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PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK ~ Part I: Kenwood event (Oct 2018)

	Yes	In parts/ A little	No	No answer
Was the talk interesting?	21	5	0	1
Was the garden tour interesting?	26	0	0	1
Did you learn something new?	20	6	0	1
Overall, did you enjoy the event?	25	1	0	1

Please tell us how much you agree with the following statements:

(1 = strongly Disagree and 5 = strongly Agree)

	1	2	3	4	5	No answer
Parks, gardens and trees are good for our health & well-being	0	0	0	1	25	1
I am interested in the history of London's parks & gardens	0	0	2	11	14	0
Trees are good for the environment	0	0	0	2	25	0
I visit parks or gardens near to my home	2	1	4	9	11	0
I enjoy /think I would enjoy gardening	0	1	4	3	19	0
I would like to know more about conservation of parks, gardens and other green spaces in London	0	0	6	6	14	1

I liked.....

- Walk around with the gardener
- Seeing the gardens – I would have liked to see more; the lunch
- Learning about old trees and where plants come from
- Seeing/Visiting a garden for the first time in London (have been here for 8 months)
- Being able to visit Kenwood with a group I know well
- Seeing new flowers, plants from my own country and very old trees: they have a history
- I liked and love Kenwood House, Kenwood gardens; like all the trees, talking to staff; staff are very helpful; love the food; enjoyed everything
- Walking around
- Visiting the Kenwood House: it is beautiful; loved walking around; Thank you hope to be come again
- Garden – house – history; kitchen
- I liked everything
- All
- Green space & gardens
- Venue: Kenwood House
- Like everything
- Kenwood House and its setting and the beautiful green spaces
- Garden, old trees, food

- I liked walking around
- The food, house, green garden
- I liked that green garden
- Everything
- The way all three groups networked on the day
- Talking to staff; staff are very helpful; love the food; enjoyed everything

I didn't like.....

- Today's rain
- None
- Difficulty understanding the talk because of language
- Had little difficulty; wanted to see children's playground
- Missed seeing some colours, for example – flowers
- Rain
- The weather
- Nothing

Participants were asked to complete two sentences designed to gauge what they get out of visiting or being in green spaces. Many respondents have interpreted these as referring to their experience of the event at Kenwood

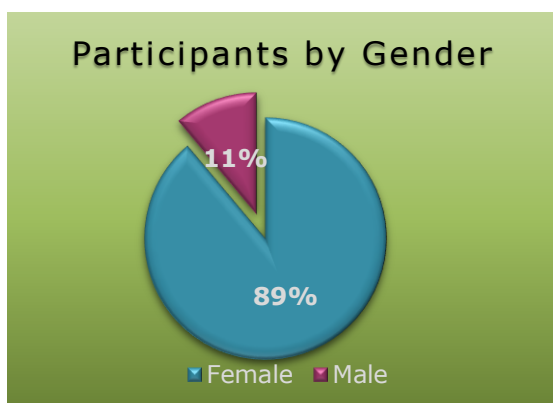
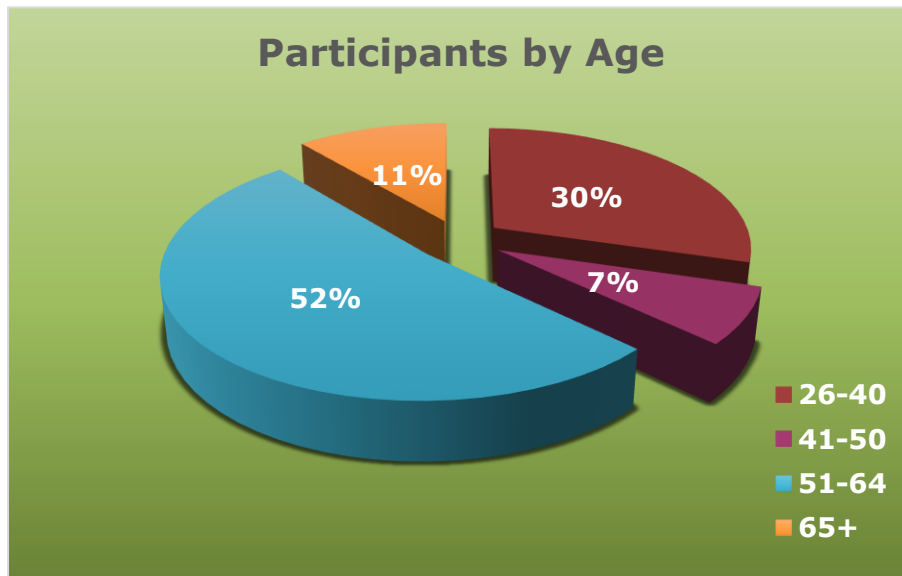
Being in a green space makes me feel.....

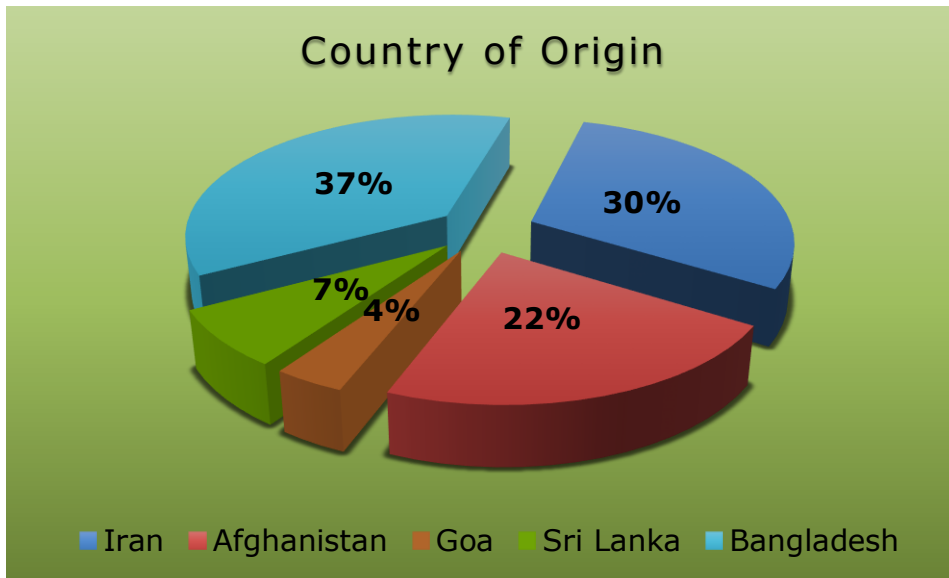
- Better. I am enjoying very much; your guiding is very good
- I was so relax and had good time. The staff are very good, kind and very patient
- I am alone in the UK; my children are back home; always crying; when I go with BRS (Barnet Refuge Service) women's group in the park, that is only time I don't cry. It helps me forget my sorrow and reduces my depression
- Less stressed; forgot my problems
- Happy
- Good, green area and history of gardens
- Less depressed, opportunity to meet other people and get rid of loneliness
- Relaxed, forget my problems
- Fresh air
- Good
- Relaxed and also enjoy the environment
- Reminds me of back home; feeling comfortable and enjoy the fresh air and beautiful environment
- Good
- Peaceful; relax and enjoy the space
- Good my mind
- Less depressed, opportunity to meet other people and feel less lonely
- Very happy, thank you very much; it's very kind of you. I very enjoy it, thank you again
- I like all of everything. I am interested in working in green garden
- I like the green and so nice place. I'm enjoying so much and that better operating and nice and kind staff guiding us, and I will do my best
- It helps me forget my sorrow and reduces my depression
- Happy and fresh

When visiting a park or garden I enjoy.....

- Very much. I am so happy; it's very nice
- Green space – see the sky – chatting with other women
- The fresh air, green space, open space
- Seeing new things – different trees and plants
- Good environment
- The fresh air; being active
- Reminds me of my country; love the flowers
- I came here two times but I will come with my friends
- Fresh air
- Flowers and trees, plants, nice staff
- Walking, to sit and relax
- Enjoy seeing people/children playing in the park
- All the trees
- Relaxing, walking and spending time with friends; also seeing people around me makes me happy
- Walking
- The view, green trees, smelling flowers
- You are kind and very friendly, and we enjoy the views and the time with you, Thank you
- My time with people, with my friends and your time it is very kind of you
- Yes, I am so happy and enjoyed. Guiding people so kind and very clear and marvelous, and I'm learning much good knowledge and everything

Participant Data





PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK ~ Part II: Russell Square (April 2019)

Please tell us what you did during the event

	Yes	No
I listened to the talk 'An Introduction to Russell Square	24	
I saw the insect hotel & bird-nesting area	6	15
I helped to plan the garden plot	6	18
I suggested plants for the garden plot	12	12
I prepared the plot for planting/planted the roses	7	17

Which of the above did you enjoy most? /What did you like most about it?

- I loved listening the talk and the history of the Russell Square park. I also enjoyed meeting other people and it was very beautiful and therapeutic to walk around the park and exploring. I enjoyed very much and look forward to be part of more garden experience.
- Amazing people, talked to other organisations' clients. /Sitting in the garden to listen to the lady who talked about the history of the park. Also, presentation from Errol (Errol Fernandes, Snr Gardener at Kenwood – re volunteering opportunities).
- Planting the rose./ All
- Everything/Hot drink, listening to the lady who talked about the history of the park - very interesting
- Planting the roses/Explanation about the history of Russell Square park.
- Visiting Russell Square and history of the garden/Garden & food
- Visit to Russell Square/Big trees, mixing with other group, planting roses
- Visiting Russell Square with other community people/Russell Square history
- Visiting Russell Square/Repton Garden plan; food
- I enjoyed helping to plan the garden/enjoyed the food
- Enjoyed everything/I like most to help put rose plant in the garden
- Russell Square history/ everything and food
- History re Russell Square/Joint visit with other group

- Everything - History of Russell Square/History of all area of Russell Square, enjoyed with other group visit together, food, history of Humphry Repton plan also re funding for garden
- Everything/History of garden
- I really enjoyed Russell Square garden. I did not know about this garden. I have heard about Hyde Park but didn't know such a gem existed in Central London. I have been living in Barnet on a housing estate for 7 years but have not been to Central London until now! I will take my children to Central London from now on to see more of London. It has been a great experience for me. Thank you.
- I liked both gardens (Russell Square & Tavistock Square) for different reasons. In Russell Square I liked the old trees and its history; in Tavistock Square I liked the combination of statues and the whole atmosphere. I will certainly bring my family to these gardens and will explore others
- Tavistock Square - had many things to learn about, not just trees
- I enjoyed both gardens and certainly learned a great deal about the history of both (Russell Sq. + Tavistock Sq.). I have passed these gardens so many times but have not had the chance to learn more about them/The history of both gardens and the old trees.
- Russell Square/Old trees
- I liked both (Russell Square & Tavistock Square)/Different trees
- Both gardens (Russell S. + Tavistock Sq.)/Trees
- I liked both (Russell Square & Tavistock Square)

Please tell us how much you agree with the following statements:

(1 = strongly Disagree and 5 = strongly Agree)

	1	2	3	4	5
I feel better when I am in a green space				4	20
I am interested in the history of London's parks & gardens		1	6	9	8
Being in a garden is good for my health			3	4	17
I have visited a park or garden in the last month		4	2	9	9
I enjoy / think I would enjoy gardening			5	8	10
I would like to know more about conservation of parks, gardens and other green spaces in London		1	3	14	6
I am interested in learning more about how I can help out in a park or garden (gardening or other activity) as a volunteer	1	4	12	6	1

The final question related to volunteering

	Yes	Not sure	No
Do you know more from today about volunteering in parks or gardens?	22		
Do you know who you can talk to about volunteering in a park or garden?	14		8
Do you think you might volunteer in the next 6 months?	5	15	2

In addition

Two respondents commented they would like to volunteer when their children are older.

Two said they didn't feel able to ask questions due to languages issues.

A small number of people visited nearby Tavistock Square to complete the questionnaire and answered different questions: some responses refer to the wider day/project.

What did you like most about the space?

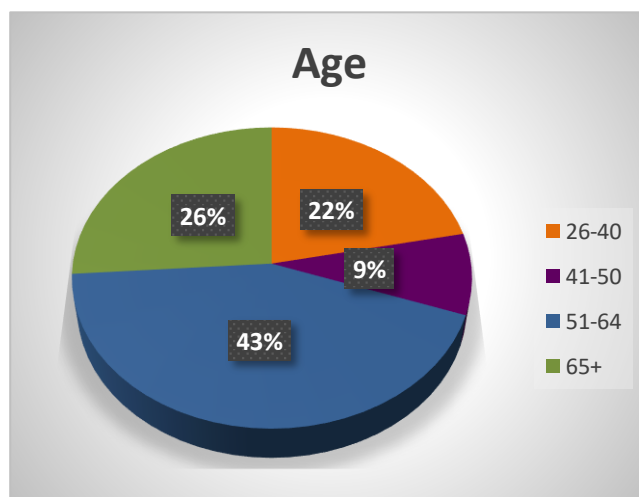
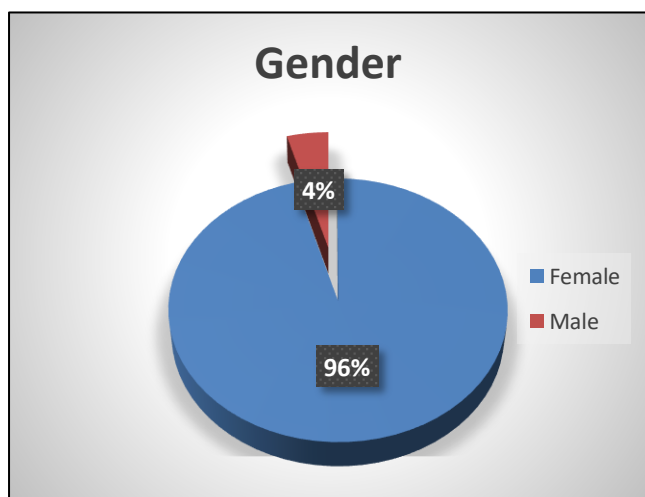
- The tall trees/green space
- Tall trees
- The old trees and space
- The most surprising part for me was seeing Gandhi's memorial
- Planting beds – also we will make history being part of the project

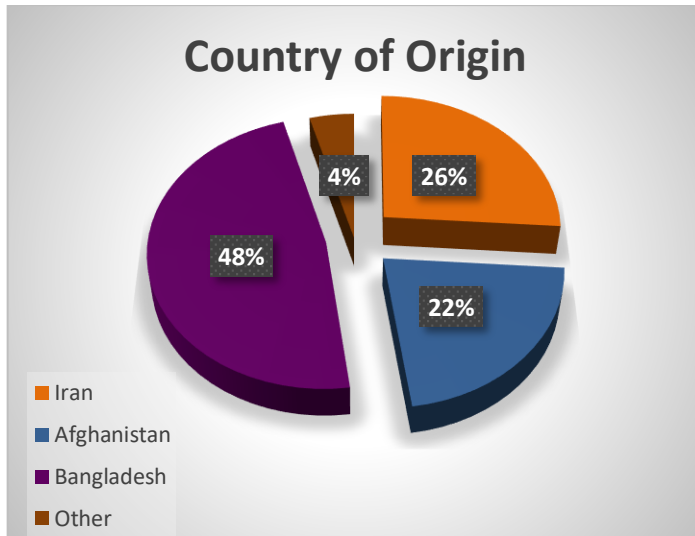
How important is it for you to be able to visit green space?

- I felt really happy and enjoyed my time. I very much felt part of this project and community
- Looking forward to (being) part of this project and community. I enjoy gardening and planting vegetables and flowers. Hope to plant vegetables from Bangladesh
- It helps me to get near to nature. The green area is an amazingly collection of feel good factors
- It makes me feel relaxed and it clears my mind from my problems.
- Very important for my health and well-being. Gives me an opportunity to be part of the bigger community
- It felt really good! Ladies said, they enjoyed so much as if it was their Eid Day Celebrations. Also the group from Hopscotch welcome the opportunity of this visit and enjoyed planting the rose plants.

Any Other comments?

- Thank you for organising this event today for us and our (ESOL) students
- Enjoying learning the history of link of Russell Square and the landscaper Humphry Repton.





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