



ADPH Annual Conference 2018

Disruptive Leadership

Event Evaluation

“Best one yet!”

This year’s Annual Conference was over-subscribed for the first time and, as ADPH President Jeanelle de Gruchy voiced in her opening speech, this suggests a “vibrant organisation, where people want to be a part of a body that learns, challenges and improves together”. The feedback received following the conference confirmed this, as over a quarter of delegates completed the evaluation form indicating that they found the event inspiring and informative.

The theme of the conference was considered energising, thought-provoking and challenging and over 95% of DsPH found the event to be a good use of their time. The speakers’ presentations were also well received by attendees, with The Health Foundation panel discussion and Prof Tim Lang’s talks highlighted as particularly stimulating.

The discussions and speakers clearly had a direct impact on delegates, with many identifying the need to reflect on their leadership style and approach. In particular, Dr Ben Maruthappu’s presentation on digital disruption was perceived as an interesting take on the challenges that leaders in the health sector are facing. Many attendees also resolved to share the learning with their wider public health teams and to review the source material and key references mentioned in presentations.

This was Jeanelle de Gruchy’s first Annual Conference as ADPH President and many delegates highlighted their appreciation for her opening speech and affinity with her vision on the future of the Association and of the role of DsPH. Upon request, the transcript has been published on the [ADPH website](#).

As always, attendees greatly valued the opportunity to network with colleagues and some also suggested more time allocated for this would improve the day. Other proposed improvements included more time for table discussions and more emphasis on the political responsibility of DsPH.

Thank you for all your valuable improvement suggestions which ADPH have noted and will consider when planning future events.