

Evaluation

Conference participants and presenters agreed that the conference accomplished its goal of allowing a mixed group of young people to examine and exchange ideas about the ethics of international trade.

Initially, the conference was planned to be a three-day event that would include more actual policy work by the participants. Budget constraints made it necessary to cut the time frame, which gave less opportunity for policy development and eliminated such things as a conference newsletter. Even so, participant evaluations praised the conference structure and presentations, while presenters and facilitators praised the thoughtful analysis and contributions of the participants.

Suggested improvements were that there should be more exercises and group work and that the conference should be longer. Requests were made for a future conference on other aspects of foreign policy, perhaps including a facilitator/presenter from the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development.

“The speakers and facilitators for this conference were wonderful. They made it a discussion, not a lecture.”

“The participants from the Coady Institute were an added bonus. Coming from them, the issues seem real, and they know first hand what they are talking about.”

“I hope that I can take the knowledge that I have now back to my community and inform them on this very important issue.”

“I think Bob Thomson’s ideas and the fact that there is proof that something can be done will encourage us to get our foot in there and make a difference!”

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