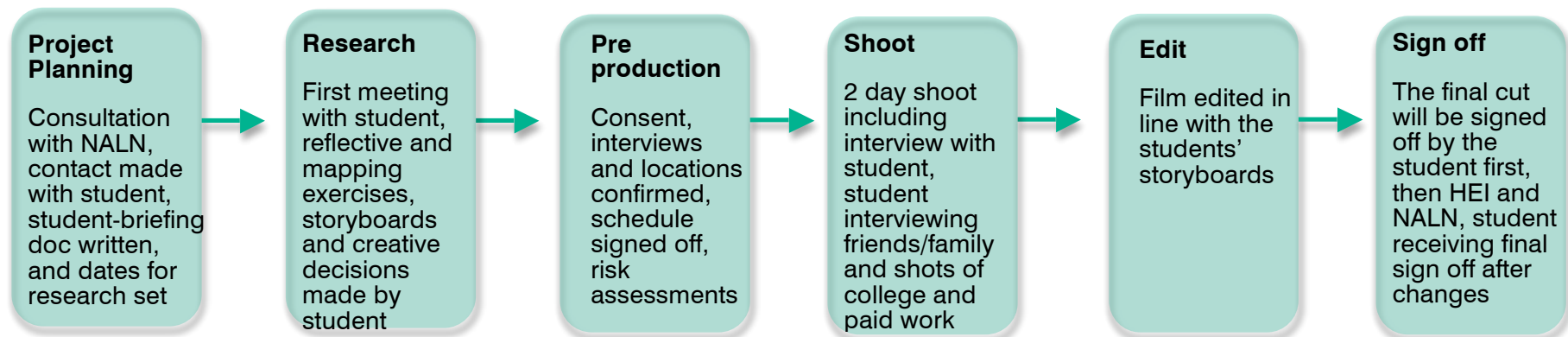


NALN student autobiographical films student feedback

Between November 2008 and February 2009 Widening Communication worked with four students from across the UK producing autobiographical films for the National Arts Learning Network (NALN). The aim was to enable creativity in the participating students, and let them feel ownership over the films produced as co-directors of the final pieces. The process was split into 6 sections:

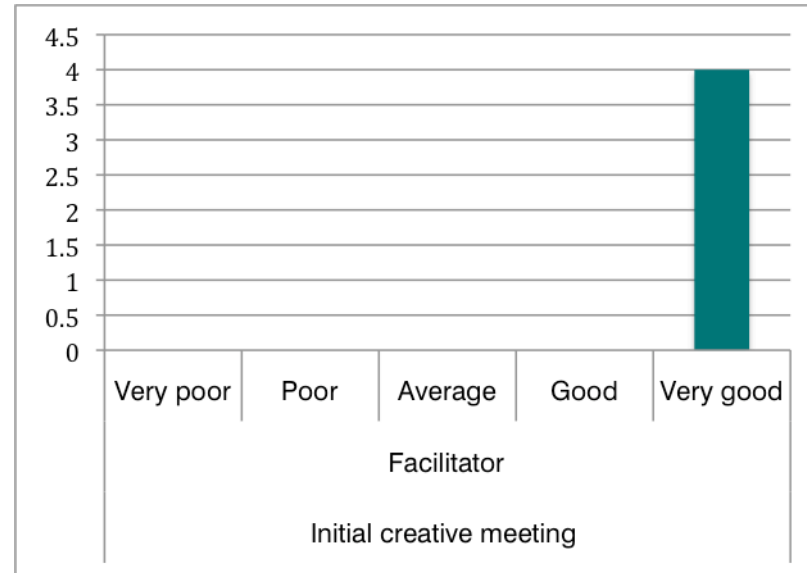
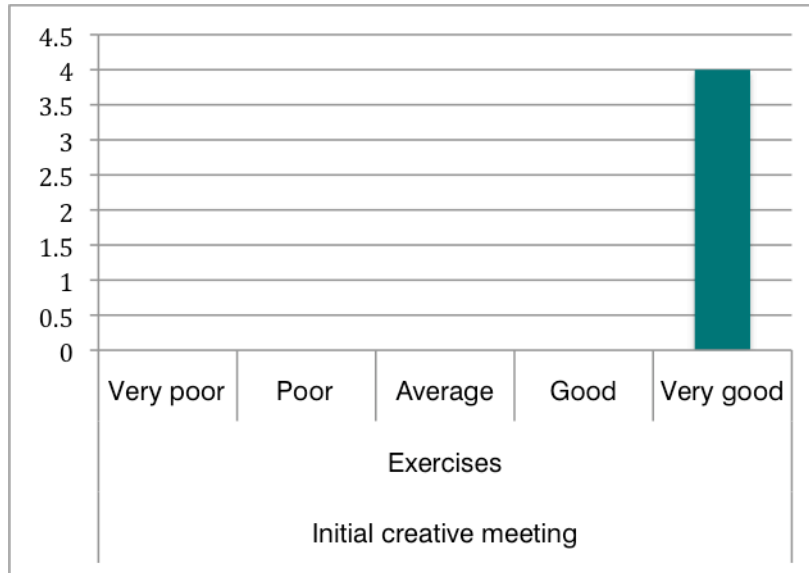


After the films had been screened the four participants were asked to fill in a two-page feedback form with three methods of feedback:

- Participants were asked to evaluate the three sections of the creative process assigning each section a mark out of the options *very poor, poor, average, good, and very good*. They were also asked if there were any additional comments they wanted to make about the creative process.
- Participants were asked circle three words from a list of 22 that they felt best described their 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 could we do differently to make your experience better?
 - What was fun about working with Widening Communication?

This document presents the feedback given by participants.

Initial Creative Meeting



Initial creative meeting additional comments:

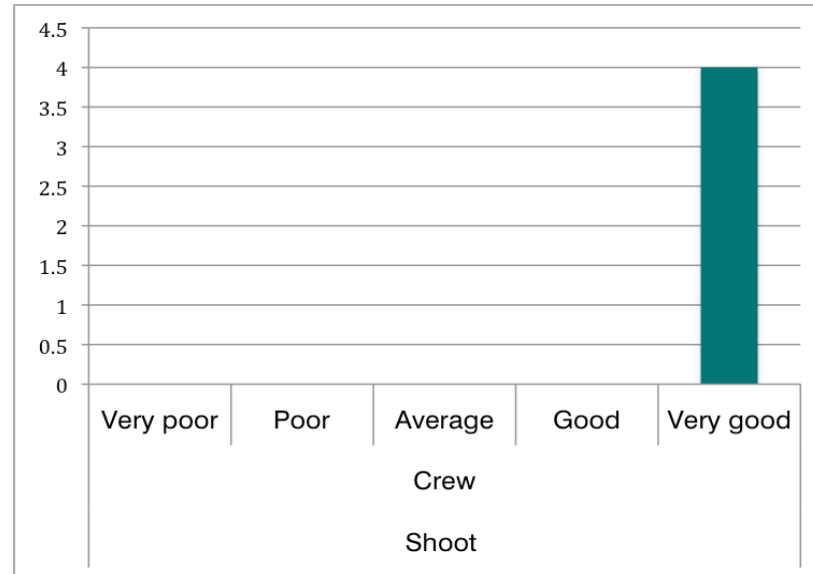
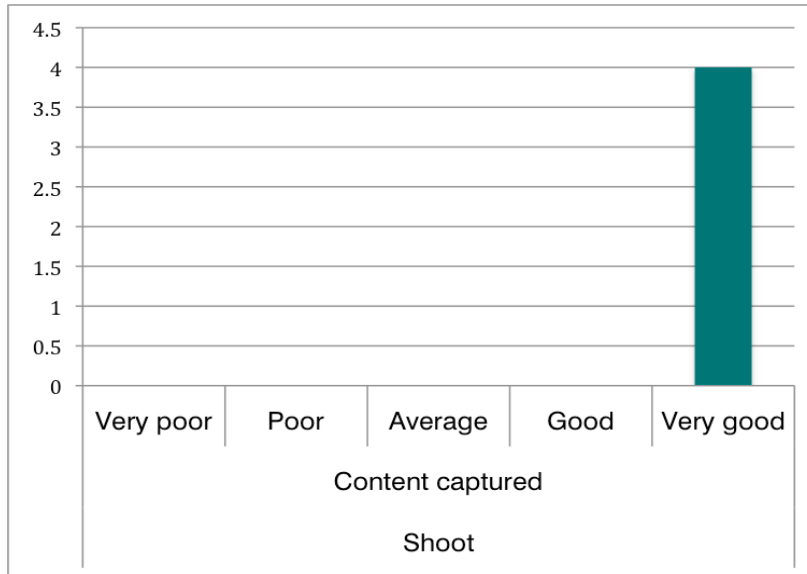
“Excellent!”

“Jennifer was amazingly accommodating. Truly an expert in communication as far as making people comfortable”

“I really enjoyed this session but also I learned a lot about myself”

“Very enjoyable and much easier than I thought it would be”

Shoot



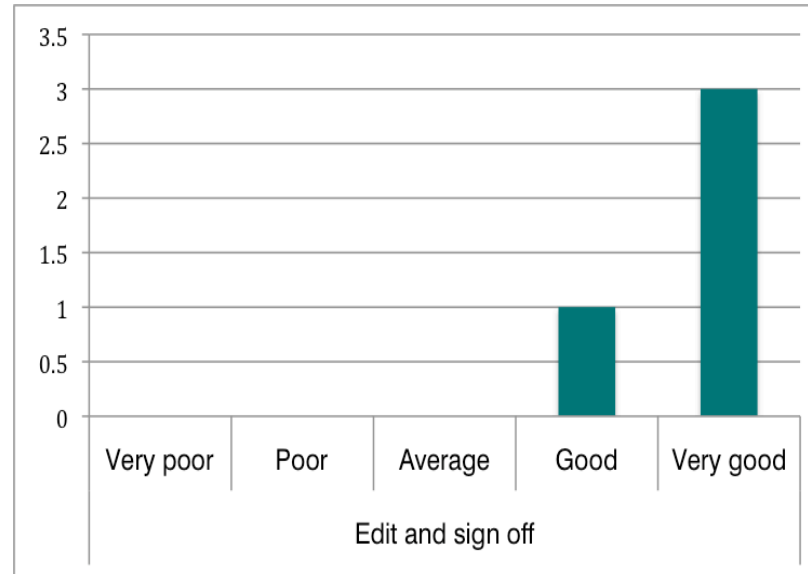
Shoot additional comments:

“The interaction with the crew is an invaluable part of this process”

“It was great to be able to go to my old college”

“Ideas and technical problems were both fulfilled and resolved with a giggle on the way!”

Edit and sign off



Edit and sign off additional comments:

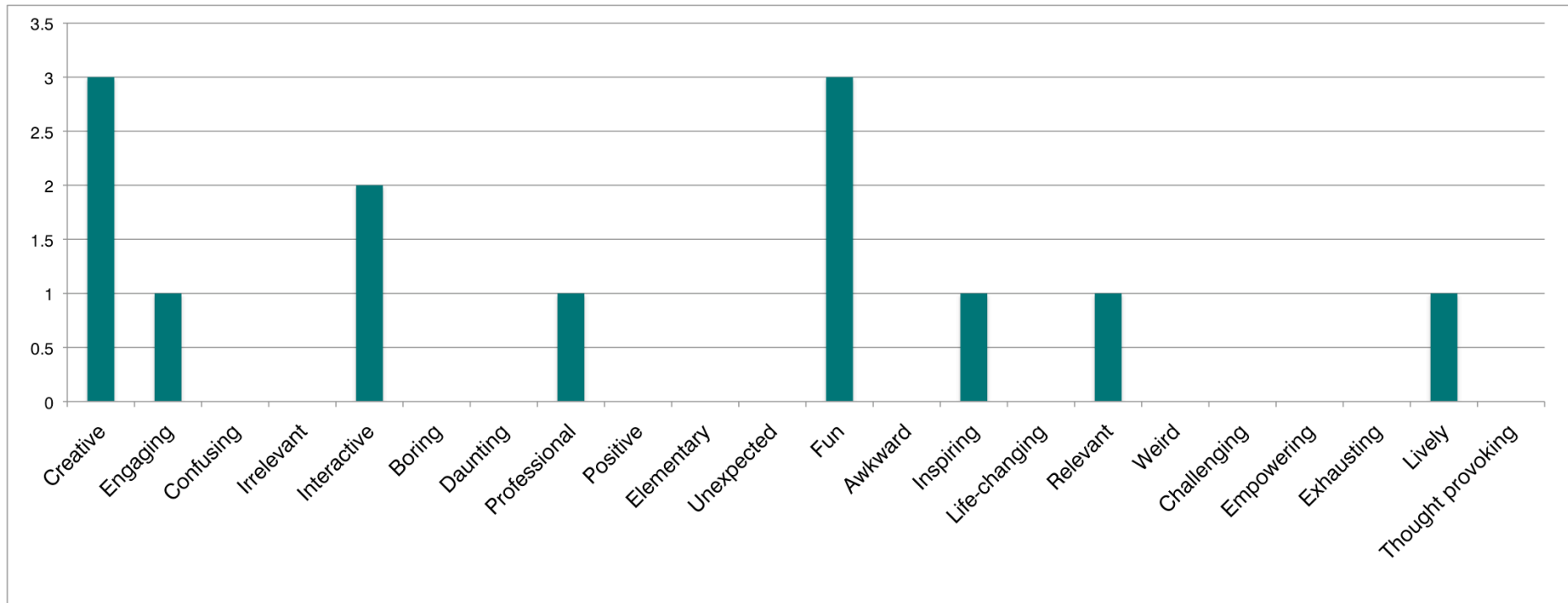
“Constant communication between editor, me and Jennifer. Couldn't be happier. We did have problems, but nothing unresolved.”

“I was very pleased about the end product”

“The edit was done really well, and fast! Was weird only seeing the final film on the day.”

“Very accommodating for personal preferences”

Participants were asked to circle three words to describe their experience (one participant of the three circled four though!)



What did you like about your Widening Communication experience?

“Friendly fun”

“I enjoyed the whole experience, I learnt so much about myself”

“Well I enjoyed creating the film about myself. I do not enjoy being in front of the camera but I loved this”

“The reflection and placement of my own experience on a wider social sphere”

What could we do differently to make your experience better?

“Give us more time with Jennifer and Dan, all be it unnecessary for the progression of the project, but would increase experience!”

“Nothing”

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

“Not much! The haste of the project... purely because I enjoyed working with Widening Communication. I do understand the nature of the film and need to have it ready quickly for NALN”

“Not applicable”

“Nothing”

What did you learn through your Widening Communication experience?

“Not to be frightened of being filmed and how it is a valuable tool for the future”

“I learnt a lot about myself”

“I learnt that you can do whatever you want to do”

“How to put a project together and what is involved in doing so”

What was fun about working with Widening Communication?

“Personalities of Widening Communication are fun”

“That it was all about my life”

“The process we went through to achieve the end product”

“The whole process was fun! Jennifer and Dan are fun people to work with; without it negating their professional practice”

Additional comments about working with Widening Communication

“I was honoured to work with Widening Communication; their ethos, their mission is an honourable one. I look forward to tracing their projectory and hopefully working with Jennifer and Dan in the future.”

“The process was a fabulous experience 'A blast that motivates you really' and makes you want to go further”

“I'm so glad to have be given this opportunity. I've really enjoyed my time spent with Jennifer and Dan”