjoyed the big variety of presentations, from Sports, to older people, young people and crime. It is not sometimes easy to get such a wide range of speakers and all of them with very relevant content."  
**Nuria de Miguel**  
Independent Age

"I represented @PoliceChiefs @bedspolice @KickOffAt3 @BedsVeru at the inspiring @GroopLtd conference today. I believe communities & partnerships with the police through volunteering makes a real impact in the lives of young people and are part of the solution in tackling violence."  
**Jackie Sebire**  
Bedfordshire Police

"We started to touch on some bigger philosophical issues about volunteering in society, how the sectors work together and how systems (health, social care, communities, police, government, private sectors) could work together better - mobilising people to help one another."  
**Mary Heritage**, Derbyshire Community Health NHS

"The transitions between speakers and the opportunities to network at regular intervals really brought it all together and the event didn't feel too formal which contributed to the ease and openness of discussions."  
**Dan Roberts**  
Greater Sports

"A wide variety of speakers all speaking about something different. Showed the diversity of the sector. Hearing from young people about volunteering was great."  
**Isobel Mdudu**  
South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust

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"The range of speakers from Directors to young volunteers offering useful practical advice that I can go away and think about."  
**Gethyn Williams**  
Volunteering Matters

"The opportunity to hear from sectors outside of my own and gain a different perspective and understanding into volunteering was very valuable"  
**Natasha Banke**  
Hull & East Yorkshire Children's University

"The talks from Sport England, Bedfordshire Police, Sporting Memories, PYF and Katie Taylor (moved me to tears!) were fantastic. Andy Reed was a great facilitator."  
**Karen Sarkar**  
Angling Trust



I really enjoyed the diversity of the speakers and the topics they covered.  
**Gethyn Williams**  
Volunteering Matters

"Thank you for a thought provoking day. Sometimes you worry about investing time and money in coming to a conference because it may not meet your needs but this was spot on."  
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Hull & East Yorkshire Children's University



"Great examples of volunteering."  
**David Brunnen**  
Groupe Intellex

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**Anneka O'Connor**  
Aura Volunteers

"The diversity of speakers was excellent, I'd now like to see more coverage of how people are using Groop's features to help manage their projects."  
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"Great day, fabulous speakers and a fantastic conference, looking forward to next year 😊"  
**Anneka O'Connor**  
Aura Volunteers



"Strong and varied line-up of speakers and well organised - the event all ran to time."  
**Rebecca Kennelly**  
Royal Voluntary Service

"My team came back full of inspiration having listening to speakers that really inspired them."  
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Royal Voluntary Service

"I thought it was really inspirational and it ratified the kind of thinking I've held for a while. It was nice to see like minded groups in the same place looking at what we can do."  
**Lee Swift**  
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council Youth

"An inspiring day with a diverse mix of speakers"  
**Lucy Baines**  
 London Youth Games

"It was a really good day, great mix of speakers, we loved it!"  
**Bridget Craigen**  
 Essex County Council

"The input from all presenters around Young People and volunteering was fantastic!"

"Thoroughly enjoyed the Groop conference, it had a very unique feel compared to other volunteer conferences I've attended."  
**Dan Roberts**  
 Greater Sports

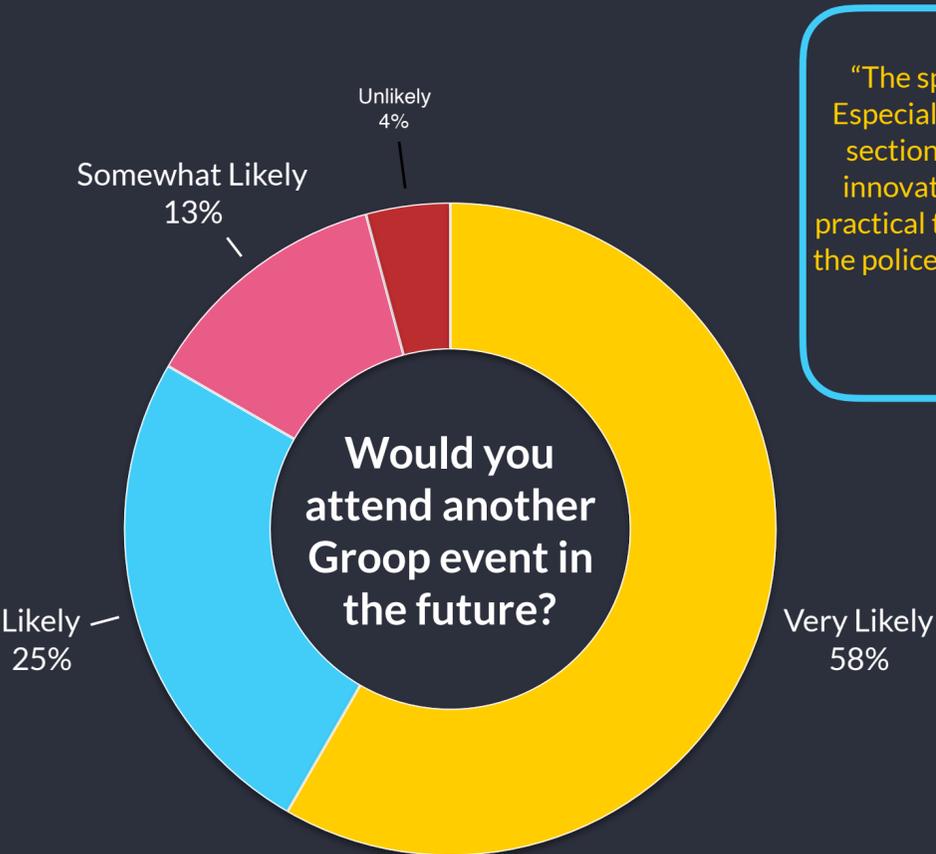
"Thanks for asking me to be part of the day, it was thoroughly enjoyable and uplifting, what a great range of speakers!"  
**Tony Jameson-Allen**  
 Sporting Memories

"Really interesting and informative presentations – the speakers were incredibly hard hitting. We made some interesting connections with organisations on the day to explore some of the themes in further detail."  
**Anthony Angol**  
 The Football Association

"The speakers were approachable, inspiring and informative - they made us think about how we work with volunteers and young people and how to make a difference. Katie brought tears to my eyes!"  
**Hannah Keeley**  
 NENE Park Trust

"I am so pleased the feedback is as positive as the atmosphere in the room. Thank you again for organising it and I hope Groop reap the benefits of bringing together such a thought-provoking event."

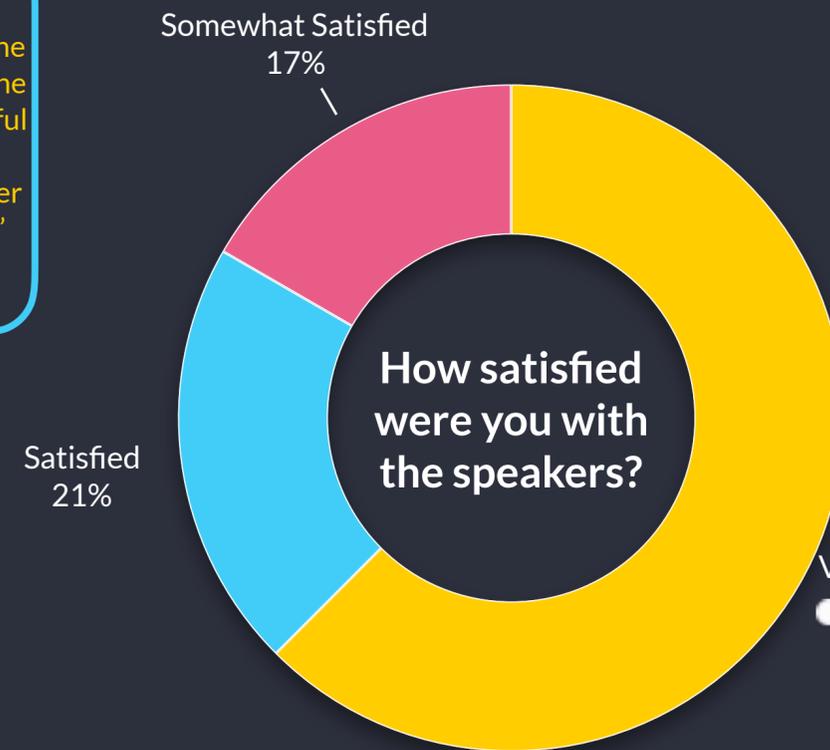
"We would love to see more of this style conference - it felt quite dynamic. Always interesting to hear about engaging BAME, lower socio-economic and any approaches from 'risk takers'."



"The speakers were excellent. Especially the 'young volunteers' section which challenged us to innovate, and talked in real and practical terms. Really good we had the police there and Sport England."  
**Alex Beaumont**  
 LTA

"I enjoyed the morning sessions; the variety of speakers and sectors. The RVS session was particularly helpful with the development of our volunteer strategy and the younger panel members very impressive."

"We thought the variety of speakers and topics was excellent. I particularly enjoyed the talk from Bedfordshire Police on youth violence and the Sporting Memories charity topics. I think each topic was given a good amount of time to cover their key aims."



"It was such a good day, avoided so many traps of one day conferences - the diversity of sub-themes around the headline made it feel vibrant and fast-paced."  
**Adrian Stockman**  
 Sport and Recreation Alliance