



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

Educating Our Black Children Learning from Success Conference

Saturday 6th June 2009, University of Derby

Conference Evaluation and Feedback

150 people attended the conference and 28 (whom were teachers, parents, students or did not say) returned their evaluation sheet. There was an overall rating of 67% excellent, 61% thought the venue was excellent and 39% thought the conference pack was excellent.

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Unsatisfactory
Henry Kulaya	39%	42%		
Paul Obinna	85%	11%		
Drummers	25%	46%	4%	

Comments / reflections on speakers:

- Brilliant and inspiring.
- Good information on community resources and how exclusion affects others
- Excellent project and message
- Thank you to Mr Seller for his input.
- I was pleased that the visit to Jamaican schools was included.
- I know Conferences are expensive but it does keep the issues on the agenda.
- The theme was a great focus.
- A lot of action points for everyone to take on board.
- Good to have national and local representatives.
- I think the event was excellent – there is a need for us to be inspired and attending an event such as this certainly does that.
- I would have liked Paul to be more specific on how to protect my son from all this stuff.
- Very educational and powerful. Knowledge to take away.
- Henry was good and delivered a good speech but Paul must have been born with an encyclopedia in his mind, he knows everything, he was excellent.
- Very good as usual, venue was cold – should be become a yearly event – people forget at times due to it being every 2 years.
- Well spoken – a bit rushed!
- All the speakers did a brilliant job.
- Paul Obinna was absolutely fantastic
- Speakers spoke well and gave a good and clear presentation
- The keynote sessions were great, we could do with more time and an opportunity for questions from parents and children following these sessions.
- Thoroughly enjoyed the day. Felt it was a shame that more schools were not represented.
- Very motivating/knowledgeable.
- Drummers excellent
- Room too large for the drummers

Of the 28 evaluation forms that were returned only 17 people made reference to the quality of workshops attended:

Workshops 1 & 2	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Unsatisfactory
Black Boys Can	4%			
M.O.M.A; Mothers Offering Meaningful Actions	4%	4%	13%	
MBA; Men of Black Ancestry	4%	26%	4%	
PRU	4%			
Open Doors				
Derby Black Parent Forum	4%	4%		
Junction 16				
Black History	86%	13%		
Youth Service				

Comments / reflections on workshops:

- MBA, organise it first, a bit messy but ok. Make more uplifting and provide more information
- Black History – very useful and covering good range of information.
- Meaningful Action – was overtaken by people in the group. Speaker needs to be more bespoke and more confident about promoting the group.
- Some workshops poorly attended.
- Timescale was an issue, 30 minutes as opposed to 1 hour.
- Workshops were very good.
- Black Boys Can workshop was good, learned a lot from it.
- Excellent
- Parenting workshop needed more time – I found I did not have time to say what I wanted to say.
- Black History – excellent
- Paul Obinna – excellent as always – knowledgeable, funny, entertaining, deep, conscious brother.
- Interesting – a good way to interact with other people
- Very interesting – would have been useful to have school statistics from Derby in comparison with other Local Authorities.
- I attended Paul Obinna’s workshop in the morning and was so inspired that I attended it in the afternoon as well.
- Fantastic!
- Need to improve on keeping to time and the flow of the programme

Any topics you would like the next conference to address:

- Slavery
- More positives about black people (singers, dancers)
- Black inventors
- A slot in the agenda for parents.
- The Jamaica experience was good. It would be nice to get feedback on the experience of Jamaican teachers of the education system in Derby when all exchange visits have taken place.
- Black Achievers workshop – for young people to identify and get more history/knowledge.
- Relationships
- Religion
- Every year event – would be willing to pay a fee
- Anything that will help me to successfully inspire the education of my boys to become great men
- More information on Dual heritage children/young people in education. Specific issues relating to them. Bradley Lincoln of the Multiple Heritage Project in Manchester will advise you.
- Groups need to link more with each other, funding made more accessible – information limited.

How did you find out about the conference?

- Local authority.
- Through friends/family members.
- A work colleague/working at school
- Through our child's school.
- Word of mouth.
- Lorna Simpson
- Mailings, leaflets.
- My parents