

Devon Association of Governors
DAG Conference 2008 “Tomorrows’ Schools”
Exeter – 29 March 2008

CHAIR’S CLOSING REMARKS

- It was agreed that the acoustics in the Council Chamber were not very good.
- Jo Frith commented that the Choir were excellent.
- The SIP Workshop in particular was described as invaluable.

DP said he would give consideration to a future Joint Conference of DAG, Plymouth and Torbay Associations .

The number of delegates attending was up on last year which was encouraging but it would be good to improve on this next year. DAG needs to reach out to more people and Governors should be encouraged to log on to the website regularly to be kept up to date. Tracey Roberts from Dawlish CC asked if she could be emailed directly as communication regarding the Conference had not been good – again, she was asked to refer to the website and spread the word to other Governors to do the same. DT explained that it was not possible to have individual email addresses. Mitzi Belsher proposed that delegates who had attended today should promote the Conference to other Governors. If you have enjoyed it and found it useful then tell people!

Another delegate thanked DAG and the guest speakers for developing the strategic role of Governors and suggested that this could be disseminated via SIPs in schools. Not all schools were as forward thinking.

DP ended the Conference by saying that he had discovered a new human condition called ‘Future Shock’ ie premature arrival of the future – when something gets to you before you are ready for it. There are three types of Governors – Past, Present and Future – and all need to acknowledge changes.

NGA spoke briefly about work behind the scenes which would be special to Devon. Devon has negotiated with NGA that if a school wants to it can become a member for £50 and not the usual £55 this year. CPD is being carried out for Governors as well as schools and it is recommended that it is in GBs interests to be a member of NGA as well as the other two organisations. Schools can call 0121 6435787 and mention that you are a member of DAG and the special offer will apply – remember to name both your school and DAG.