

# Norfolk and Suffolk MPA Evidence Conference

All of our days have good bits and bad bits. We collected 18 feedback forms so you can use our good bits to help set up your next event.

## 'Great opportunity to meet people and make contacts & network'

As the conference had a focus, ours was geographical (Norfolk and Suffolk), the guests all had overlapping interests in common. This allowed beneficial networking.

## 'There was a good mix of delegates'

We advertised our day to a list of other organisations who work in the area, and we were careful to have a set number of places for our own staff.

## 'Good range of speakers from a wide range of work'

Before starting we spoke to people to ask them if they would be willing to present. This way we had core presenters before the day had begun. We also invited those who had given interesting presentations at other events to submit their work.

## 'Good selection of presentations and material'

We decided on 3 topics within our theme we'd like to focus on and split the day accordingly. We chose "*Marine, Coastal and Evidence management*". We had already approached speakers for each topic but we then encouraged more through an invitation letter for submissions.

## And some of our best bits.....

### Better idea of how different bodies interact to deliver MPAs

General overview of what research is being conducted and methods used

Learning more about local issues and how organisations and academia are involved in evidence.

Understanding the process behind a single conservation objective and the flaws in the method for using data

Learning about the work NE do in fisheries and how we are delivering it to outside audience

Having an MCZ update

Presentation on Marine Designated Feature Mapping