





Raising the Participation Age (RPA) Learning event - 30 March 2012





1. Your Details

		Response Percent	Response Count
Name:		100.0%	22
Position:		100.0%	22
Organisation:		100.0%	22
Email Address		100.0%	22
answered question			22
skipped question			2

2. How would you rate the event?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Overall event	33.3% (8)	62.5% (15)	4.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	24
Venue and facilities	17.4% (4)	65.2% (15)	17.4% (4)	0.0% (0)	23
Speakers	25.0% (6)	62.5% (15)	12.5% (3)	0.0% (0)	24
Workshops	29.2% (7)	50.0% (12)	20.8% (5)	0.0% (0)	24
Event organisation on the day	39.1% (9)	60.9% (14)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	23
Booking and pre-event information	34.8% (8)	56.5% (13)	8.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	23
answered question					24
skipped question					0

3. Overall was the event

		Response Percent	Response Count
Helpful and informative		95.8%	23
Covering familiar issues		4.2%	1
Could be better		0.0%	0

Comments 11

answered question 24

skipped question 0

4. What did you particularly enjoy about the day?

	Response Count
	24
answered question	24
skipped question	0

5. How can we improve on the content or the format of the day?

	Response Count
	18
answered question	18
skipped question	6

6. What are your thoughts on the individual presentations?

	Worked well	Could be improved	Response Count
Introductory presentation 1: RPA context and implementation - Department for Education, Andy Effinger & Alice Lakeman	73.9% (17)	26.1% (6)	23
Introductory presentation 2: RPA & the London context - London Councils YPES, Yolande Burgess	100.0% (23)	0.0% (0)	23
NATCEN presentation	42.1% (8)	57.9% (11)	19

Please comment on what worked well and how sessions could be improved

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answered question	23
skipped question	1

7. What are your thoughts on the workshop sessions? (please complete for the sessions you attended)

	Worked well	Could be improved	Response Count
Workshop 1: RONI, managed learning transfer and Apprenticeship pathway - Graeme Ferguson	83.3% (10)	16.7% (2)	12
Workshop 2: New models and approaches to delivering IAG - Debra Norton	70.0% (7)	30.0% (3)	10
Workshop 3: Jobs with training pilots; Work Pairing and L-earn - Caroline McKiddie	81.8% (9)	18.2% (2)	11
Workshop 4: Establishing support mechanisms; a focus on retention and progression - Sally Burnett	60.0% (6)	40.0% (4)	10

Please comment on what worked well and how sessions could be improved

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answered question	22
skipped question	2

8. What are your thoughts on the planning sessions? (please complete for the session that you attended)

	Worked well	Could be improved	Response Count
Beginning of the RPA Journey (Room 2/3) - Leigh Sandals	55.6% (5)	44.4% (4)	9
Middle of the RPA Journey (Room 1) - Simon Day	80.0% (4)	20.0% (1)	5
Phase 4 Trial Boroughs (Room 10) - Diana Choulerton and Sally Burnett	37.5% (3)	62.5% (5)	8

Please comment on what worked well and how sessions could be improved

12

answered question	20
skipped question	4

9. What have you learned that will benefit your local borough?

Response Count

22

answered question	22
skipped question	2



10. What would you like to discuss at the next RPA event?

Response Count



16

answered question	16
skipped question	8


11. How regularly would you like us to arrange pan-London RPA events?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Termly		45.5%	10
Six-monthly		54.5%	12
Annually		0.0%	0
answered question			22
skipped question			2

12. Would you like London Councils to host a RPA 'sharing' space on our website?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		95.2%	20
No		4.8%	1
answered question			21
skipped question			3

13. Will you contribute to this space?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		100.0%	20
No		0.0%	0
answered question			20
skipped question			4

Page 2, Q3. Overall was the event

1	I thought it was inspirational! Even though I had been to the Swindon event there were still new things to learn. THANKS!	Apr 19, 2012 1:48 PM
2	very useful and good combination of overview and detail	Apr 10, 2012 10:32 AM
3	Very useful introductory presentations	Apr 10, 2012 8:33 AM
4	All very relevant and timely.	Apr 3, 2012 10:31 AM
5	whilst the workshops were informative, I think presenters could give some thought as to the advice they could give to other areas that haven't had the advantage of three years funding.	Apr 3, 2012 9:41 AM
6	It was very useful and helpful in moving forward. I learnt about areas that still need developing.	Apr 2, 2012 2:54 PM
7	A mixture of familiar and unfamiliar (but useful) information. Some interesting solutions to some very specific issues - which I will follow up.	Apr 2, 2012 1:34 PM
8	very good sharing of practice	Apr 2, 2012 1:30 PM
9	The event gave some good models of delivery ideas (sharing good practice).	Apr 2, 2012 1:08 PM
10	I would have liked the agenda out earlier as I would like to have brought some mother members of the team.	Apr 2, 2012 12:57 PM
11	Realise it was officially a DFE event, but would have been helpful if we could have booked through London Councils site.	Apr 2, 2012 12:30 PM

Page 2, Q4. What did you particularly enjoy about the day?

1	Debra Norton Seeing what other local authorities had done and were planning to do for RPA	Apr 19, 2012 1:48 PM
2	Avery useful day that consolidated and increased my knowledge it was great to hear from other people about what stag they were at in the process.	Apr 10, 2012 1:07 PM
3	hearing updates from other areas	Apr 10, 2012 12:38 PM
4	meeting other colleagues from other LAs	Apr 10, 2012 10:32 AM
5	Initial presentations	Apr 10, 2012 8:33 AM
6	The sharing of best practice from the Workshops.	Apr 4, 2012 3:12 PM
7	An opportunity to hear how other boroughs are working towards implementation.	Apr 4, 2012 7:48 AM
8	The workshops and the opportunities to discuss and share.	Apr 3, 2012 12:56 PM
9	Networking opportunities in the current climate are always most welcome.	Apr 3, 2012 10:31 AM
10	Updates from the DfE and the London Context. Also the action planning workshop.	Apr 3, 2012 9:41 AM
11	The faciliator was excellent	Apr 2, 2012 2:54 PM
12	Sally Burnett, Swindon Graham Furguson - both offered useful and practical solutions and examples	Apr 2, 2012 2:17 PM
13	Useful to hear what other London boroughs are doing, realised that perhaps we're not as far behind as I feared.	Apr 2, 2012 2:15 PM
14	Possibly, the knowledge that we are not alone in being where we are: that we are further ahead in some respects but behind in others.	Apr 2, 2012 1:34 PM
15	Get an overall sense of the national and London picture and learning from the East Sussex and Derby experience which was really helpful. Helpful documentation	Apr 2, 2012 1:30 PM
16	Workshops with real examples of work that is being done around London and surrounding areas.	Apr 2, 2012 1:08 PM
17	The workshops were very good	Apr 2, 2012 1:00 PM
18	Networking with other boroughs.	Apr 2, 2012 12:59 PM
19	Heraing first hand experience form others.	Apr 2, 2012 12:57 PM
20	workshops - useful to hear how other boroughs have tackled some issues especially around getting internal departments to understand what RPA is and what it means in the wider context	Apr 2, 2012 12:55 PM
21	The decisive and charismatic leadership of London Councils inspired confidence in authorities' ability to work together and helped officers feel that they will be well supported in the RPA journey	Apr 2, 2012 12:51 PM
22	Both of the workshops led by RPA trial boroughs (East Sussex and Derby) were extremely helpful and had useful input from other participants as well	Apr 2, 2012 12:44 PM

Page 2, Q4. What did you particularly enjoy about the day?

as the presenters.

23	Hearing what other trial areas had been up too, in more detail than ever possible at national RPA trial workshops Chance to network RPA issues	Apr 2, 2012 12:30 PM
24	Workshops - info from other boroughs outside London Practical info on RONI and privacy notices	Apr 2, 2012 12:28 PM

Page 2, Q5. How can we improve on the content or the format of the day?

1	Can't think of anything	Apr 19, 2012 1:48 PM
2	I think most attendees wanted to attend all the workshops and were keen to really ask questions about a whole manner of things, so maybe more time spent with trial areas/RPA leaders covering a variety of discussions points (Rather than specific workshop titles). Also attendees very keen to have 'tools' so maybe trial areas should bring some of theses with them on the day.	Apr 10, 2012 12:38 PM
3	room for lunch is too narrow!	Apr 10, 2012 10:32 AM
4	One of the workshops that I attended would have benefited from greater planning.	Apr 10, 2012 8:33 AM
5	I was a little surprised that none of the Workshops included best practice from the London pilots, unless this has been covered in a previous event that I have missed.	Apr 4, 2012 3:12 PM
6	The day was well paced.	Apr 3, 2012 12:56 PM
7	All good	Apr 3, 2012 10:31 AM
8	Ensure data is up to date.	Apr 2, 2012 2:54 PM
9	Not helpful to divide us into fast medium and slow groups - I felt that I missed out in my group (streaming - not good teaching practice by the way!)	Apr 2, 2012 2:17 PM
10	The workshops dragged on rather and could have been shorter. The planning session was also rather long. I think the whole day could have been pacier and shorter.	Apr 2, 2012 2:15 PM
11	Thought it worked well - although it is not the best room for visual presentations.	Apr 2, 2012 1:34 PM
12	Content was good	Apr 2, 2012 1:08 PM
13	lobby the DfE to provide better speakers	Apr 2, 2012 1:00 PM
14	Use a room that did not have pillars around which to peer.	Apr 2, 2012 12:57 PM
15	Perhaps give speakers from the Department tighter briefs	Apr 2, 2012 12:51 PM
16	Input from other participating boroughs as well as local leaders might well have been beneficial. In the future it could also be worth thinking of combining workshops by theme of delivery (IAG, RONI, targeted support, etc).	Apr 2, 2012 12:44 PM
17	It was fine	Apr 2, 2012 12:30 PM
18	Last session on action planning was not so helpful - need to plan in own borough not so relevant to discuss in open forum	Apr 2, 2012 12:28 PM

Page 3, Q1. What are your thoughts on the individual presentations?

1	Difficulty with data not matching up	Apr 10, 2012 12:41 PM
2	some detail needed adding - DfE should be able to answer all questions at this stage	Apr 10, 2012 10:34 AM
3	Andy Effinger was very abrupt and I felt unfamiliar with the area and the learners we are working with and was authoritative in blaming local authorities for current performance	Apr 2, 2012 2:56 PM
4	Andy Effinger explained well, Yo is always excellent. NATCEN presentation seemed a little 'thin'	Apr 2, 2012 2:22 PM
5	Unexpected focus of Introduction presentation 2 on the statistics it used - was this deliberate. It felt odd. NATCEN, good as it was, did not seem to add a great deal. A helpful stocktake/benchmark - but not particularly useful otherwise.	Apr 2, 2012 1:41 PM
6	Workshops were great, but the room was not the best layout as I could not hear some of the presentation and some of the workshop.	Apr 2, 2012 1:29 PM
7	needed more depth on enforcement and what this might actually mean for LAs. Natcen presentation was too highlevel to be of real use in the form presented. still interesting though.	Apr 2, 2012 1:00 PM
8	The tone and direction of the first presentation was out of touch with the rest of the event	Apr 2, 2012 12:54 PM
9	The NATCEN presentation, whilst it was helpful to know that the research was happening, probably needed a little longer to be developed. Both others, however, were very useful.	Apr 2, 2012 12:50 PM
10	NATCEN presentation didn't add info - it was how boroughs who responded to questionnaire - how they perceived themselves	Apr 2, 2012 12:32 PM

Page 3, Q2. What are your thoughts on the workshop sessions? (please complete for the sessions you attended)

1	The RONI workshop was interesting and gave suggestions as to what would be valuable to include. Workshop 4 didn't provide me with any new avenues to explore.	Apr 3, 2012 1:06 PM
2	Both sessions informative and interactive. Good sized groups to allow everyone to be involved and have questions answered.	Apr 3, 2012 10:34 AM
3	Could have been shorter and more focused on what worked well and could be built on by other authorities. Tended to be very descriptive of what they had done rather than evaluative.	Apr 2, 2012 2:19 PM
4	Need a 'did not attend' option. W2 helpful. W3 needed to be a bit more structured. As a potential solution I wanted far more detail about the technical details. I would have liked to attend W4 - and would like the materials.	Apr 2, 2012 1:41 PM
5	I did struggle to hear all the presentation, but what I did hear was good and the handouts filled the gaps.	Apr 2, 2012 1:29 PM
6	Both Graeme and Caroline presented what had and hadn't worked in their RPA trials in an engaging and participative way.	Apr 2, 2012 12:50 PM
7	The IAG probably could have been planned a bit better. It was a good chance for colleagues to ask questions but didn't tell me enough about how they did what they did, what they have learnt and how it can apply to our situation. Also went over time	Apr 2, 2012 12:33 PM
8	Excellent interactive sessions opportunity to ask questions	Apr 2, 2012 12:32 PM

Page 3, Q3. What are your thoughts on the planning sessions? (please complete for the session that you attended)

1	Rather too much time spent on what everyone was doing, at the beginning. Might have been better to ask people what their hopes and fears were (!) so that the trial people could consider how these could be addressed.	Apr 19, 2012 1:49 PM
2	It was a bit of an information giving at length session in a very hot room, rather than a strategic discussion.	Apr 4, 2012 3:15 PM
3	In hindsight, thre morning workshop made me feel that we were less ahead with this than we actually were; therefore I was probably better of attending the middle workshop where I might learn more than I did. However, it was good to hear other LA's progress and focus.	Apr 3, 2012 1:06 PM
4	Good to hear what other trial areas are planning.	Apr 3, 2012 10:34 AM
5	Please see my comment above. I found the first part of the session too slow for me and the initial 10/15 minutes not helpful. However, I was lucky in that Graham Furguson was supporting this session and was able to run a work shop within a workshop for a considerable number of us	Apr 2, 2012 2:22 PM
6	Worked well when the facilitator was actualally sitting with us but otherwise we tended to drift off the subject as we had too much time	Apr 2, 2012 2:19 PM
7	Felt the facilitation needed to be stronger - not terribly structured and I didn't really get much from this (other than a cut down RONI session).	Apr 2, 2012 1:41 PM
8	Timescale a bit compressed	Apr 2, 2012 1:32 PM
9	Some good ideas	Apr 2, 2012 1:29 PM
10	Through no fault of anyone, the introductory part of the session ended up taking half the time - people need to consider how to introduce their trial work more succinctly! However after this we were able to usefully compare notes and some helpful suggestions came out of the session.	Apr 2, 2012 12:50 PM
11	We could have improved this if we had planned it in advance I think.	Apr 2, 2012 12:33 PM
12	Session focussed on LLDD - useful info exchange but action planning needs to be done with other LA colleagues within own borough	Apr 2, 2012 12:32 PM

Page 4, Q1. What have you learned that will benefit your local borough?

1	That we need to achieve some of our action plan through other teams and by harnessing the expertise of other local authorities. That it will be an evolving process, that will continue through the first year of RPA (particularly given that some trials are now in phase 4)	Apr 19, 2012 1:50 PM
2	usefully to have a wider overview and ideas about implementation and improvements	Apr 10, 2012 1:09 PM
3	other ideas to help communicate RPA; payslips, apprenticeship/RPA roadshows which are lead by YP. RPA app.	Apr 10, 2012 12:45 PM
4	ideas about some useful activities we could consider; info. about funding and the importance of giving it a much higher profile.	Apr 10, 2012 10:36 AM
5	Ideas for actions withing RPA plan	Apr 10, 2012 8:35 AM
6	The information I gained from the Workshops was very useful.	Apr 4, 2012 3:24 PM
7	Workshop 1's RONI database - example to take forward as borough level.	Apr 3, 2012 1:16 PM
8	Have gained some ideas related to employer engagement which might be used in our own developments.	Apr 3, 2012 10:36 AM
9	Ensuring that we include internal orgs in planning	Apr 2, 2012 2:57 PM
10	I would like to put in motion some of the processes from the workshops	Apr 2, 2012 2:40 PM
11	Some ideas on data issues What to include in a RONI	Apr 2, 2012 2:21 PM
12	Helpful opportunity to share the range of issues and potential solutions. But I need time to digest the messages of the day.	Apr 2, 2012 1:52 PM
13	Contexting wher others are at particularly around key issue of unknowns	Apr 2, 2012 1:33 PM
14	Models of delivery	Apr 2, 2012 1:30 PM
15	We came away with some good ideas that we can use locally, although the pilots did have funding, so there was an incentive for schools to become involved. We don't have any funding, so it will be harder to engage our schools, and this did come across from a lot of workshop participants	Apr 2, 2012 1:03 PM
16	we are not alone and many others are coming up with some good sugestions.	Apr 2, 2012 1:02 PM
17	Clearer picture of data collection and analysis needs	Apr 2, 2012 12:59 PM
18	working across internal departments & developing IAG spec for targeted service	Apr 2, 2012 12:59 PM
19	Tracking the unknowns	Apr 2, 2012 12:54 PM
20	Lots of potential models of delivery for targeted support and NEET reduction provision; planning tools for overall RPA work; useful contacts.	Apr 2, 2012 12:52 PM
21	In particular more detail about the "Work Pairing" and "L-earn" projects delivery and funding approaches which will hlep inform our Addressing Gaps in Provision tendering and successful provider support approaches.	Apr 2, 2012 12:39 PM

22 Info on Privacy notices and RONI - how to implement

Apr 2, 2012 12:34 PM

Page 4, Q2. What would you like to discuss at the next RPA event?

1	Not Knowns! Targeted interventions Tracking	Apr 19, 2012 1:50 PM
2	It would be good to have the workshops Themed as opposed to individual LA projects but with more than one LA presenting. The themes could be around the 6 DfE blocks with two or more LAs saying what work they have done. There could be two workshops offered in a half-day event e.g. half the Boroughs attend the two workshops in the morning the other half in the afternoon. The Boroughs are again split in to two and attend both workshops in their half-day event. The workshops were the most important aspect of the day, so focussing the RPA events on these would be most useful.	Apr 4, 2012 3:24 PM
3	London borough strategies for RPA. Any cross borough work as exemplars for others. Feedback from pilots.	Apr 3, 2012 1:16 PM
4	Not sure at this point but like the focus on sharing practical examples.	Apr 3, 2012 10:36 AM
5	interborough working, more information sharing on young people educated outside their borough and exploring the development of home host arrangements. UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETTING DATA MORE ON WORK WITH EMPLOYERS	Apr 3, 2012 9:46 AM
6	Further examples of data collection and how these have been used to identify at risk students. Further examples of how these have been implemented. Further types of new provision (mainstream) that have been commissioned Examples of supported employment for students with LDD that are cost effective	Apr 2, 2012 2:40 PM
7	Progress reports from the new trial areas in London	Apr 2, 2012 2:21 PM
8	I'll let you know.	Apr 2, 2012 1:52 PM
9	Further examples of developing practice	Apr 2, 2012 1:33 PM
10	Employer engagement Jobs without training	Apr 2, 2012 1:30 PM
11	a focus on difficult to engage groups, and re-engagement at 17 and 18, work with training	Apr 2, 2012 1:03 PM
12	Communications and IAG as a main issue	Apr 2, 2012 1:02 PM
13	Jobs with training	Apr 2, 2012 12:54 PM
14	How we can collaborate more effectively across London on RPA; the role of local leads explained (I'm well aware we are one, but I don't think the role has been made clear to boroughs that aren't); what has actually worked in the trial so far in reducing NEETs	Apr 2, 2012 12:52 PM
15	Exploration of possible home-host, minimum level of service agreements for tracking and also for supporting YPs who are at risk of dropping out whilst studying outside their home borough Think our event should increasingly bring together 14-19 and targeted youth support leads, (those with oversight of tracking and support for those who are NEET or at risk of becoming so)	Apr 2, 2012 12:39 PM
16	How to secure 'buy in' from other colleagues - internal communication Communication strategies for schools	Apr 2, 2012 12:34 PM