

Evaluation Comments from 2004 P-20 International Education Summit: *Building Global Relationships*

Red Lion Hotel, Olympia, WA October 27, 2004

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

What I Liked Best:

I liked that education, business and government entities pulled together around this important work.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

If students will be present, presentors should know in advance so that they can include teaching styles suitable for that demographic. Maybe even include student to student sessions. (build student leadership)

Final Comments:

The Oregon folks who attended are energized to see what they can get started or enhanced in their state. Keep up the Great work!

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

As a willing participant I'd love to contribute alot and learn much despite not having made it to the conference but still I feel as an included participant.

What I Liked Best:

I am enjoying the progress.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Fee weiver for visitors from other countries and sponsorships so that all applicants can make it on time out of some considerations as such.

Final Comments:

Kind regards to all participants.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I learned the importance of connecting kids with other parts of the world. I was deeply moved by the experience. I want to connect my classroom with another somewhere in the world.

What I Liked Best:

The opening, the video, the resource fair, the discussion about nationalism vs. cosmopolitanism!

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Maybe two days, overnight stay, evening social activities and speakers, more opportunities to attend more break-out sessions.

Final Comments:

It was awesome! I want to find out more about making a connection and attending an IEARN conference. I want to get my students involved!!

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I didn't realize how much interest there was among high school students in learning languages and studying abroad. We really need to put more emphasis on foreign languages at all grade levels.

What I Liked Best:

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Talking with high school students -- I usually only get to hear teachers' voices.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

One more break-out period -- maybe a repeat of the first period, so that we can attend more of the sessions.

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

Work in this area continues to expand

What I Liked Best:

Opportunities for sharing - even though I was unable to stay for the entire day

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Including exhibits from Private Voluntary Organizations -- especially those with resources for teachers -- working to address the global problems in local areas around the world, e.g. Oxfam, Mercy Corps, Doctors Without Borders, International Committee of the Red Cross, etc.

Including resources of international organizations such as the United Nations

Final Comments:

Keep up the important work and thank you for all the hard work this takes.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I was very pleased to see the number of booths at the summit, which provided an excellent venue for networking and learning. I also loved that they enveloped the summit sessions since they are the ones supporting the teachers and students in their international education endeavors. It was a great set up.

What I Liked Best:

The directions and communication leading up to the summit were excellent--very efficient and clear. Once at the summit, I liked the opportunity it provided for networking. Also, the summit gave a great global view of those people, advocates, participants involved in international education. It provoked questions, concerns, thoughts and got folks motivated to get more involved.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

The registration process was confusing and disorganized. I was twice directed to the back of the line to get my name tag and lunch coupons, and my partner's name was not found. It was not known that I paid for two lunches, so I was asked to leave the line and present my receipt. Then, no one knew which tables were designated for their booths. I would suggest more clarity in the set up and directions upon arrival. Perhaps have summit registrants wear summit-made shirts (besides the little round sticker on their nametags) so participants know who to turn to for questions. The morning session was redundant and way too long. In the future, I would suggest it be less about selling their product and more about content and service, or perhaps limit the length of the session.

Final Comments:

Overall it was an excellent summit and I would be thrilled to be a part of it again next year.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I learned that excellent projects that unite students from different nations are taking place and can be readily adapted and integrated in K-12 classrooms around the country to create stronger global (and less ethnocentric) perspectives.

What I Liked Best:

Learning about the various learn projects happening between schools in the US and schools in other nations. The opportunity to

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What I would suggest for Next Time:

A greater number of classroom teachers targeted as the the audience.

"International" should not just be defined as abroad or as "non-English-speaking nations." There is great merit to studying our neighbor nations, too. Though not exotic, Canada is overlooked by the WAC and other international groups.

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

That we need to be focused and set clear goals. That international global ed is important and that there are many people in Washington State who feel the same way.

What I Liked Best:

Networking with teachers and other educators.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

I'm curious how many people were there from Olympia? If the majority came from Seattle I would suggest holding it there next year. It would have been nice if someone had acknowledged all the resource fair people - they made up a good percentage of the total people there and were not highlighted. The kids were great but I know that they were not very happy with the overall experience. It's challenging to mix adults with students and have both have a rich experience - I'd suggest putting more though into the goals of the conference and attendees. (see below for more on that)

Final Comments:

I was totally unclear what the goals of the conference were. It seems like a missed opportunity given the number and experience represented there. Needed more in-depth discussion about moving forward with global ed. I was very disappointed with the 2 hour morning session - it was basically a sales job of one or two program - while they are both great program I don't think we all needed to sit for 2 hours and hear about them - should have been a break out session. It was misrepresented. That time could have been much better used by the whole group. Preaching to the choir - we already know that international and global ed is important - what we need to do is move forward.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I will attempt to incorporate what I learned about language and framing issues when talking about global education. I have a lot to learn about how to package information for different audiences. The idea that I'd like to promote more is what Bill Center talked about - that international education is no different than education and that we needn't draw such a line in the sand.

What I Liked Best:

The lunch panel was great - good dialogue and differing perspectives. The facilitator did a great job. The sessions I went to were also really productive.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Move beyond showcasing organizations and doing introductions and get into more substantive dialog on the issues. I think the opening session could have been used to do something more productive. For example - it would have been great to have had Lorelei Kelly do the opening session and then have participants discuss in small groups how to take the national picture she presents and apply it in a very hands on way to local and state realities.

Final Comments:

I like have the resource fair tables around the room. It felt like we were surrounded by the work of all the organizations and people supporting global education. Perhaps there could have been more of an explicit announcement about the fair and a time dedicated to visiting booths.

The registration process at the summit was a bit confusing. Perhaps streamlining that process next time could help with the initial tone of the conference.

Overall, the summit was beneficial to me. I learned some new things and connected with others working in this field. Kudos to all the summit planners - your energy was clearly worth it!

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One Thing I learned at the Summit:

A wonderful presentation about the iEarn program! I will look into some of those projects and expect to hear more about these cross cultural connections.

What I Liked Best:

I always enjoy a provocative discussion with Walter Parker. He led a fascinating group discussion; his understated style belies the big ideas he's able to squeeze out of a group in a single hour. Wow!

What I would suggest for Next Time:

The panel session (2C) didn't work very well--there was not enough time, after introductions, to answer questions or have a meaningful dialog. Either more time, shorter intros, or fewer panelists would make this better.

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I learned that the student representatives would like world language instruction offered much earlier in their educational experiences. They expressed an interest in cultural perspectives offered in conjunction with language learning and I would like to see their wishes made a reality. I will continue to work to make languages available to students in elementary schools instead of starting language education in high school. I also was very interested in the mention of portfolio assessment. I like the idea that a student creates a body of work to reflect what they have learned rather than the test model of assessment.

What I Liked Best:

I liked the inclusiveness and overall positive tone of the meeting portions I attended. Unfortunately I couldn't stay for the majority of sessions. What I saw I enjoyed and I am encouraged that there are people working diligently to further world understanding and the sharing of educational techniques.

What I would suggest for Next Time:**Final Comments:**

The Resource Fair was very helpful and the teaching materials offered good for the integration of various class subjects and appropriate for all grade levels. I will be able to use what I picked up to enhance learning and to create opportunities for children. Thank you.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

Specific contacts to implement an international project with Central Asian schools.

What I Liked Best:

Networking opportunities.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

We've done a lot with iEARN and Facing the Future--this time, and at the conference last year at the U.W. Let's move on to other things! There are so many different non-profit programs for international partnerships. Something else for panels/keynotes next year?

Final Comments:

Some discussions were too general to be of value. Too much happy talk about how great it is to be involved with international education, to the point that we begin to be self-congratulatory.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

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I'm going to study and use the US in the World: Talking Global Issues with Americans Practical Guide to advocate for the importance of global education.

What I Liked Best:

It was great. very refreshing...and I hope to participate more in the future. Thank you!

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

1. Connected with League of Ed Voters, WSPTA, Soc. Studies council, and others--these contacts were made possible by the Summit, and these contacts will become key strategic partners as we move forward;
2. We need to craft the language of our priorities in a way that is heard by our elected representatives, and in a way that is inclusive of other constituents who share similar goals.

What I Liked Best:

Networking opportunities in furtherance of advocacy

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Host the summit in Seattle (or Spokane, with lots and lots of publicity if in Spokane).

Final Comments:

How do we get ahold of papers, presentations, and other resource materials? I am interested in Walter Parker's speech. Lorelei is also happy to make her powerpoint presentation available to those who might be interested.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

What I Liked Best:

What I would suggest for Next Time:

As a member speaking on the afternoon panel. I wish that the members of the panel had time to answer a Q&A period. Also although the resource fair was interesting I would have like to have seen them not so spread out. I feel that people truly didn't get to visit them as much as they have wanted to do.

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

Facing the Future lesson ideas to incorporate into integrated thematic units as we collaborate toward small schools

What I Liked Best:

Resources and time to network at the beginning

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

We are not alone on this uphill battle of making people aware that knowledge of languages and cultures is imperative to achieve peace and respect towards others and around the world.

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What I Liked Best:

Sharing experiences, and learning from others on the possibilities that exist to move internationalization forward without fear of reprisal.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

How can schools and universities work together to expand internationalization and bilingualism. Also, how can we have a stronger voice to implement foreign languages at a younger age (elementary school.) I believe this is a key component to educate (not only instruct) our children.

Final Comments:

The presenter on nationalism and cosmopolitanism could have done a much better job. Internationalization is a much deeper issue than the way he presented it.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

It is great to see such a strong grass roots effort for Intl ed.

What I Liked Best:

A collective voice is so much stronger, thus, building the network is critical

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Be able to report back to the group what international languages are actually taught and where, what institutions actually HAVE exchange students and what schools have immersion programs, international bac., etc. We need a clear picture to truly understand where we are strong and what needs improvement...that information can then be used to truly educate the legislature and potentially secure funding and support.

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I learned that it really helps if you have international education from the very beginning of school.

What I Liked Best:

I really liked the Lunch Panel. I learned a lot from that.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

I would suggest having different people speak because there were only teachers, and it would have been very nice to have the point of view of a non-educator.

Final Comments:

Overall, it was interesting and productive.
Thank you for having us.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I attended only the morning session, and also visited the resource fair. I was interested in the iEARN program, and thought it might have some ideas that could be used in my children's schools.

What I Liked Best:

It was very moving to see the diversity of programs and the individuals behind those programs -- all of which/whom are dedicated to improving global communication and interaction.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Final Comments:

Thank you for all of your hard work!

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One Thing I learned at the Summit:

The opportunity to network with educators and learn about their interest in exchange programs.

What I Liked Best:

The facilities were set up to encourage interaction. Nicely planned, and lots of good communication via email regarding the conference both before and after.

What I would suggest for Next Time:**Final Comments:**

Thank you for all of your efforts.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:**What I Liked Best:**

(Resource Fair) I was able to do quite a bit of networking with individuals and groups in Seattle which is quite valuable for me as a new-comer to the city.

What I would suggest for Next Time:**Final Comments:**

Overall, I think the summit went well and was well organized. Some feedback I received from students is as follows:

- They felt out of place and that the content of the summit was not geared to be inclusive of their feedback (more this is what students need)
- Prefer to be engaged more interactively
- Didn't like being the only students because it limits their chances of networking with youth from other schools and different backgrounds.

I've also contacted the students and requested that they log on individually to give their feedback. Feedback is always better from the source!

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

Lorelei Kelly had a lot of expertise and information for politics on a national level. I thought her breakout section was highly informative (though misleadingly titled--hence my lower rating for the session). Her comments on the business and military interest in international education will influence my work going forward as I pursue a career teaching Social Studies. I think teachers need to learn to build consensus around the issues that are important to them. More politicking; less martyrdom! I feel like Lorelei's comments gave me some stepping stones to move towards that place.

What I Liked Best:

I really enjoyed my second breakout session "Connection Students to the World Through Classroom Based Curriculum and Assessments." The Facing the Future folks have created a fun curriculum, and Caleb Perkins clearly believes in CBAs as an effective assessment tool.

I think it was so cool that we had students there. This is, after all, about them. So why weren't we asking them more questions? We need to validate their stake in this. They also have a certain type of expertise on the subject! They can tell us exactly what they're getting and what they're not getting. I think next time we need student-centric breakout sessions: youth need an opportunity to talk to each other. They also need an opportunity to talk to us--the moments that this happened were incredibly powerful. It would be helpful to have sessions that allowed for that and incorporated the youth component in a meaningful fashion.

The best parts of the i-EARN presentation were the teacher and student panels. I wanted more detail on how teachers were actually using i-EARN in their classrooms, and how they managed that while still meeting their department / school / district / state standards. I wanted more time for the students to talk about their

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experiences. There should have been time for Q&A with these folks. The little bit that I did get of this was awesome.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Why was this in Olympia? It seemed like most people drove down from Seattle. If the idea was to include legislators in what we were doing, then why weren't the politicians more visible? Were they even there? Who knew about this event? Did Oly teachers know? If so, why weren't they more interested in attending? I'm thinking next year this should be held in Seattle.

Ballroom: bad idea. We lost time creating little enclaves for the breakout sessions. It was sometimes hard to hear.

We are here to have a dialogue, not to passively receive content! More breakout sessions. Less lecturing. Teachers needed more time to talk to each other after presentations! What creates change is giving space for teachers to talk and argue and agree. Yes, we need to come up with some common goals. I think everyone knows that international education is important and that we need to come up with some common goals. Let's move beyond that comfortable consensus and start debating what those goals should be.

I liked getting up to move around during the longer speeches. It would have been fun to turn these two-second shake-out-your-muscles interlude into quick getting-to-know-you-and/or-the-issues exercises.

The "œteachers saying hi" video was a cool idea, but it could have been shortened to allow more time for interactive activities.

Please give more time for informal talking and attendance to the resource fair. Unstructured time is important! it can't be put off until the end of the day!

Final Comments:

Open Work Session: I thought this was such a great idea. I also thought the burnout was already starting to happen amongst participants. How can we counteract that? It's good to have this towards the end, so teachers have time for ideas to fully percolate. But at this point, many of them just want to go home. How can we help? We can't control the sessions too tightly... I don't have answers, only questions. But at least that's a start!

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

Would like to carry the message that the goal in WA is to so integrate 'international education' into basic education that we don't need the qualifier "international" anymore.

What I Liked Best:

Bill Center and Karen Kodama were excellent presenters and I found Lorelei Kelly fascinating although the title probably should have reflected 'advocacy at the federal level', despite many of the principles being the same.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

The 'feel good' stuff was nice (videos, e.g.) but I would cut back on it a bit, wasn't as substantive.

Final Comments:

Good networking opportunity.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

That the language of India will become the next most spoken language in 50 years or something like that.

What I Liked Best:

I liked the resource fair. That was very interesting. Each booth had good things about it.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

The people in the panel in the morning didn't have different tones of voice for me. They were mono tone and that was boring. This is what I heard and it could be different for other people.

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It was fun, but I think there should be more interactive things for the students because it got a bit boring.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

Getting started on the road to increasingly international education is not as daunting a task as it seems to be.

What I Liked Best:

The chance to connect with other organizations through the resource fair.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

There was rarely enough time to ask questions at the end of the break out sessions. There needs to be time for that interaction.

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I learned the importance of global learning and its benefits for young students. I also found out that it is becoming an international trend, and that America would fall behind if we do not alter our education system to fit with this reform.

What I Liked Best:

My favorite activity of this summit was the lunch panel where we saw the videos of students and teachers who are learning globally because it offered me a new view on how the world views America.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

There is not much I can suggest because the summit was great, however, it would be nice if we saw videos of students around the world working in their class.

Final Comments:

Great Job!

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

The need to work together for a common goal that will influence the state educational system.

What I Liked Best:

Sharing ideas with other colleagues

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Focus energy as a group on what we can do to encourage the State in making changes in Education such as a language requirement, changing requirements at Schools of Education requiring Social Studies teachers to have a global focus.

Make it more a working session followed by a short celebration to what is working in the State.

Final Comments:

Figure out a way for teachers/students to highlight their global education initiatives

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

In addition to Walter Parker's session (which I found useful as an intellectual exercise as well as a demonstration of pedagogy) I walked away with a deeper appreciation of the iEARN program and U.S. in the World resources. (I had to leave after the first breakout sessions due to the fact that I had another appointment that afternoon.)

What I Liked Best:

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I liked the fact that there was time to mix and speak with a wide variety of people. I made a dozen or so contacts with people and organizations that will influence my work in international education in a positive way. I like the fact that participants had an opportunity to have significant conversations with representatives from so many organizations.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

A task force needs to build a strategic plan to bring more teachers to the program or to ensure the program's electronic delivery to teachers from throughout the state. Partnered with the Supt. of Public Instruction or a college/university consortium the sessions could be fed live via the internet. Having worked with C-SPAN over the past decade I would also suggest that with enough lead time they might be able to bring the C-SPAN SchoolBus to Washington during that week and broadcast a series of events on C-SPAN Channel 1, 2, or 3...and that live broadcast would be accompanied by re-runs and the possibility of purchasing VHS tapes of the program from their supplier (in whatever number the demand might bring).

Final Comments:

I admire people and organizations who commit themselves to the building, running and follow-up that a program of this magnitude demands. In addition to the larger teacher turnout that I have suggested, the same would be true of college professors and pre-service teachers currently enrolled in the various colleges of education found throughout the state (special strands could be constructed to meet their various needs).

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

What I Liked Best:

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

Through many conversations with social studies and foreign language teachers I learned that they feel "out of the loop" given the current focus on testing core subjects and budget cutbacks. Our emphasis on advocacy could have been more tailored to their particular needs more directly -- helping teachers work effectively with principals, school boards, parents, colleagues, and their own communities to bolster support for SS and FL, as well as supporting global studies across the curriculum.

My work is influenced as I go forward specifically by the interaction with the One World Now students -- we have such an amazing diversity of students in this region, although our overall state population figures are quite homogeneous. Intentional programming and exchanges between schools could also be a way to introduce and offer global perspectives and international learning opportunities to our youth and teachers.

What I Liked Best:

Working with the steering committee!

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Briefly I suggest the following:

- (1) We limit panels to 3-4 people and work harder to make the Q & A time effective and engaging.
- (2) We re-think having a lunch panel. Lunch is a great time for each individual table to engage in conversation. We could also give each table a compelling question to grapple with during the lunch period and then with the help of a facilitator, call out for each table's 2-minute responses to their question.
- (3) We set standards for the length and number of videos to be shown during presentations.
- (4) We work harder to incorporate music and art into the day.

Final Comments:

It's a tough call to make -- we want everyone to go to each booth because groups spent time and energy to come to the summit, and yet we don't want to make some "mandatory" thing that turns people off. We want to let folks go where they want to go.

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Perhaps we could make more of a "game" out of the resource fair? What if participants were given a passport and every booth/table had a different stamp and you had to collect all of them to be entered into a raffle prize or something like that.

Sure you'd get some folks at your booth/table who just wanted their stamp, but overall teachers would at least see all the offerings and folks who table would feel that they did expose a lot of folks to their materials and services.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

Excited to find so much interest at the K-12 level in international education

What I Liked Best:

I enjoyed the lunch time panel discussion.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

The topics this time are great. Keep them.

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

Resources for service learning and project-based learning.

What I Liked Best:

Another teacher and I brought 10 students. They were SO impressed. They loved it!! It was good for their egos to have discussions with adults who think like they do! It validated them to a certain degree.

What I would suggest for Next Time:**Final Comments:**

Keep it up. You did a great job!

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

First of all, thank you for the wonderful conference. I was so inspired!!! I teach in a region where little focus is given to international learning and have been hesitant to push for change. The WASL drives curriculum, questioning techniques, evaluations of teachers as well as students, and Washington State history seems more important than world events. Although my school is very involved in guest speakers and field trips, no one has focused on the current situations of the world. After traveling in Africa this summer, I have widened my perspective even more. This conference made me realize that my perspective is more valid than I realized and driven me to bring other colleagues into the fold of including the rest of the world in our school. I have more questions than answers right now and my brain is swimming with thoughts. I am not sure how to proceed, but I am committed to this goal. What I gained? Inspiration, determination, validation of my ideas, the knowledge that small town America is not enough for students and that our geographical region is rich with resources to share with students and to bring them into the world. Thank you

What I Liked Best:

Connecting with others and finding a common thread

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Bringing the Peace Corps into the sessions so students in the classroom might have the opportunity to learn early that post college offers world experiences.

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One Thing I learned at the Summit:

What I Liked Best:

Different key players getting together and demonstrating in many ways a commitment to International Affairs.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

The summit organizers should create better opportunities for networking and interaction with the different organizations present at the summit.

This summit should not be only for "old timers" but should embrace "new comers" as well. Personally, I did not feel very welcome at the summit. Though a "newcomer" to the summit, I worked for the same ideals for over 20 years. The opportunities for interaction need to be improved.

Final Comments:

A one day summit once a year is too short. I was wondering, whether other underwriters could be won to make it an at least 2day summit. This summit needs to embrace all aspects on International Affairs of benefit to the schools, colleges, citizens, businesses and non-profit organizations.

Please consider in meetings to deliberate in creating an endowment fund. This fund should grow through fundraisers and the interest could be used to financially support a summit once a year.

Better presented could be also the interconnectiveness between the different subjects of International Affairs.

The Resource Fair is a good idea, but you need a bigger space and more organizations need to be invited.

There are much more organizations small and large out there committed to the improvement of international affairs. Consider a sliding scale fee for tables.

Publicity needs to be enhanced. The word needs to get out, that a positive summit like this convened.

All in all, thumbs up. You did a good job!

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

What I Liked Best:

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

sorry I was unable to attend the meeting because I am back in Kenya.

Going next time I will.

What I Liked Best:

I am still interested our members in Kenya to partnership with you people in America.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

please I would plea to you people make it global other can share good things are happening in this organization. Mostly Africans I can prefer.

Final Comments:

Yes I would like to share with them about more workshop planned to happen keep us update as before for next year.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

That we are one small world.

I am a foreigner and in my country learning English it's not an option you have to. I was surprised that here people don't study the way we do a foreign language.

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What I Liked Best:

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I am very encouraged by the reinforcement of the importance of staff being aware of what is going on in the world and bringing issues and events of importance, (and helpful in expanding perspective of our students), into our classrooms on a regular basis.

I also am very captivated by the idea of turning our district into an international school model district. I would enjoy thoroughly seeing our students learning other languages early kindergarten on. I am willing to tackle a language myself as well. I believe if all of us in the district did this together it could be very powerful.

I would appreciate any advise and assistance in how to approach this subject with our Board of Directors. I believe our Supt. is interested.

What I Liked Best:

Exposure to the ideas and the encouraging attitude of the participants and presentors.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Multi day; more detailed information; ability to attend more of the sessions.

Final Comments:

Thanks. I really enjoyed this day. All six of us from the OSD did. We are following up on the possibility of doing this in our district.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I very much enjoyed the presentation from iearn and seeing the video clips of the students and teachers from around the world. It made me realize that the new technology of our time and better assist our communication with international teachers and schools to have better understanding of diversity.

What I Liked Best:

I enjoyed networking with other teachers and people from the community! I learned so much in the breakout session with OSPI.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

As a music specialist, it would be wonderful to include some sessions with a connection to art and music. Both of these fields connect internationalism in many ways.

Final Comments:

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

I learned some new stratgies for teaching, discovered new opportunities for my students and was encouraged to continue pursuing an international ed. approach to curriculum.

What I Liked Best:

I thought you presented a good mix of approaches and opinions. I was energised and interested all day long! We brought 10 students with us and all felt that we had learned from the speakers and presentations. I loved the metaphors and games about intercommedtedness the iEarn folks used in their workshop.

What I would suggest for Next Time:

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International art exchanges! One World Now had wonderful ideas, are there other arts focussed educational exchanges or partnerships?

Final Comments:

Bill Center's style of interaction with the audience in the workshop was abrasive. He appeared to be intolerant of other opinions. I think ideas around trade are important to explore, and I have been impressed by the results some of the trade development projects have had in creating community stability, but was disappointed that he shut down discussion.

One Thing I learned at the Summit:

The continued and growing importance of youth needing the opportunities and tools necessary for understanding the internationalization and globalization occurring (both good and bad).

What I Liked Best:

Breakout session 1-C

What I would suggest for Next Time:

Time allotted for the resource fair exhibitors to introduce themselves (even if very briefly as the year before) and time at lunch, before or after allotted for participants to visit booths

Final Comments:

Good turnout in Olympia.

If not in Seattle, perhaps Tacoma would be a better compromise location.

Great job by the hotel/conference staff turning the room/space around through the day.

Nice lunch.

Thank you!
