



ADPH Annual Conference 2019

Leading into the future: the role of the Director of Public Health

Event Evaluation

“An event that doesn’t tell you what to do, but provokes you to think about what needs to be done”

This year’s Annual Conference saw over 130 delegates come together for what was the biggest turnout in the Association’s history. Over half of the attendees completed evaluation forms, with almost all respondents agreeing they found the event to be a good use of their time, and that they learnt something new.

The day was considered to be thought-provoking, informative and inspiring and the speakers’ presentations were well received, with the morning session - Shaping Healthy Places - highlighted as being particularly stimulating.

The discussions and speakers had a lasting impact on delegates; attendees resolved to review the source material and key references mentioned in the presentations and to revisit their approach to planning healthy spaces. Additionally, the afternoon session on Responsible Leadership encouraged many DsPH to evaluate their approach to leadership, make more time for personal reflection and challenge themselves to think outside of the ‘public health bubble’.

Delegates also found ADPH President Jeanelle de Gruchy’s opening speech to be positive and motivating, and many commented on the friendly and supportive environment which characterised the day. The transcript from the opening speech can be viewed 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.

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

Attendee Testimonials:

“Thank you for a wonderful day. I feel both inspired and very well supported, personally and professionally.”

“Beneficial, helps to feel part of the public health community”

“Great event all round, nicely balanced agenda, time to network, time to learn”