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The Collaboration for Evidence, Research, and Impact in Public Health (CERIPH) is a multi-disciplinary research centre within the School of Public. CERIPH was formerly known as the Western Australian Centre for Health Promotion Research (WACHPR), which was established in 1986 and was the first research centre in health promotion to be established by an Australian University.

CERIPH views health promotion as a “combination of educational, organisational, economic, social and political actions designed with meaningful participation, to enable individuals, groups and whole communities to increase control over, and to improve their health through attitudinal, behavioural, social and environmental changes.”

(Howat et al, 2003).

CERIPH has built and demonstrated high level expertise and research strength in:

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- Health promotion approaches using community and settings based interventions, peer and social influence, social marketing, advocacy, community mobilisation and sector capacity building.
- Health promotion that improves outcomes in nutrition, physical activity, mental health, sexual health and sexuality, alcohol and other drug use, injury prevention and environmental and community health.
- Promotion and dissemination of evidence based practice and building practice based evidence.
- Provision of research training and capacity building techniques to undergraduate and postgraduate students, allied health promotion professionals and community workers.
- Building sustained partnerships and collaborations with vulnerable and most at risk communities and relevant community, government and private sector organisations.

Mission

CERIPH seeks solutions that promote health, prevent disease and protect populations from harm.

We build individual and organisational capacity through our partnerships, applied research, education and workforce training. Recognising the complexity of health and its determinants, our multidisciplinary collaboration provides leadership and evidence to support action across educational, organisational, socio-economic, environmental and political domains to improve population health in our region.

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Overview

Held every two years, the SiREN Symposium is an event for those with an interest in reducing the transmission and impact of sexually transmissible infections and blood-borne viruses in Western Australia.

The 2018 SiREN Symposium was held on the 17-18 May at Technology Park Function Centre in Bentley, Western Australia. The two day event brought together over 130 delegates from metropolitan and regional Western Australia and interstate Australia; including service providers, project officers, clinicians, nurses, policy makers, researchers and students working in the sexual health and blood-borne virus sector.

With the theme of “**Connect, Learn, Apply**”, the 2018 Symposium aimed to:

Connect: ignite collaborations and partnerships within the sexual health and blood-borne virus sector and make connections between evidence, policy and practice;

Learn: present research and evaluation results and new evidence; and

Apply: include presentations of practical experience from practitioners, researchers and policymakers.

Delegates were able to choose between 47 abstract presentations which provided a professional and collegiate opportunity for new and seasoned presenters to share knowledge and obtain feedback. In addition, delegates were able to choose between two workshops, two panel discussions and a networking opportunity at the close of each day.

A broad range of topics were covered throughout the Symposium, including improving access to sexually transmissible infection and blood-borne virus treatment and resources, community participation in research and evaluation, resource development, and improving sexual health within migrant populations.

Our Youth Perspectives on Sexual Health Panellists provided delegates with their perspectives on sexual health, highlighting the importance of end-to-end inclusion of young people in research and other activities, the need for inclusive content and resources, and ensuring young people know that they are valued.



Youth Perspectives on Sexual Health Panellists: Kai Schweizer (YEP Crew), Stephen Boccaletti (Freedom Centre) and Habiba Asim (YEP Crew)

Keynote presentations from Professor Martin Holt (UNSW), Professor Rebecca Guy (UNSW), Associate Professor James Ward (SAHMRI), and Dr Joe Doyle (Burnet Institute) provided insights into the latest national and Perth-based data, the media's role in public and sexual health, and the need for targeted interventions.



Day 1 wrap up: Audience Q&A Panellists: Dr Lewis Marshall (South Terrace Clinic), Dr Joe Doyle (Burnet Institute), Dr Graham Brown (La Trobe University), Professor Martin Holt (UNSW) and Professor Rebecca Guy (UNSW)

Overall the Symposium was well received and evaluated. An overview of the evaluation data is provided within this report, including recommendations for future events.

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to, and or participated in the 2018 Symposium. We hope that the meeting enabled delegates to make new connections, ignite existing ones, and learn and apply something valuable to take back to your workplace.

Symposium Reference Group & Abstract Review Panel

A Symposium Reference Group and Abstract Review Panel consisted of individuals from key sexual health and blood-borne virus organisations within Western Australia. These individuals provided input and feedback regarding their area of expertise. Group members are outlined in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1. SiREN Symposium Reference Group

Member	Organisation
Anania Tagaro	Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia
Angela Corry	Peer Based Harm Reduction WA
Barbara Nattabi	WA Centre for Rural Health, University of Western Australia
Brydie Nielson	SiREN, School of Public Health, Curtin University
Donna Mak	Communicable Disease Control Directorate, WA Department of Health
Indi Pattni	Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia
Jennifer Needham	Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia
Judith Bevan	Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program, WA Department of Health
Kahlia McCausland	SiREN, School of Public Health, Curtin University
Karen Miller	Sexual Health Quarters
Katherine Jones	WA Country Health Service-Kimberley
Janice Forrester	WA Country Health Service-Kimberley
Lena Van Hale	Magenta
Myra Robinson	SiREN, School of Public Health, Curtin University
Roanna Lobo	SiREN, School of Public Health, Curtin University
Sally Rowell	HepatitisWA
Sian Churcher	Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program, WA Department of Health
Paramjit Kaur	Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program, WA Department of Health
Simon Yam	WA AIDS Council

Table 2. SiREN Symposium Abstract Review Panel

Member	Organisation
Barbara Nattabi	WA Centre for Rural Health, University of Western Australia
Donna Mak	Communicable Disease Control Directorate, WA Department of Health
Judith Bevan	Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program, WA Department of Health
Kahlia McCausland	SiREN, School of Public Health, Curtin University
Lena Van Hale	Magenta
Myra Robinson	SiREN, School of Public Health, Curtin University
Roanna Lobo	SiREN, School of Public Health, Curtin University
Simon Yam	WA AIDS Council

Abstract submission

The 2018 SiREN Symposium theme of “**Connect, Learn, Apply**” encouraged abstract submissions which reflected one or more of the following topics:

Connect – This presentation is about collaborations and partnerships within the sexual health and blood-borne virus sector, OR this presentation makes connections between evidence, policy and practice.

- How did collaboration and partnership enhance this project?
- How did this project connect evidence to policy?

Learn – Projects presenting research or evaluation results and new evidence.

- What can Symposium attendees learn?
- What lessons did the presenter/s take from this project?

Apply – Presentations from practitioners and “Stories from the Field”.

- How did you apply an idea in practice?
- How can research evidence be applied in practice?
- How does our practice apply to research and policy change?

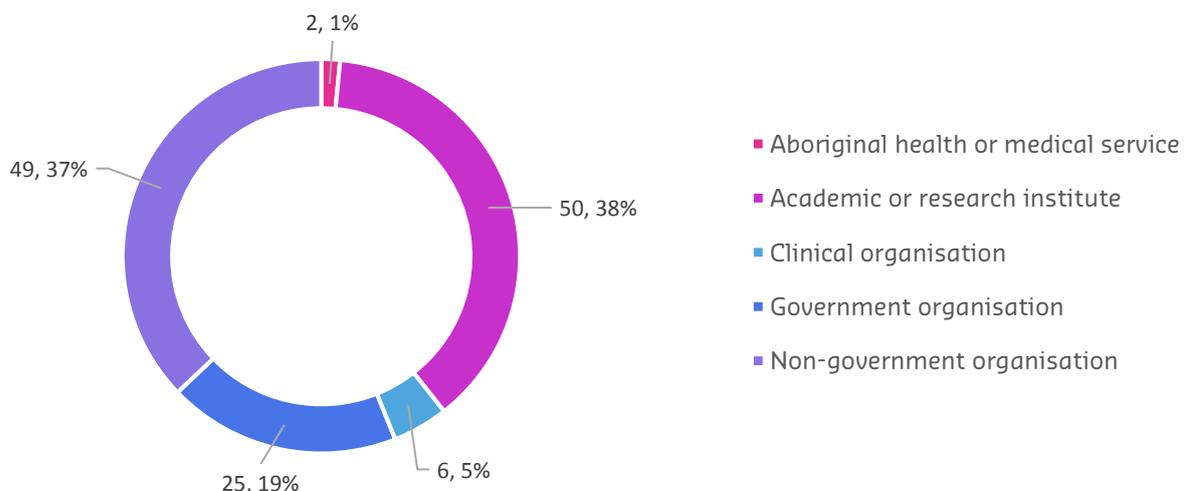
Fifty abstracts were received (these did not include invited and keynotes presentations), six of which were unsuccessful. Successful abstracts were categorised as follows¹ and provided with eight minutes presentation and two minutes question time.

- Connect: 22 abstracts
- Learn: 26 abstracts
- Apply: 23 abstracts

Delegates

One-hundred and thirty-two people attended the Symposium. Figure 1 shows there was high representation from academic and research institutes (38%) and non-government organisations (37%). A much smaller representation from clinical staff (5%) and Aboriginal health and medical services (1%) were present. The full list of delegates can be found in Appendix A.

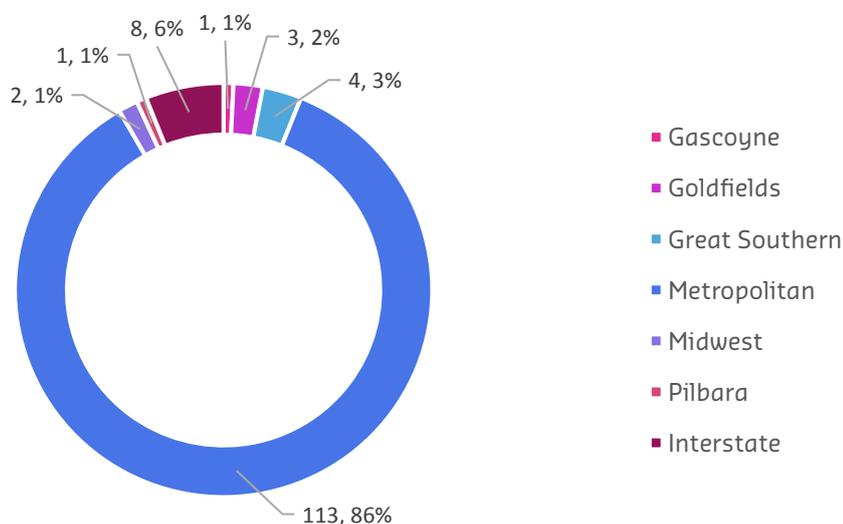
Figure 1. Symposium participation by organisation type



¹ Abstracts could be classified under one or more topics.

The vast majority of delegates were based in Metropolitan Western Australia (86%) with smaller numbers representing regional and remote regions of Western Australia and interstate Australia (Figure 2). All regions were however represented.

Figure 2. Symposium participation by region



Keynote and invited speakers

Twenty keynote and additional speakers were invited to take part in the Symposium. Table 3 lists these individuals along with their affiliation and participation throughout the event.

Table 3. List of keynote and invited speakers

Individual	Organisation	Role
Associate Professor Jonine Jancey	School of Public Health, Curtin University	Master of ceremonies
Mr P.J Matt Tilley	School of Public Health, Curtin University	Master of ceremonies
Ms Ingrid Cumming	Founder and CEO of Kart Koort Wiern (Head Heart and Spirit)	Welcome to country
Dr Paul Armstrong	Communicable Disease Control Directorate, WA Department of Health	Opening address
Professor Gary Dykes	School of Public Health, Curtin University	Address from Curtin University
Professor Rebecca Guy	Kirby Institute, UNSW	Keynote address Audience Q&A panellist
Professor Martin Holt	Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW	Keynote address Audience Q&A panellist
Dr Joseph Doyle	Burnet Institute	Keynote address Hepatitis C panellist Audience Q&A panellist
Associate Professor James Ward	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute	Keynote address
Dr Melissa Stoneham	Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia	Workshop presentation
Ms Melinda Edmunds	Public Health Advocacy Institute of Western Australia	Workshop presentation
Ms Anne McKenzie	WA Health Translation Network	Abstract presentation
Ms Habiba Asim	Youth Affairs Council of WA	Youth panellist

Individual	Organisation	Role
Mr Kai Schweizer	Youth Affairs Council of WA	Youth panellist
Mr Stephen Boccaletti	Freedom Centre	Youth panellist
Ms Sally Rowell	HepatitisWA	Hepatitis C panellist
Ms Angela Corry	Peer Based Harm Reduction WA	Hepatitis C panellist
Ms Judith Bevan	Communicable Disease Control Directorate, WA Department of Health	Hepatitis C panellist
Clinical Associate Professor Dr Lewis Marshall	South Terrace Clinic	Audience Q&A panellist Plenary presentation
Dr Graham Brown	La Trobe University	Audience Q&A panellist Abstract presentation Workshop presentation

The final Symposium program, PDF versions and videos of delegates' presentations can be downloaded from the [SiREN website](#).

Abstract presenters

A total of 51 individuals presented 47 abstract presentations. The majority (86%, n=44) were from Western Australia with 41 (80%) presenters based in metropolitan Western Australia. SiREN contacted a number of regional and remote organisations within the sector throughout Western Australia to encourage abstract submission however only three submissions were received from the Great Southern and Midwest regions. A further six presenters travelled from interstate (Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia) to attend the event, and one presenter was an exchange student from Switzerland although currently based at a Western Australian metropolitan academic institution.

The final Symposium program, PDF versions and videos of delegates' presentations can be downloaded from the [SiREN website](#).

Regional and remote travel grant recipients

A regional and remote travel grants program was established with funds generously afforded by the Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program, WA Department of Health. These grants were offered to provide some financial assistance to increase the accessibility of the Symposium to people from regional and remote areas of Western Australia. Applicants could apply for funds to cover travel and/or accommodation costs. A webpage and flyer were created to advertise the grants program and sent to Western Australian and interstate networks for distribution and promotion. SiREN also contacted select Western Australian regional and remote contacts, including Aboriginal health organisations to encourage submission and attendance.

Eleven travel grant applications were received however four applicants withdrew due to personal reasons or unforeseen circumstances. The following individuals were awarded and accepted travel grants (Table 4).

Table 4. Regional and remote travel grant recipients

Name	Organisation	Region
Carl Heslop	School of Public Health, Curtin University	Great Southern
Megan Robson	Great Southern Aboriginal Health Service	Great Southern
Nicole Tierney	WA Country Health Service	Great Southern
Silvie Miczkova	WA Country Health Service	Great Southern
Imanee Sambo	WA Country Health Service	Goldfields
Kandice Whitehurst	WA Country Health Service	Goldfields
Rosemary Hunt	WA Country Health Service	Gascoyne

Evaluation

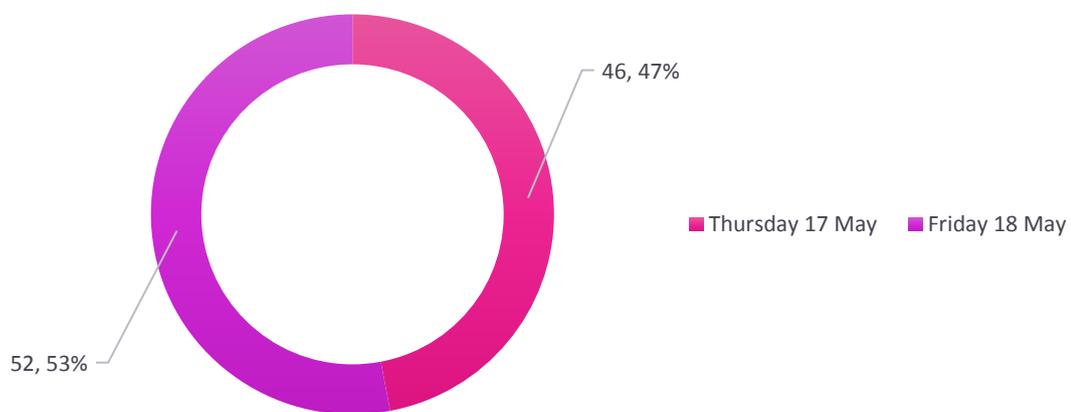
Delegates were provided with a hard copy evaluation form in their conference satchel and reminded over the two days to complete and return the form to the SiREN Team. Due to the low number of completed evaluation forms received at the event (n=55) a follow up email was sent to all delegates the following week requesting those that did not complete an evaluation form to do so via an online link. One additional survey was completed bringing the total to 56 responses (42%). It should be noted that some invited speakers only attended for very short periods of time and would most likely have not completed an evaluation form for this reason.

An overview of the evaluation data collected is provided below. A copy of the evaluation form is contained in Appendix B.

Days of attendance

Of those that completed an evaluation form, slightly more delegates attended the Friday (53%, n=52) than the Thursday (47%, n=46) (Figure 3).

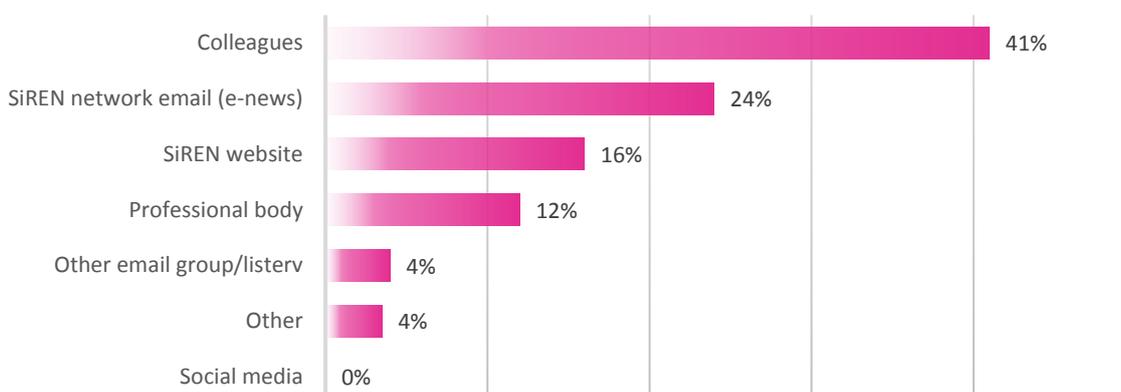
Figure 3. Days of attendance



How delegates heard about the Symposium

The majority of delegates heard about the Symposium through colleagues (41%, n=35) and the SiREN Network e-news (24%, n=20). Surprisingly no delegates heard about the Symposium through social media (Figure 4). SiREN undertook extensive promotion via Twitter therefore perhaps delegates are not linked to SiREN via Twitter or using Twitter at all. The main professional body delegates listed was the Australian Health Promotion Association.

Figure 4. How delegates heard about the Symposium

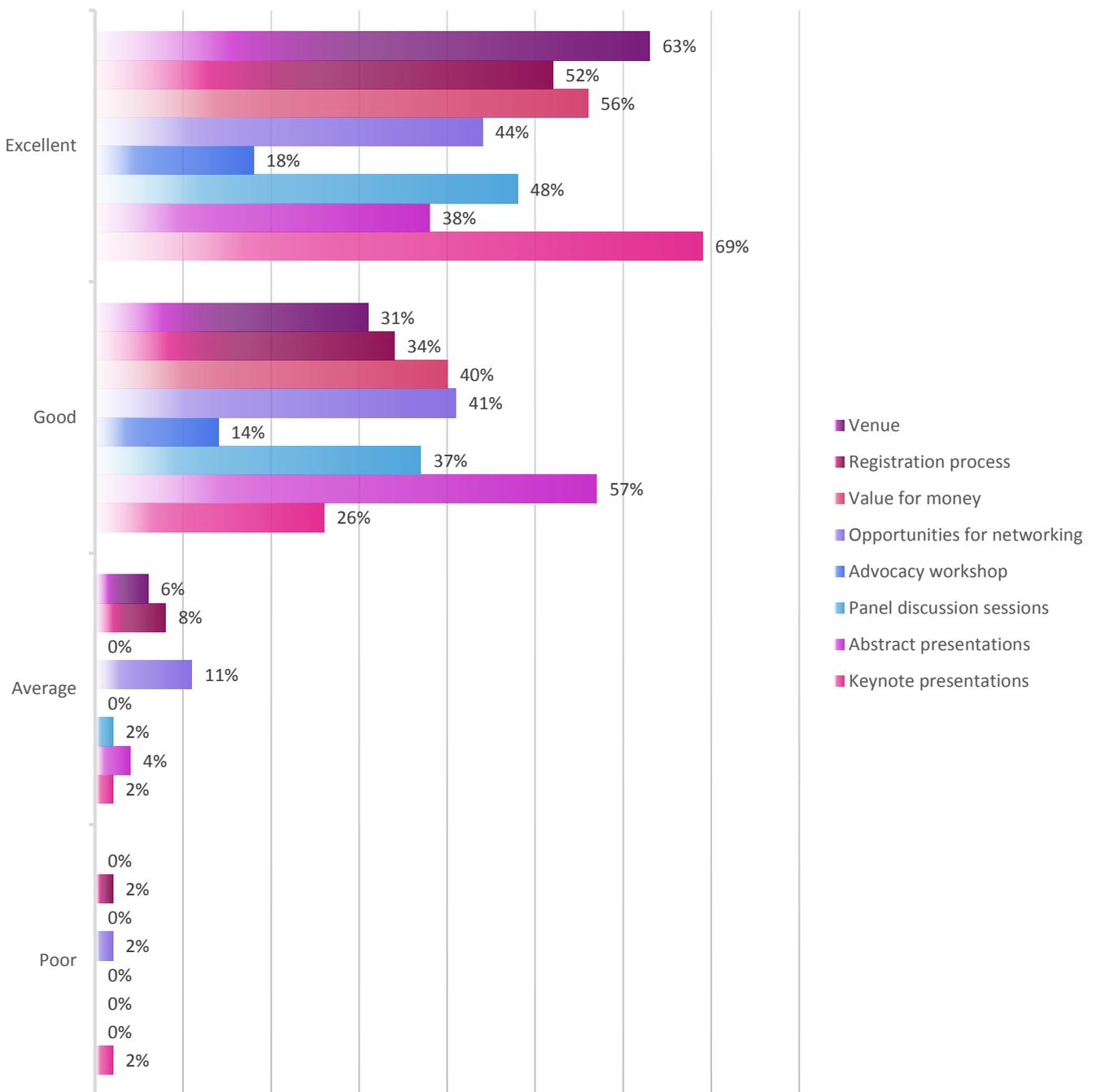


Quality of the Symposium

Delegates were asked to rate the quality of several aspects of the Symposium based upon a four point Likert scale (Figure 5).

Overall delegates generally rated the quality of the eight aspects listed on the evaluation form as excellent or good. In particular delegates found the venue (63%, n=34) and keynote speaker presentations (69%, n=37) to be excellent, and abstract presentations to be good (57%, n=30). A high proportion of respondents (68%, n=34) did not attend the Advocacy workshop (data not shown), however of those that did all rated this workshop as excellent (18%, n=9) or good (14%, n=7). For consideration for future Symposiums would be to increase opportunities for networking, 11% (n=6) of respondents rated this aspect as average.

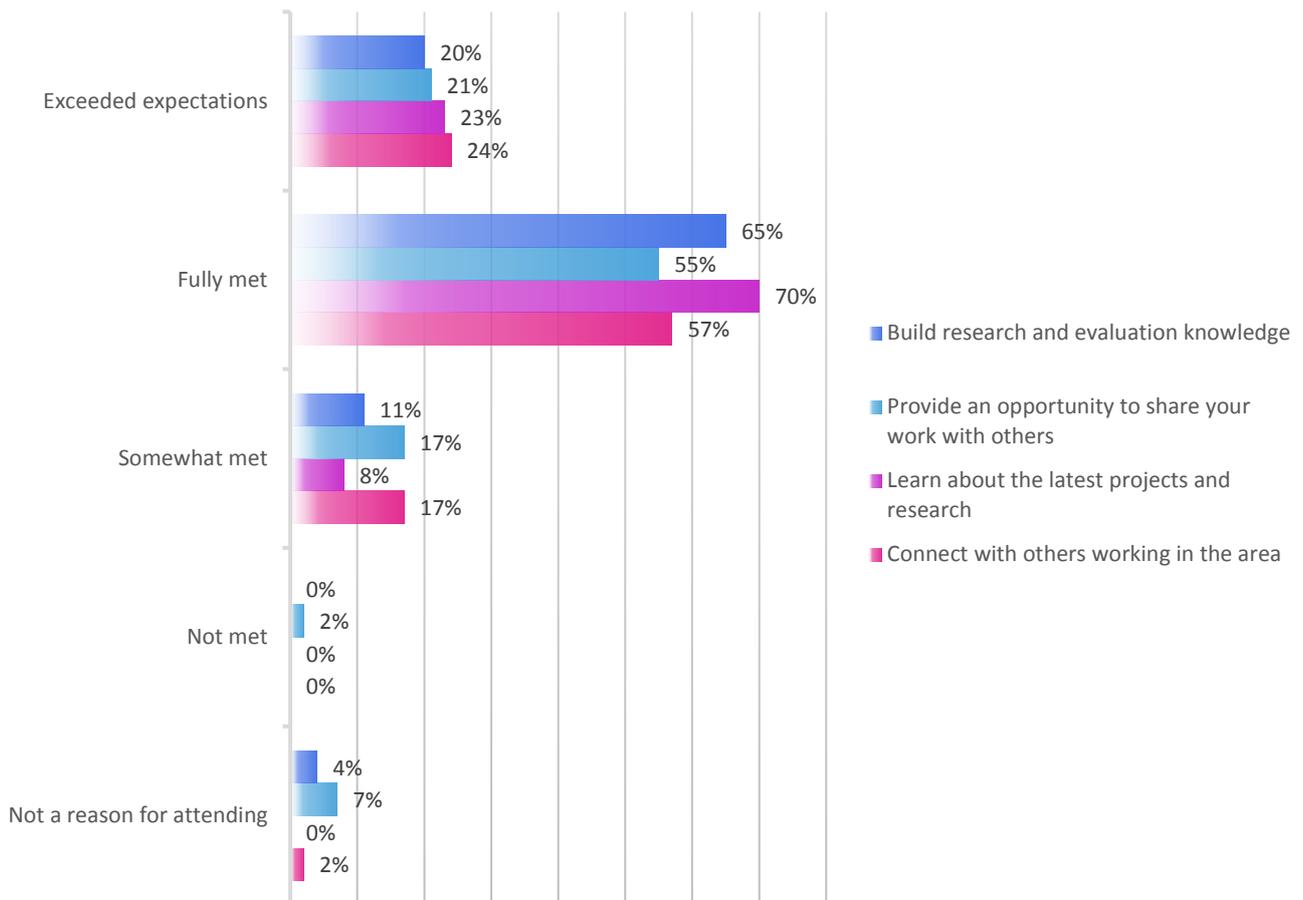
Figure 5. Quality of the Symposium



Meeting the aims of the Symposium

As shown in Figure 6, the majority of delegates felt the Symposium fully met or exceeded their expectations against the aims of the Symposium. The Symposium aims 'build research and evaluation knowledge' and 'learn about the latest projects and research' were best met, with 65% (n=35) and 70% (n=37) of delegates reporting these aims were fully met respectively. Whilst overall opportunities for sharing work with others and connecting with others in the area were mostly fully met or exceeded, meeting those aims could be improved upon in future events. Seventeen percent (n=9) of delegates reported these two aims were somewhat met respectively.

Figure 6. How well the aims of the Symposium were met



Most useful aspects of the Symposium

Delegates provided written feedback on what they considered to be the most useful aspects of the Symposium. The variety of presentations, topics, perspectives, information, services and organisations represented within abstract sessions were overwhelmingly considered the most useful aspect of the Symposium. The keynote speakers, panel discussions and networking opportunities were also considered useful, and contributed to updating and gaining knowledge. Presentations on the sexual health of Indigenous Australians was considered the most useful topic. Some feedback from delegates is provided following.

“Wide range of speakers and organisations/professional backgrounds.”

“The concurrent sessions and having so many speakers.”

“Diversity of topics.”

“Combination of local and national projects/research.”

“Updates on recent surveillance and sexual health position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (remote/youth).”

“Keeping my knowledge up to date.”

“Knowledge gained about new projects, novel research occurring.”

“Keynote speakers, latest research plans and research learnings.”

“The first session on sexual health in remote communities, especially bringing awareness of systematic racism within presentation of Aboriginal health issues in the media.”

“Examples of better practice initiatives around engaging different groups in SHBBV issues.”

“Gaining broader understanding of practical and implementation work in this space as opposed to surveillance and academic studies (already familiar).”

Specific learnings or connections made from the Symposium that delegates intend to use in their work

Many delegates intend to make use of the networking connections developed and information learnt at the Symposium to improve their organisations work, research and communication, specifically via website and social media. Many delegates also specified that they learnt more about how to engage the local community for research and in increasing minority and at risk populations in accessing health services. Some feedback from delegates is provided following.

“Several potential partnerships.”

“Yes collaborating with agencies to improve our website.”

“Will ask some presenters to come to workshops for other groups.”

“Information about engaging in hard to reach populations and how to improve services.”

“Awareness of various programs available, informed my research and analysis techniques.”

“Involving the community in research and using peer education.”

Attending another Symposium

Delegates overwhelmingly agreed (98%, n=48) that they would attend another SiREN Symposium, with one individual stating they were unsure.

How the Symposium could be improved

Delegates provided feedback that timekeeping needed to be improved as many abstract presenters went over time which then reduced time available for networking. As a solution it was suggested that the presentation and subsequent question time should be extended. Delegates expressed disappointment with technology, as issues with audio and playing of videos were experienced. It was also suggested that concurrent sessions could have more of a project-based approach rather than focusing too heavily on research or the organisation represented. Some feedback from delegates is provided following.

“Keep speakers to time.”

“Allow more time for each session so there is more capacity for asking questions. Better networking opportunities/not much opportunity for this on the first day (finished late and went into networking time).”

“Longer presentations with less presentations (10-15 min). Time allowed for changeovers so it doesn't run over.”

“PA systems and IT, no videos.”

"Maybe have 12-15 minute time slots for speakers in concurrent sessions (instead of 10 mins) and keep to time! Timekeepers did a good job, but speakers largely ignored time limits and every session went over time."

"Fixing technology for presenters."

"It was very academic/research heavy...it would be better if more was done around learning about current SHBBV programs and initiatives that are working."

Information and topics that delegates would like to see included in future SiREN Symposiums

The information and topics that delegates would like to see at future SiREN Symposiums was varied. Main suggestions for inclusion were more information on youth and how to connect with people of all ages; women and HIV; increased regional and rural participation including presentations and information; information on public health strategies and evaluation; and equality of blood-borne virus and sexually transmissible infections presentations, as some delegates felt the focus was predominantly on sexually transmissible infections. Some feedback from delegates is provided following.

"I'd love to see another youth focused session at future symposiums-this was very valuable for me."

"More community case studies and perspectives on service delivery."

"More on strategies for engaging with vulnerable groups."

"Equal BBV and STI presentations-make former longer if you don't get as many abstracts."

"More on rural sexual health."

"Focus on sexual health and mental health."

"Women and HIV."

"More regional and remote presentations."

"HIV in CALD, HIV research from international sector including recent developments."

Other comments and suggestions

Delegates provided additional comments of appreciation and suggestions of how to improve the Symposium. Suggestions were made to reorganise how the concurrent/abstract sessions were presented due to time management issues and asked for more and longer networking opportunities.

"Great job it was amazing!"

"Wonderful two days. Speed dating networking session?"

"Lovely venue. The symposium has a really warm, relaxed and welcoming feel-thank you for all your efforts."

"Question box was a good idea but shame the panel ran out of time for answering questions. Maybe need to rethink programming on day 2."

"Should be run for 2 full days. This will allow for better time management and better networking breaks."

"Morning tea on day 2 was not enough. Day 1 lunch was great."

"There was little time on day 1 Q&A as not all questions were answered due to running overtime again."

"Ran out of morning tea on day 2."

“The room divider is not sufficiently sound proof if you are sitting or speeches next to it. Very distracting to have so much background noise.”

“Great breadth of topics.”

“I think it was too ambitious to have so many speakers in a day and a half. Next time either the amount of time for the symposium is extended or less speakers.”

Volunteers

A call for volunteers was placed through Undergraduate and Postgraduate Health Promotion and Public Health courses from the School of Public Health, Curtin University and a total of 11 volunteers were recruited. Due to illness one volunteer was unable to participate. Over the two days volunteers assisted with operating the registration desk, photography, time-keeping, roving microphones, and assisting delegates. Table 5 displays the volunteers who participated on each of the days.

Table 5. List of volunteers

Thursday		Friday	
Hayley Campbell	Undergraduate	Ashish Upadhyay	Postgraduate
Ashish Upadhyay	Postgraduate	Meg Abercromby	Undergraduate
Heyman Lau	Undergraduate	Mikaela Scuderi	Postgraduate
Yamini Nair	Postgraduate	Grace Yao	Undergraduate
Michele Duxbury	Postgraduate	Nikita Miller	Undergraduate
		Victoria Mitic	Undergraduate

And extra thank you is extended to Mikaela Scuderi who completed the evaluation data entry and assisted with this evaluation report.

Implementation of recommendations from 2016

The SiREN Symposium planning team worked hard to implement several recommendations from the 2016 Symposium evaluation report which included the following:

- Promotion of regional and remote travel grant applications at least 6 months in advance to assist with lengthy approval processes.
- Increasing the bursary amount awarded to travel grant recipients and provision of organisations to apply for up to two people from the same organisation in order to increase regional and remote participation.
- Targeted regional and remote promotion to encourage people from these regions to submit abstracts and travel grant applications.
- Provision of information on developing and presenting abstract presentations. The SiREN Team developed a video resource which steps you through how to shape your presentation and how to prepare for questions from your audience. The video can be watched [here](#).
- Implementation of interactive sessions such as panel discussions and workshops.
- Inclusion of a broader range of topics.

Recommendations for future events

The following recommendations are suggested for future SiREN Symposiums based upon feedback from delegates throughout the event, the SiREN Project and Management Team, and evaluation data.

Symposium

- Increase the duration of the event to two days or reduce the number of presentations.

Volunteers

- It is recommended that no more than 4-5 volunteers are sought to assist, especially on the second day when there is less setting up required.

Technology

- Ask presenters to bring a backup copy of any videos or audio they wish to play during their presentation that does not require internet connection, as complications with internet connectivity were experienced.
- SiREN Team to ensure internet connectivity and audio each morning and during breaks.
- SiREN Team to check links in PowerPoints prior to presentation.

Networking

- Increase opportunity for networking between and after presentations.
- Possibly include a speed networking session.
- Include a networking nibbles and drinks session at the conclusion of day one.

Presentations and other sessions

- Send a reminder to presenters specifying the amount of time they have for their presentation and that they will be stopped once their time is up. This has not been implemented in previous events as chairs have not stopped presenters at full time, rather provided time warnings.
- Ask that chairs also adhere to specified time and stop presenters once time is up.
- Increase presentation and question time.
- Increase length of break times.
- Include Q&A with keynote and invited speakers and panel discussions again.
- Investigate and invite presentations on the following topics: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, rural and remote sexual health, transgender health and sexuality and youth sexual health.
- Explore opportunities for keynote presentations on the previously mentioned topics, and/or include in panel discussions or workshop sessions.
- Emphasise the need for reporting of project results (where applicable) and the 'so what?' aspect rather than providing an overview of the project and/or organisation.

Regional and remote participation

- Continue to target regional and remote based organisations including Aboriginal health organisations to promote regional and remote travel grants (if provided again) and Symposium attendance and presentation.
- Start promoting regional and remote participation approximately 6 months in advance to assist with lengthy approval processes.

Venue and catering

- If using Technology Park again do not have adjoining rooms due to room divider not being sufficiently sound proof.
- Label special meals with the recipient's name to avoid confusion.
- Increase amount of catering (ordered for 90 people Thursday and 80 people Friday).
- Provide fresh fruit in presentation rooms which can be accessed all day.
- Investigate possibility of reusable or paper cups/plates.

Evaluation

- It is recommended that delegates are given dedicated time to fill in the evaluation at the end of each day – this did not occur due to running over time each day. It is anticipated that this may have resulted in an increased number of completed forms.
- Include a question on the evaluation which asks how the delegate participated in the Symposium (e.g. keynote presenter, abstract presenter, delegate) in order to assist with reporting response rate.
- Send a follow up email to delegates asking for evaluation completion via an online link.
- Approach a volunteer to assist with data entry and compiling the evaluation report.
- SiREN developed a paper-based observation sheet for volunteers and the SiREN Team to complete and record questions and issues over the two days. This was however not used to its full potential. Suggest that this form is either disregarded for future events or given more importance during volunteer orientation.
- Suggest documenting all questions/issues raised by delegates to volunteers/SiREN Team during the symposium.

Conclusion

Thank you to keynote, invited speakers, abstract presenters and delegates for taking the time to participate in the 2018 Symposium, without you this event would not have been possible. We would also like to thank our session chairs and volunteers, as well as the Abstract Review Committee for assisting in shaping the program. A big thank you to the Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Program, WA Department of Health for making this event possible, and for generously providing funds to support regional and remote participation. For those of you that were able to attend, we hope you had a fantastic experience, made new connections, ignited existing ones, and learnt something valuable to take back to your workplaces.

Appendix A. List of delegates

First name	Last name	Job title/position	Organisation
Alex	Lukare	Volunteer Ambassador	HepatitisWA
Alicia	Kings	ATSI Officer	WA AIDS Council
Alison	Lori	Community Engagement Officer	HepatitisWA
Amanda	Siebert	Community Engagement Officer	HepatitisWA
Amanda	Sibosado	Sexual Health Project Officer	South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute
Amira	Hosny	Postgraduate	Curtin University
Anania	Tagaro	Project Coordinator	Youth Affairs Council of WA
Angela	Watt	Medical Services Nurse	Australian Red Cross Blood Service
Angela	Corry	CEO	Peer Based Harm Reduction WA
Anne	McKenzie	Head, Consumer and Community Health Research Network	WA Health Translation Network
Ashish	Upadhyay	Volunteer	SiREN, Curtin University
Barakat	Alsuwayyid	PhD Student	University of Western Australia
Barbara	Nattabi	Senior Lecturer	WA Centre for Rural Health, University of Western Australia
Belinda	Wozencroft	Doctor	View Street Medical
Belinda	D'Costa	Evaluation Officer	SiREN, Curtin University
Benny	Sullivan	Senior Policy and Planning Officer	Department of Health - CDCD
Bianca	Fish	Health Promotion Officer	HepatitisWA
Bradley	McKernan	Public Health Unit Resident Medical Officer	Western Australian Country Health Service - Midwest
Briannan	Dean	Senior Program Officer	Department of Health - CDCD
Bruce	Maycock	Professor	Curtin University
Brydie	Nielson	Administration Officer	SiREN, Curtin University
Byron	Minas	Senior Project Officer	Department of Health - CDCD
Caitriona	Bennett	Medical intern	Royal Perth Bentley Group
Carl	Heslop	PhD Student	Curtin University
Carol	El-Hayek	Manager, Surveillance	Burnet Institute
Caroline	Bruegger	Postgraduate Student	University of Western Australia
Charlene	Kahler	Associate Professor	University of Western Australia
Christine	Vye	Manager, Sexual Health	WA Country Health Service
Claire	Styles	Scientific Analyst	Australian Red Cross Blood Service
Corie	Gray	CoPAHM Coordinator	SiREN, Curtin University
David	Worthington	Senior Program Officer	Department of Health - CDCD
David	Kernohan	CEO	WA AIDS Council
Dianne	Lloyd	Community Development Worker	Peer Based Harm Reduction WA
Donna	Mak	Medical Advisor	Department of Health - CDCD
Donna	Keeley	Nurse Practitioner	South Terrace Clinic, Fremantle Hospital
Eliana	Ennis	Marketing and Design Officer	HepatitisWA
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Appendix B. Evaluation form

Thank you for attending the 2018 SiREN Symposium. To assist us to evaluate this event, and to plan future events, please take a few moments to complete this form.

1. Which day/s did you attend? (Tick one or both)

- Thursday
 Friday

2. How did you hear about the symposium? (You may tick more than one.)

- SiREN website
 SiREN network email (E-News)
 Colleagues
 Social media
 Professional body e.g. AHPA, PHAA. Please specify:

 Other email group/listserv. Please specify:

 Other. Please specify:

3. Please rate the quality of the following aspects of the symposium

	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Did not attend
Keynote speakers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Concurrent/abstract sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Panel/discussion sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Advocacy workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Value for money	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Registration process	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Venue	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Opportunities for networking	<input type="checkbox"/>				

4. Below are the aims of the symposium, please rate how well they were met.

	Exceeded	Fully met	Some-what met	Not met	Not a reason for attending
Connect with others working in the area	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Learn about the latest projects and research	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Provide an opportunity to share your work with others	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Build research and evaluation knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>				

5. What aspects of the symposium did you find most useful?

6. Are there any specific learnings or connections made from the symposium that you intend to use in your work? Please describe what these are.

7. Would you attend the symposium again?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

8. How do you think the symposium could be improved?

9. What information and/or topics would you like to see included in future SiREN Symposiums?

10. Any other comments or suggestions?

Thank you for completing this evaluation. Your time and participation is greatly appreciated.