

**"Sitting back at my desk this morning** and just wanted to thank you for the last two days, and all the hard work you have both put in over many months to make it happen. The conference was a great success!

The atmosphere was so positive amongst the members who attended and everyone had so much to share;

I think the conference could have gone on much longer! It was difficult to fit everything into such a short time."

Although I'm sure you must both be exhausted, you should also feel very proud to have organised such an event.

Thank you both – and to all the people who helped you – for initiating something that will hopefully, become a regular fixture in the calendar for people with aphasia and their families". **(Frances)**

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**"I do want to thank both** of you for such an interesting and satisfying conference. It must have been an undertaking, and huge amount of work, but what a success.

You must have been worn out by the end. But a day or two's rest, and you will be ready for anything - such as planning next year's conference!

Everyone was enthusiastic about this conference, and looking for next year's one.

Thank you so much for great enjoyment" **(Hilary)**

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**"The meeting place was good,** inspiring, both architecturally and mentally.

The catering was also good (and the staff helpful for the one-handed in carrying one's tray to table) and so was the overnight accommodation although instruction by the college staff in the room heating controls would have been helpful.

The workshops and the overall programme were good and I thought the conference represented good value for money.

My hopes for the conference were certainly fulfilled and am interested in attending another in 2008". **(Charles)**

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**I must congratulate you** on the marvellous effort you made of the Aphasia-Now conference. It was a great achievement and full marks to you and your team for a very great accomplishment. It was a courageous undertaking that you managed to execute without a (seemingly) hitch.

I hope that you have the energy and courage to undertake another venture in the future and that you will get more support from other aphasia groups throughout the country". **(Leo)**

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"Just to let you know that Roger and I both enjoyed the day we spent at the Conference.

It was very inspiring to meet so many other people who are trying (and succeeding) to overcome their difficulties.

You must have all worked very hard to make it such a success, we know these events take a great deal of organisation - they don't just happen!! Thank you very much." **(Chris)**

#### FEEDBACK form -

"What was the **MOST** useful and enjoyable part of the programme?"

- Talking a lot the Aphasia.
- Everything was inspiring and enjoyable. I will take a lot of ideas back with me.
- Meeting with others + sharing experiences
- Ken Garrett [playing the] Euphonium.
- Getting inspiration from others
- Friendly and warm atmosphere. I greatly enjoyed meeting such kind and positive people, who have overcome so many difficulties.
- It was so so good.
- The inspirational Talks
- Learning about Dyscover
- Mealtimes, getting to know other delegates, exchanging address details

The 'tradedstands' – apart from their wares, getting to know the people behind them.

FEEDBACK Form -

“What was the **LEAST** useful and enjoyable part of the programme?”

- Cold weather - let's have it in summer next time
- Sitting in the Chapel, uncomfortable seats ( Beautiful Chapel!!)
- I was cold in bed
- Not enough time between sessions

**Going home at the end..**