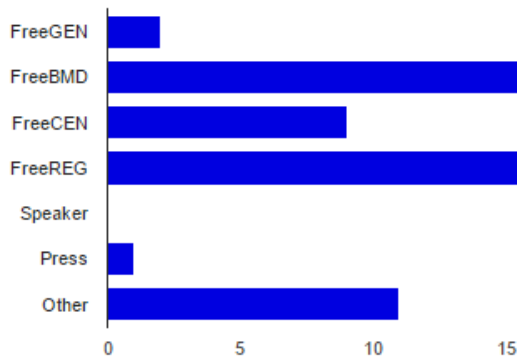


Feedback Responses from in Person Attendees to Conference on Sat 30th Jan 2016

81 people attended in person and 51 feedback responses were received.

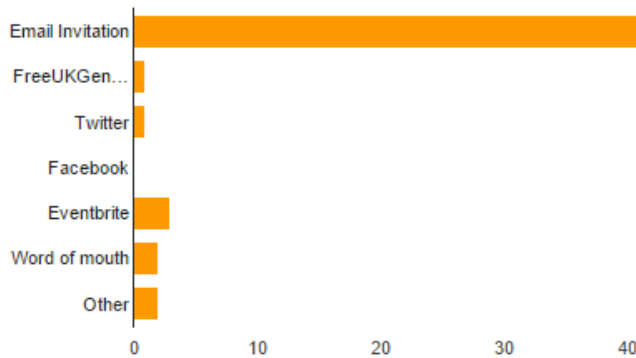
Summary

Which project/organisation are you a member of?



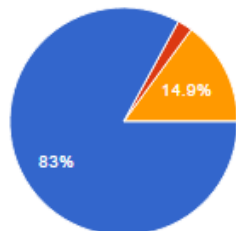
FreeGEN	2	3.9%
FreeBMD	20	39.2%
FreeCEN	9	17.6%
FreeREG	17	33.3%
Speaker	0	0%
Press	1	2%
Other	11	21.6%

How did you hear about the Conference?



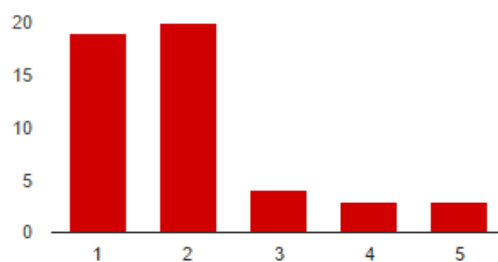
Email Invitation	43	84.3%
FreeUKGen Blog	1	2%
Twitter	1	2%
Facebook	0	0%
Eventbrite	3	5.9%
Word of mouth	2	3.9%
Other	2	3.9%

Did the event match your expectations?



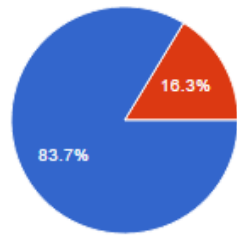
Yes	39	83%
No	1	2.1%
Other	7	14.9%

How was the overall organisation of the event?



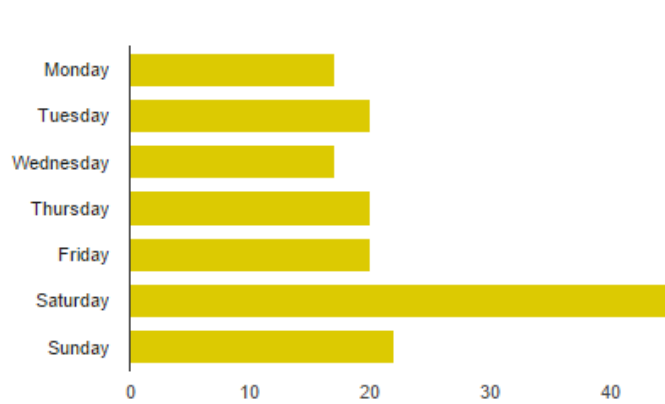
Excellent: 1	19	38.8%
2	20	40.8%
3	4	8.2%
4	3	6.1%
Poor: 5	3	6.1%

Was London an appropriate location for you?



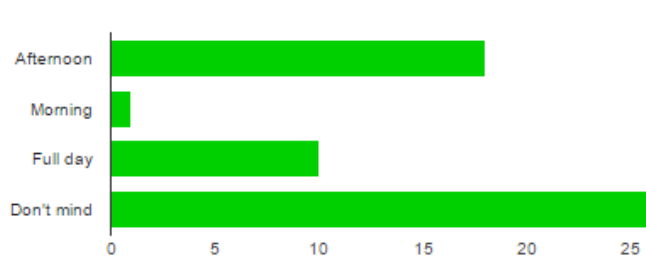
Yes	41	83.7%
Other	8	16.3%

What day(s) would be best to attend a conference for you?



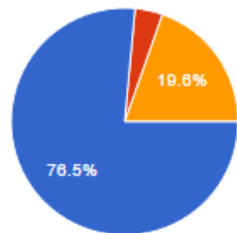
Monday	17	35.4%
Tuesday	20	41.7%
Wednesday	17	35.4%
Thursday	20	41.7%
Friday	20	41.7%
Saturday	45	93.8%
Sunday	22	45.8%

Is it best to have an afternoon conference, or would a full day, or a morning, be better?



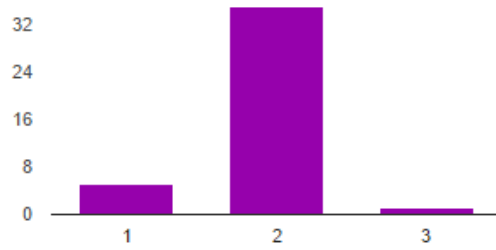
Afternoon	18	36%
Morning	1	2%
Full day	10	20%
Don't mind	26	52%

Was the mix of topics relevant?



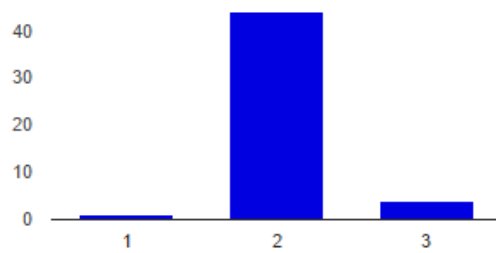
Yes	39	76.5%
No	2	3.9%
Other	10	19.6%

What did you think about the update section?



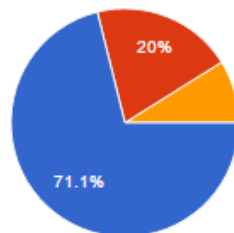
Too short:	1	5	12.2%
	2	35	85.4%
Too long:	3	1	2.4%

Were there enough speakers or too many?



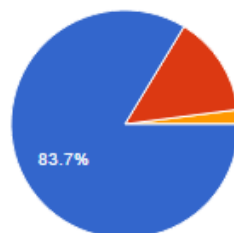
Too few:	1	1	2%
	2	44	89.8%
Too many:	3	4	8.2%

Were there enough opportunities for formal interaction and to ask questions?



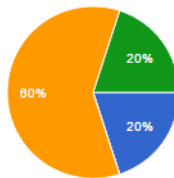
Yes	32	71.1%
No	9	20%
Other	4	8.9%

Were there enough opportunities to talk informally?



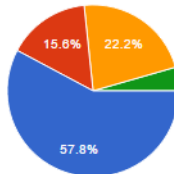
Yes	41	83.7%
No	7	14.3%
Other	1	2%

We chose a venue for 100 people, and had a small waiting list: should future conferences be for more, or fewer people?



More	10	20%
Fewer	0	0%
No opinion	30	60%
Other	10	20%

If applicable would you like an opportunity to meet just as your project group eg: FreeBMD, FreeCEN, FreeREG?



Yes	26	57.8%
No	7	15.6%
Not applicable	10	22.2%
Other	2	4.4%

What topics would you suggest for future conferences?

FutureLearn.org are about to do a Genealogy course

How to digitise more records, especially those currently held within local authority archives, that are paper-based

Perhaps need an open forum discussion of general points of interest (queries & issues for example)

News on Open Data success, problems. Software developments

Enlistment and better training for newbies

Further updates on future aspirations of the Board

Would like to see FreeBMD specific conference and a session in a wider conf.

For FreeREG I would like to discuss getting more co-operation from County Records Offices and how to have more volunteers working from the parish registers/bishop transcripts which are held at those places; how to increase the coverage of FreeREG to counties which are not barely transcribed at the moment.

FreeREG only - what steps are being taken to obtain registers for those consortium with no records to transcribe eg CAM/HUN/BED No registers=black holes

Intellectual Property Rights - How as a transcriber do I gain IPR? The original data is from National Archives and therefore is not my data.

Where are we going? How can we support transcribers better?

Merging of FreeUK data with National Archives data eg: Pre 1985BMD with post 1985 BMD data

Please provide any additional comments for future improvements.

Improve links on web pages to such as Online Parish Clerk or GenUKi

Some of the content was a bit 'techy'. eg Simon Tanner referred to the use of twitter in data exchange. I am not familiar with twitter and its uses. eg: Richard Light referred to XML/API/RDF/SIC/SHIC. I am not familiar with any of these so was gradually losing understanding of his talk as it progressed. Need a microphone for the Q&A session, so everyone can hear the questions and answers.

more easy access (too many stairs)

None - It was great, especially the cake

I didn't appreciate prior to attending, how relevant the programme was to me

I think there was a fascinating detailed discussion. It would be useful to have a list of pros and cons, if you do go Open Data, to clarify implications to transcribers

Thought Richard Light's presentation went on too long to make the point,

Sitting at the back of the hall I had to concentrate hard to hear everything being said - a little amplification would have been appreciated. Also, can each speaker ask for any questions before he completes his session

I see value in giving people a chance to meet but not sure any other purpose

Thanks for organising this !

Quite a lot of empty seats so it seems a pity that some people were on a waiting list (there is always a proportion who do not attend) note spelling error on programme. 3.45 -"led by" reads "lead" by. During the question session, camera was not on the right people.

Coffee and tea was provided in the library on arrival, but there were notices all over saying that coats and bags had to be left 'in the corner' nothing saying which corner but I also did not want to leave my bags and coat. We should have been warned about this rule beforehand. Also the library was too full of people. Many slides displayed from computers onto the wall were too small for me to be able read a lot of the text . Disability access appeared to be very poor. A lot of messing about with technology at the start of each talk and most of them were much shorter than the programme said they would be.

I am disabled and managed the Tower Room with help from the lift, stairs a bit difficult- disabled access something to consider? However a lovely venue I am glad I came! Loved the contributions of Simon Tanner & the Data video and John Sheridan.