

Community Fair survey results

Background

Following changes to the LSP structure, a community fair was held in 2012 and 2013 to keep partners up to date about what was happening with the Dacorum Strategic Network (DSN).

The Survey

The survey ran from Tuesday 16 December 2014 to Tuesday 7 January 2015. We asked stakeholders their views about the community fair, both past and future. We sent the survey to all of our Dacorum based voluntary and community contacts and asked CAD and the Volunteer Centre to send it to all their contacts too. DBC staff and other local statutory agencies were also sent the survey.

Stakeholders were informed that if the survey results tell us that people find this fair useful then it will go ahead on 4 February 2015 and we will tailor it to their suggestions. They were also informed that if they tell us the fair is not useful, then we will email everyone to cancel the provisional date set for the Community Fair 2015.

We received 32 responses which have given an indication to base our decision about the 2015 Community fair on.

The Results

Of the 32 responses, 53 % thought that holding a Community fair in 2015 would be useful and 41% were not sure.

Regarding what respondents wanted to see at the Community fair the survey revealed that:-

- 78 % wanted opportunities to give out information about their service/ project;
- 84 % wanted opportunities for informal networking;
- 78 % wanted an opportunity for an informal update about the Dacorum Strategic Network i.e. through stalls with information;
- 66 % wanted a formal presentation about the direction of Dacorum Strategic Network (DSN);
- 59 % wanted the opportunity to feed ideas into the partnership

Only 28 % respondents wanted the opportunity to give a formal presentation about their own involvement in partnership work.

Of those who responded, 5 gave open comments (as below) about other things they would like to see at the fair as below:

1. "Opportunity to promote upcoming events for other organisations to attend"
2. "Not having been to the fair before I am not sure what the purpose of it is."
3. "Grant availability and application advice"
4. "It would be a good opportunity to bring a wide range of partners together to share and development future direction."

5. "As I have not attended this event previously it is hard to comment. However, having a vehicle to bring organisations together and raise the profile of the work done by organisations is always helpful."

Conclusion

Based on the survey results we are going ahead with the Community Fair which will be held on 4 February 2015 from 10am until 12.30pm. Further details will be sent out to partners shortly.

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