



## Summary Report on IIDL Participants Evaluation 2019 Leadership Exchange – Washington, DC



Forty-one (41) responses, representing a 38% response rate, were received for this ninth IIDL Leadership Exchange. Just over two thirds of respondents attended for the first time. Two thirds of match hosts who responded were from the United States. Twenty-nine per cent of visitors who responded were from New Zealand, 24% from the US, 18% from Australia and 15% from Canada. Three percent of respondents were from Scotland and the same from Sweden. One participant from each of three other countries also completed the survey.

The overall picture of the Leadership Exchange is very positive. Suggestions for improvement and new topics are helpful for future events.

### ***Section 1: The Leadership ‘Match’***

Question	Response (0 = poor, 5 = excellent)
Quality of information sent by IIDL in preparation for the Match	88% rated 4 or 5
Quality of hosts’ preparation prior to the Match (e.g. contact made early, collaboration on agenda, information sent about host’s services)	90% rated 4 or 5

Question	Response (0 = poor, 5 = excellent)
3 key benefits from the Match (whether you were a host or visitor)?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Networking: discussions &amp; building new relationships</li> <li>2. Sharing ideas, innovations, resources &amp; best practices for leadership and change in the disability field</li> <li>3. Understanding the benefits and challenges of self-direction</li> </ol>
Assessment of the size of Match to contribute to learning	The preferred size of group was 3-10 people; 100% of those who preferred this size, rated it as 4 or 5. The next most highly rated size was 10-20 people.

## ***Section 2: The Network Meeting***

Question	Response (0 = poor, 5 = excellent)
Respondents rated the USA Leadership Session as:	69% rated 4 or 5
Respondents rated the Investment Strategies Session as:	60% rated 4 or 5
Respondents rated the Members Countries Panel as:	77% rated 4 or 5
Respondents rated the International Leadership Panel as:	73% rated 4 or 5
Respondents rated the Match Reports Session as:	63% rated 4 or 5
Respondents rated the Innovations Market Place as:	61% rated 4 or 5
Top 3 highlights	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening and closing presentations and cultural elements</li> <li>2. Continued networking from the matches along with meeting new people</li> <li>3. Hearing about issues facing other countries and seeing the high degree of commonality</li> </ol>
Two things that could be improved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Physical and visual accessibility: leaving the hotel for lunches and the App</li> <li>2. Have country specific meetings to get to know who is there and allow for advertising of interests on the App for leaders to plan their own discussions</li> </ol>
The venue	71% rated 4 or 5
Opportunity to network	92% rated 4 or 5

Question	Response (0 = poor, 5 = excellent)
Relevance of the content to your work?	95% rated 4 or 5

***Section 3 Ongoing IIDL activities BETWEEN Leadership Exchanges***

Question	Response
Respondents were involved in one or more IIMHL topic/theme-related collaborations/activities	51% Yes
Able to tap into international expertise	97% Yes
Ongoing contact with people met	83% Yes

***Section 4 Planning for the 2017 Exchange***

Seven people offered to host in Australia or New Zealand. Twelve suggestions were given as recommended topic areas for Matches. This information has been forwarded to those organizing Christchurch 2021.

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