

People and Planet Presentation Skills Workshop Feedback

On the 3rd September Widening Communication conducted a presentation skills workshop with 8 People and Planet participants.

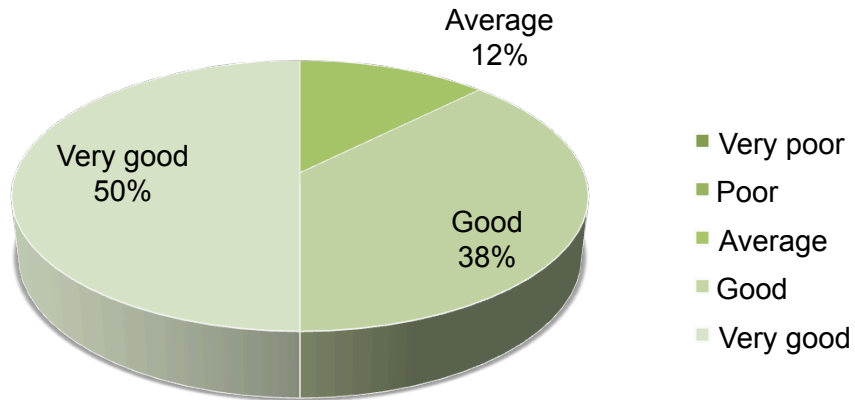
Participants were asked to fill in a two-page feedback form with three methods of feedback included:

- Participants were asked to evaluate the three sections of the workshop assigning the trainer and relevance of each section a mark out of very poor, poor, average, good, very good.
- Participants were asked circle three words from a list of 24 that they felt best described there experience
- Participants were asked to provide qualitative data in the form of written responses to the questions:
 - What did you like about your Widening Communication experience?
 - What didn't you like about your Widening Communication experience?
 - What did you learn through your Widening Communication experience?
 - What was fun about working with Widening Communication?

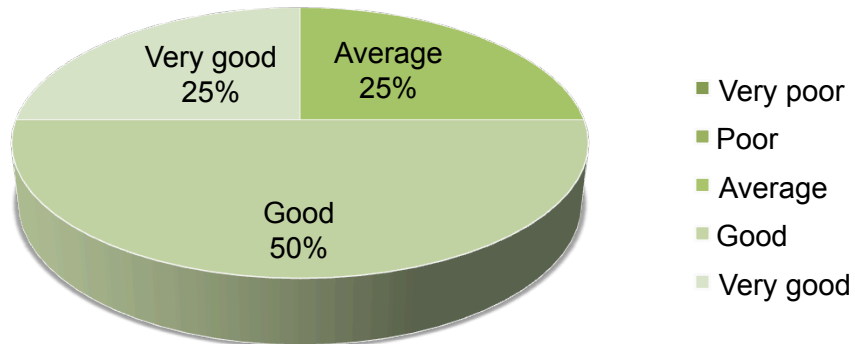
This document presents the feedback given by participants.

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Intro and Role-play Trainer



Intro and Role-play Relevance



Intro and Role-play

During the opening session of the workshop participants initially:

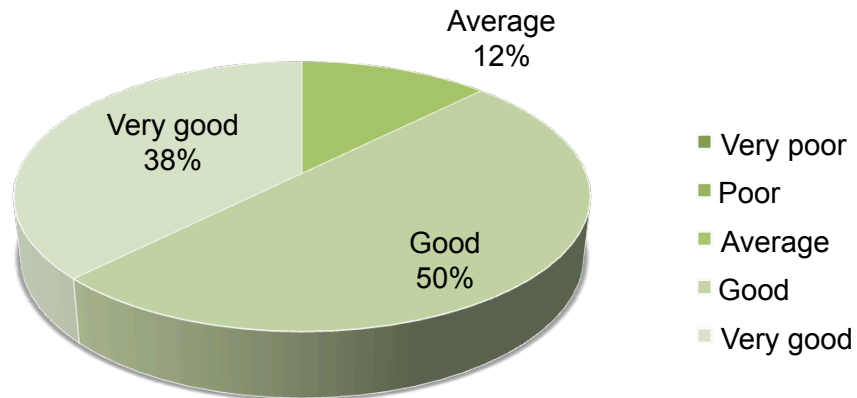
- Played ice breaking games
- Were introduced to the workshop and content that would be covered.
- Were introduced to the methods used by Widening Communication
- Participated in an improvisation exercise aimed at increasing confidence in pressured situations.

The role-play consisted of each participant being given a character to play who may come up in a People and Planet schools presentation, there were:

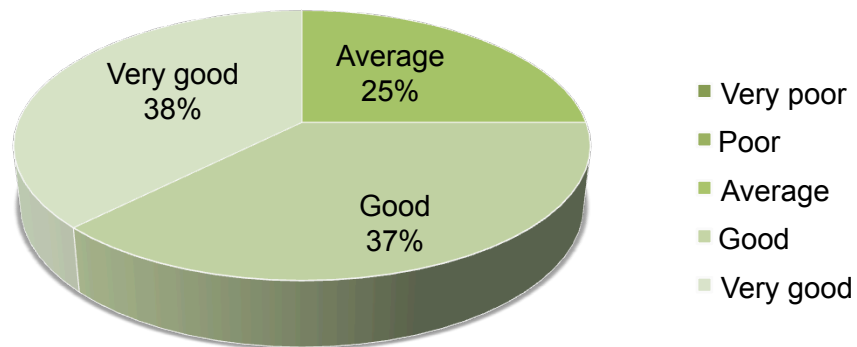
- Presenters
- Engaged pupils
- Disengaged pupils

Participants were encouraged to think about how they would handle the different characters if they were presenting to them, and explored ways to appeal to groups with broad interests in the discussion after the role-play.

Presentation Techniques Trainer



Presentation Techniques relevance



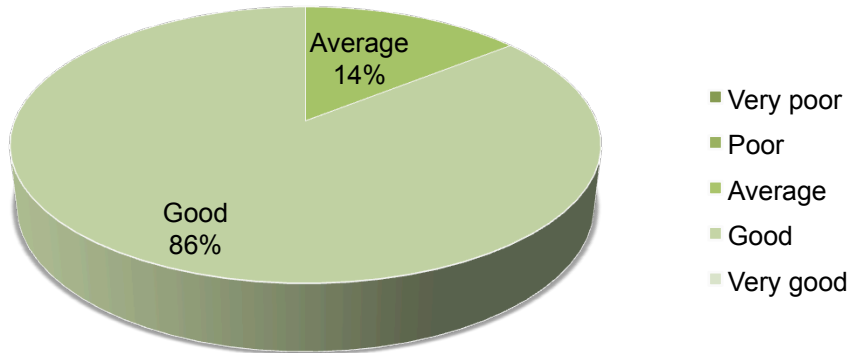
Presentation Techniques

During this section of the workshop participants explored the following elements of giving a presentation:

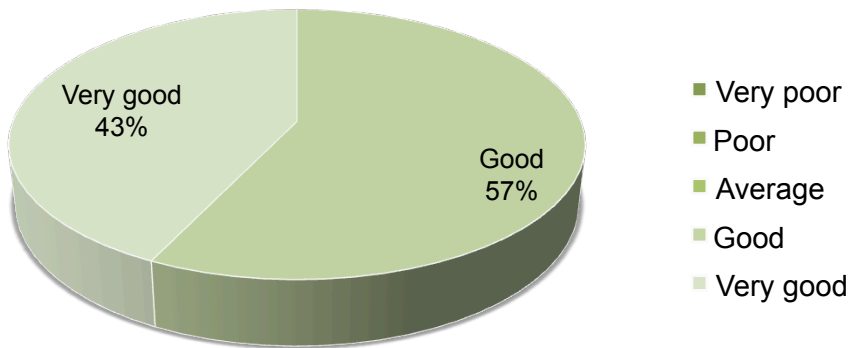
- Projection
- Breathing
- Confidence
- Body Language
- Working with Power Point
- Working with props
- Blocking and staging
- Dealing with audience interaction
- Preparing for giving a presentation

Participants also had the opportunity to ask questions, discuss their fears about giving presentations and pick the brains of the trainers about how they deal with giving presentations.

Guided Rehearsal Trainers



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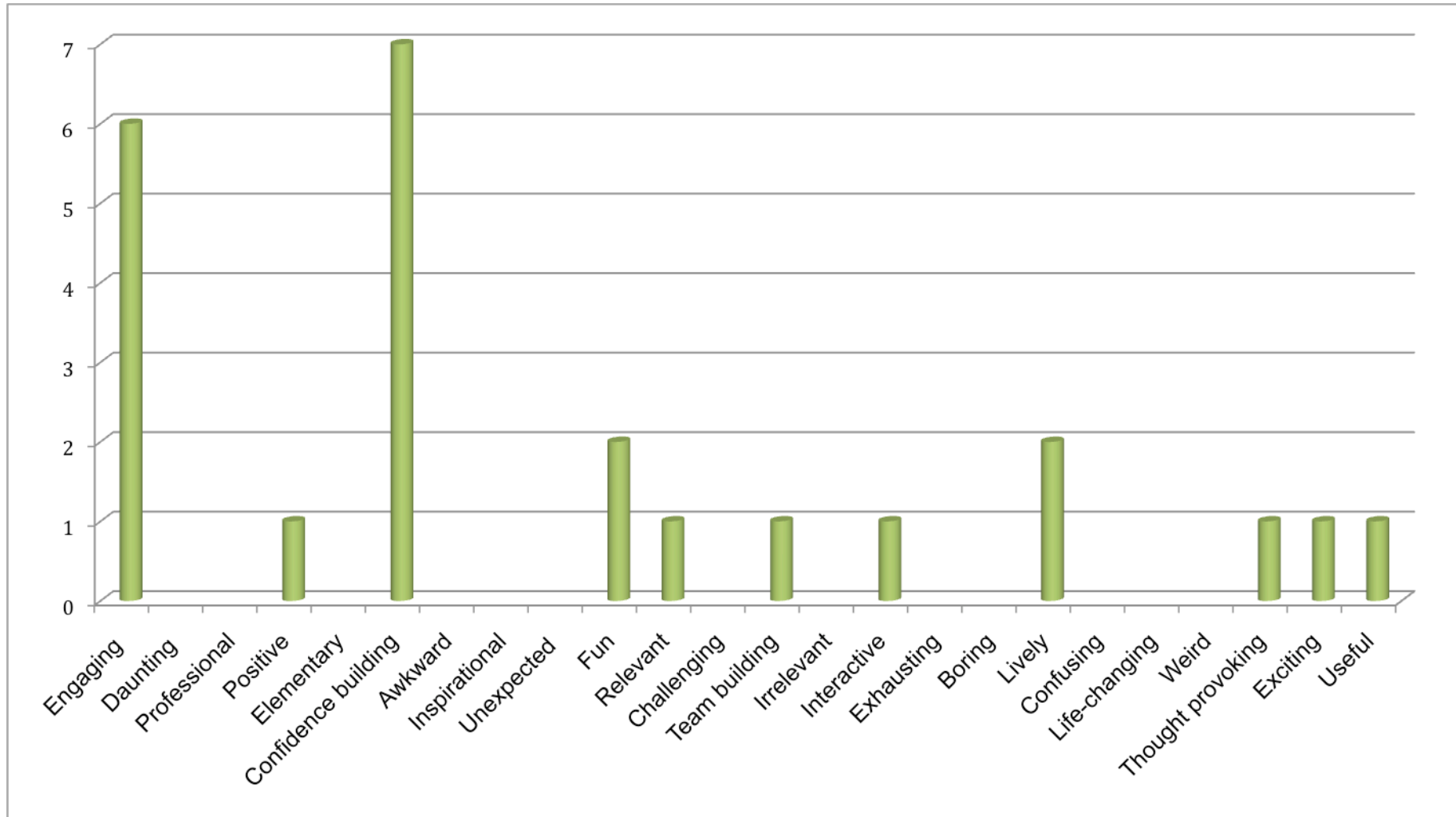
Guided Rehearsal

The guided rehearsal involved participants rehearsing sections of the People and Planet schools presentation with each other. They were encouraged to select their personal 'problem sections' and spent half an hour going through them with the trainers on hand to offer advise and support.

Participants then performed their sections back to the rest of the group and critiqued each other's performance. They were encouraged to give feedback in a constructive way using the 'feedback sandwich' method.

The performances were videoed and the videos of the participants performing the presentation will be sent to them via e-mail within a week of the training with feedback and suggestions for improvement.

People and Planet Presentation Skills Training: Participant Response to the Widening Communication experience.



What did you like about your Widening Communication experience?

Feel more confident, energised and capable, video afterwards with feedback is good

Enjoyed the enthusiasm of Dan and Jennifer - rubbed off onto participants. Was good fun

The chance to really practise - be put on the spot or rather challenged (but not at all intimidated!) Opportunity to reflect on body language

Singing / breathing exercises, chance to practice, very good trainers

Improvisation, creative!

Useful feedback to rehearsal, very targeted and relevant to the organisation and our roles

Feedback sandwiches for guided rehearsals

It was really good to run through the types of things we have to do, very tailored which was great

Really hands on and interactive

What didn't you like about your Widening Communication experience?

In the rehearsal bit you were well rehearsed but you could have got us to make bullet points on the cue cards before hand

Session over ran

At points it was not structured enough and meandered, this was great at times for more discursive moments (e.g. after guided rehearsals)- but for practical tools, e.g. blocking needed more structure

Improvisation - not a method I feel comfortable with (but I can still think on my feet in real situation)

Maybe a few more breaks, some handouts

My lack of knowledge about our own [people and planet] workshops

What did you learn through your Widening Communication experience?

That understanding the presentation allows me to think about what I'm doing and improve

Breathing tips. Advice on movement and hand gestures

Importance of breathing (!) and seeing myself as an "actor" playing a part

Breathing, projection, different approaches to calming techniques, communication

Interesting tips re: staging / blocking

Public speaking skills - body language, shit [feedback] sandwich

Techniques, what's good and bad. Cleared up queries.

Any other comments

Had a good time, and got a lot out of it

Jennifer - you're a much better singer than you made out!

The session was very relevant and targeted towards us. The presenters were encouraging, positive and inspiring, thanks!

Really enthusiastic and helpful trainers. Engaging & useful, they obviously know their stuff

Great facilitators, who were quick to point out their own faults but really emphasised the key messages. Super!

Lots of energy, got us all moving & engaged really well

(Role-play very good) especially how to deal with awkward & difficult characters in the audience

Thought it was a shame not to have more visual learning, maybe notes on flipchart? Was difficult to take it all in

Good breathing exercises and singing