

## Evaluation of SMW-13

We are very pleased receiving more than 80 % responses: HSE: 7, Library: 12, and IT: 13

### The most important reasons for applying for SMW-13?

“I found the theme of my group interesting” answered half of the respondents.

“Wanted to visit Norway and/or to visit the University of Bergen (UoB)” was the second most important reason for applying.

**Response:** We seem to be achieving what we want, offering different themes for the SMW. We understand that many would also apply for SMW with the view to visit Norway, and it is very positive that many said they wanted to visit UoB.

### What day did you arrive/ leave, and what did you think about of the time when the program started and ended:

The majority arrived the day before the opening, and most people left on Sunday after the SMW.

A large majority (84 – 94 %) said they were satisfied with the time for starting and ending the opening and closing of SMW. Furthermore, they were satisfied with the daily program.

**Response:** We wanted to give participants the possibility to stay here only four nights (less expenses), but very few did this. No obvious reason to change the timing from what we did this year. We will consider voluntary gathering the day before SMW starts, and maybe the day after closure.

### Did we manage to meet your expectations/needs?

- Information about how to get to Bergen and to find your way around town?

Very pleased (vp): 81 %, it needs improving (ni): 3 %

- Information and help from the organizers about the accommodation? vp: 72 %, ni: 3 %

- Complementary meals during the SMW-13? vp: 94%, ni: 0

- Did the program give you enough free time/ time on your own? vp: 75 %, ni: 0

- Did you see and learn enough about the University of Bergen? vp: 59 %, ni: 0

**Response:** We will consider the following for the next SMW:

- Try to put out (on web) a little bit more information about the lay out of the city, where the hotels are located and the venues of SMW-13.
- Same complementary meals as SMW-13.
- Try to make time for visits to the museums during the week.
- A little more emphasis on presenting UoB during the week

Accommodation	Average score: 1-10, where 10 is best.	No. of guests
Steens Hotel	7,80	5
Hotel Park	8,00	9
citybox	8,50	4
Klosterhagen Hotel	8,20	3
Alkoven Guesthouses	7,4	5
Private	8,7	3
Other Hotels	9,00	2

**Did we succeed in making the different parts interesting for you?  
(Reporting only the extreme categories –that is “really enjoyed it” or “it was boring”)**

Monday: The popular lecture on the black gold? 84 % really enjoyed this.  
The rest of the opening event at the Student centre? 59 % really enjoyed this.  
The guided tour in Bergen? 91 % really enjoyed this.

Tuesday: The hiking tour to Fløyen? 84 % really enjoyed this.

Wednesday: Visiting TCM at Mongstad? 56 % really enjoyed this, 3 % found it boring.  
Visiting the refinery in Mongstad? 47 % really enjoyed, 9 % found it boring.  
Visiting Fedje? 84 % really enjoyed.  
Visit to the museum in Salhus? 78 % really enjoyed.

Thursday: The dinner at Fløyen? 97 % really enjoyed this.

Friday: The closing at the Student centre: 78 % really enjoyed this.

**Response:**

The opening and the closing of SMW went on very well; we will continue with a lecture, a guided tour and dinner at Fløyen! Hiking is ok, but more information about it in advance.  
The excursion went on very well, but preferably with more stops and less time on the bus.

**The group program:**

- How well did the (group) program fit your normal field of work?  
Very pleased (vp): 56 %, it needs improving (ni): 3 %
- Did you like how the different parts of this program were put together? vp: 59 %, ni: 0
- The time schedule. Did you get enough time on the different subjects? Vp: 56 %, ni: 9 %
- Did you feel that you had enough possibilities to present your views/opinions on the different topics that were discussed? Vp: 69, ni: 6 %
- Did you get a good "result" - in the sense that you got useful inputs, new ideas, learned new things etc.? vp: 69 %, ni: 0

**One thing about the group program you were most satisfied with, what would this be?**

- Meeting and talking to others work with the same is important.
- Possibilities to discuss and share – among each other and organizers
- Learning and comparing

**One thing about the group program you would like to change:**

Nothing: 8 respondents

More time: 6 respondents

Possibility to attend more workshops: 3 respondents

A few mentioned the presentation by participants; more structured, more time, less presentations - more discussions.

**SMW-13; Half of the time everybody together, half in groups:**

84 % thinks it is a perfect mix

10 % want more time with all SMW, 6 % want more time with group.

**Response:**

A fixed (max.) time for participants' presentations worked well. Try to set up more time for exchange/discussions. Half program in groups and half together worked well.

**Do you think you will use the network/contacts you got during SMW-13 in the future?**

No one answered no, a couple where uncertain. Seems like most participants will keep in touch with one or more person they met at SMW-13 later, especially in relation to work.

**Suggestions for improvement:** (Practical things, program, or anything else you think of.)

Here is a few of what came up that we will look at:

- Maybe more about Norwegian traditions and food, the language crash course a little bit extended ...
- For each group it might be useful for participants to suggest specific topics to discuss and then have groups looking at these.
- Would have liked to have seen more working areas of the University to see the workplace.
- I would recommend to bring a nice pair of walking shoes for participants
- I would put on the schedule also the surprise summer party for librarians - great idea
- During excursion day I would plan one activity like walking, hiking, etc.
- Access to material and presentations from hosts and participants.
- Maybe bigger room where presentation were held in group.
- more time for walking on excursion day
- The programme was very dense and a little more leisure time would be appreciated especially in relation to make arrangements with the other participants.
- Perhaps a few more changes of scene.
- Maybe a longer break in the middle of the day. Bergen has so many wonderful museums and galleries, but a lot of them are closed in the evening.
- Just take care of that SMW does not occur at the same time as the Music Festival because we could not find hotels easily.
- Split the "free local hiking trip" into two groups: A standard walk to Fløyen and an extended walk to Ulriken.
- a little bit more discussions and information from other participants on their experiences
- stricter instructions for the presentation of the own university

The grade you gave us –a strong A – thank you!

(Two A +, one A -, two Bs and the rest straight As)