

Summary of evaluation

21 evaluation forms were handed in, some with many comments and others that were very brief. Since many of the Nordic participants left earlier during the day the majority of those who filled in the evaluation was our Chinese participants.

The overall impression of the evaluation is that people were very satisfied with the conference and that they appreciated the good and open climate of the conference and the discussions. Positive remarks about the organisation. The major negative thing mentioned was that too few Nordic participants took part and that more NGOs should have taken part. Some people also mentioned that they would have liked the papers in print before or a shorten version of the paper. There was also some critique of the quality of the papers although some in contrast praised the quality of the papers. Very positive remarks on some of the keynotes (Katarina especially mentioned). The films were much liked. Also positive remarks about practical arrangements, such as food and tea, but some (two) negative remarks about the distance from the hotel. As usual several people would have wanted more time for discussions.

What did you like best with the conference?

‘A platform for participants of different cultural, political, social, academic background’,
‘brainstorming discussions.’

Vitality, openness, collegiality

Keynotes (Birte and Katarina)

The films

Gender based violence panel

No interpreters

Excellent papers

Good contacts

The combination of theoretical and practical papers

What could be improved?

Schedule a little tight.

More time for discussion

Discussions in smaller groups

Get 2-5 pages long papers before

Linking papers

Paper quality

More balance between papers on China and the Nordic countries

More participants from Nordic countries

More NGOs

More men

Closer to the hotel

What should be kept the same?

‘Warmth, amiability of the organisers.’

High quality of the papers

Keynotes

Film

Only one session at the time

The size

What should be changed?

Printed copies of papers
More visits to women's NGO's and related institutions
More time for discussions
Start later in the morning because distance to the hotel

Overall comments and suggestions

Very good conference
Wonderfully organised
Continue with the Sino-Nordic conferences
Fund joint projects
Thought-provoking
Great chance to meet Nordic colleagues and share experiences
Enriched my knowledge
Publish the paper as a book
Future topics: gender, globalisation, democratic learning; social policy;