

**Feedback from the Public Engagement Discussion Event
Explore at Bristol, 26 November 2009**

Feedback is either averaged or representative from the 33 written feedback forms that were completed.

Attendees: 50 of a possible 80

Gender: Male 52%, Female 42%, (no answer 6%)

Age group: (16-19) 30%, (20-29) 21%, (30-39) 12%, (40-49) 9%, (50-59) 9%, (60-70) 15%

What did you like about this event?

"The structure, talk at the beginning and then conversations with groups"

"Science made accessible by experts"

"Opportunity to discuss with strangers"

What did dislike about this event?

"Would have liked a bit more introduction and lecture"

"Not enough time to get into the discussion properly"

How could we improve future events?

"Make it a bit longer - otherwise very good!"

"Maybe have prompt cards on the table to ensure conversations stay on point"

"Give a list of further reading"

In what ways has this event improved your understanding of Synthetic Biology?

"Less concerned about the risks and ethical concerns"

"Want to know more"

"Much greater potential for good than I realised before. Less dangerous than many new and old technologies."

"I hadn't thought before how far the technology could go - synthetic humans?"

The following are averaged from responses the following possible responses:

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree Disagree Strongly disagree

I found the event interesting:	Strongly agree
The scientists took the time to find out what I was interested in:	Agree
The scientists pitched their explanations at the right level for me:	Agree
I have a better understanding of the relevance of this research to my life:	Agree
This event has made me more interested in Synthetic Biology:	Agree