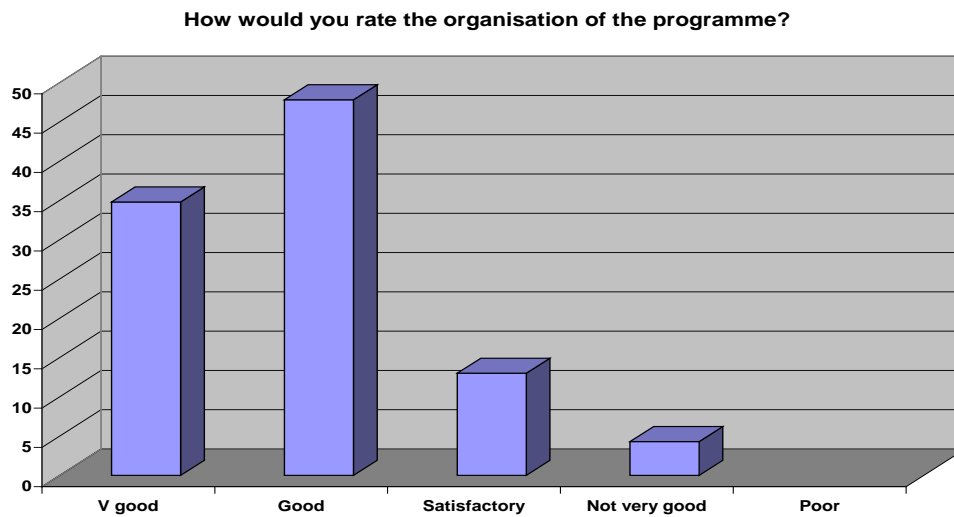


HUMAK, Tartu and Bedfordshire Common Intensive Study Programme
Held at Bedford June 2009

Programme Evaluation *



Representative comments:

Knowing more before the course the subjects that we could be preparing (Finnish student)

More opportunities to read about each others systems prior to the visit so we could make the most of our time with other students (English student)

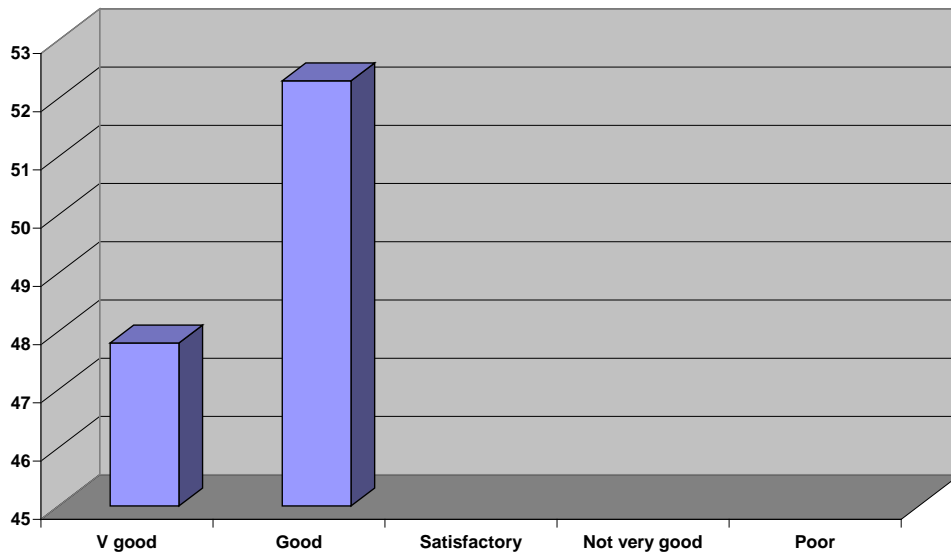
Timetables were not provided early enough (Finnish student)

Starting times could be improved (Finnish students)

The programme was well organised (English student)

* All charts show responses in percentages based on a total of 23 returns

How would you rate the content of the programme?



Representative comments:

Most of the lecturers were really good and project visits were a great experience (Finnish student)

It would be good to get to know each other better on the first day (Finnish student)

Lectures were good and especially visiting Luton and Brixton (Finnish student)

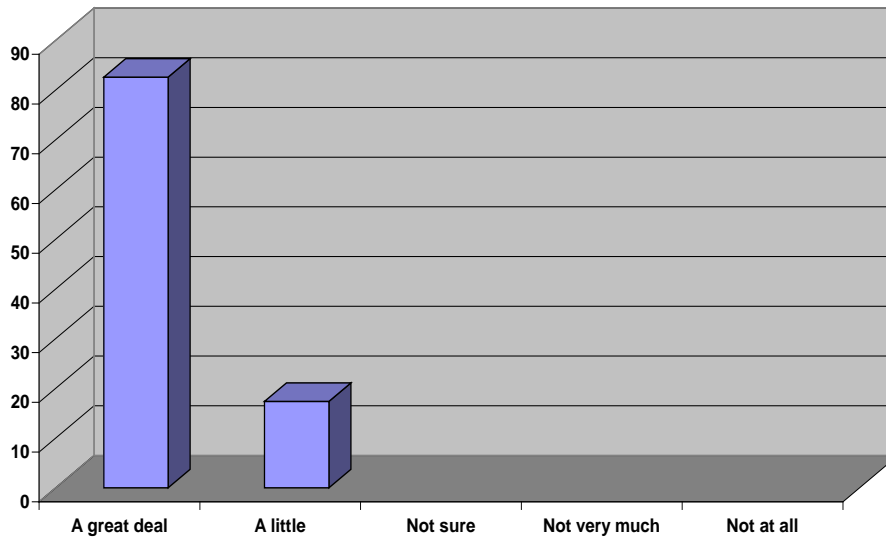
Sometimes it felt like (a few) lecturers didn't know who they were speaking to (they spoke very fast through the slides and thought we already knew certain matters... But most of the lecturers were great speakers and the project visits were very interesting (Finnish student)

Visitors should be prepared that the group contains persons with very different language skills (Finnish student)

A lot of interesting lectures, debates and activities (English student)

In my opinion, the programme of the course was good the way it was organised (Estonian student)

Did the programme improve your knowledge of other youth justice and child welfare system?



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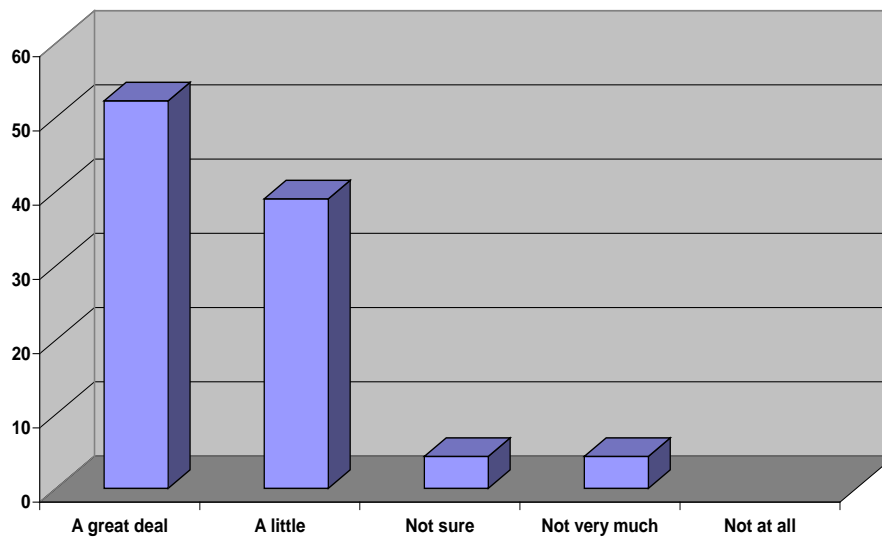
I learned a great deal about other countries' systems (Finnish student)

I really enjoyed the presentations describing the projects and activities that the other students were involved in their respective countries (English student)

Genuinely fascinating opportunity to learn about other perspectives and paradigms of youth support (English student)

It was also a very good opportunity to see what kinds of projects and initiatives there are in the UK (Estonian student)

Did the programme help you to think critically about your own youth justice and child welfare system?



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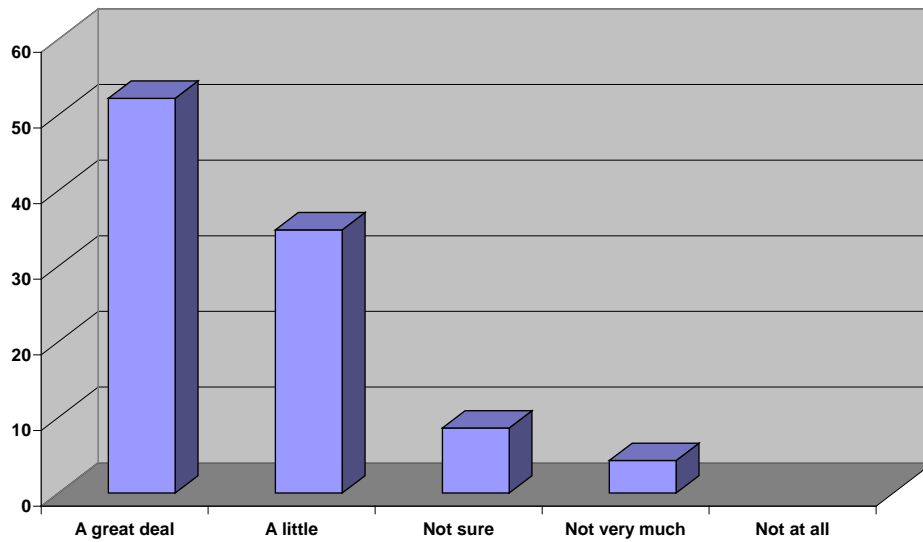
I cant think of a better way to seeing one's own system with fresh eyes and stopping taking aspects of it for granted as 'normal' (English student)

The lectures gave me a good opportunity to think about new topics and discussion groups were important to start seeing my own country from a different perspective (Estonian student)

I really enjoyed the site visits and definitely got new ideas to propose in Estonia (Estonian student)

Yes, but would have been more if I'd studied more about criminal justice (Finnish student)

Was the programme useful and relevant for your own studies?



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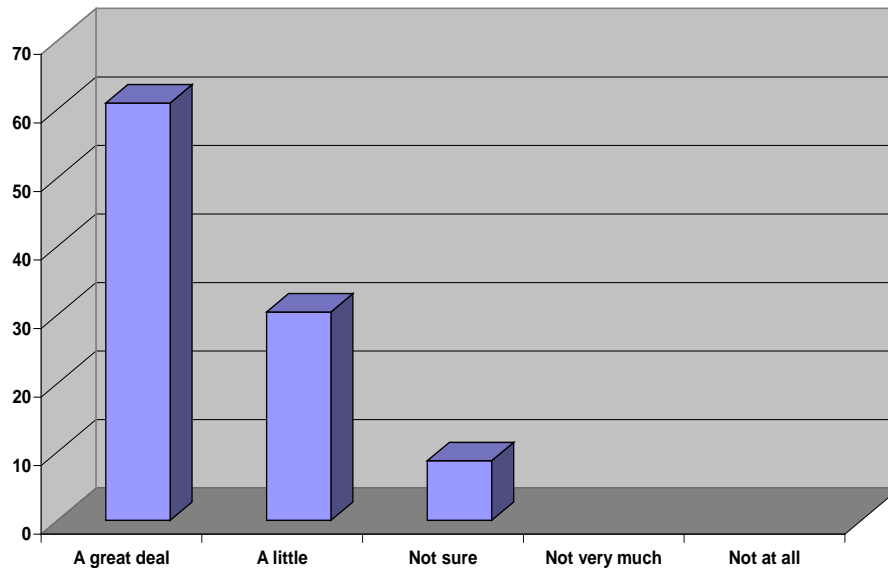
Yes, because I met other students from other countries (Finnish student)

Not sure because I don't work with youth justice (Finnish student)

Always good to have knowledge of other countries (Finnish student)

The interaction with other students has helped with my studies and my work (English student)

To what extent was your learning helped by the programme being a transnational one?



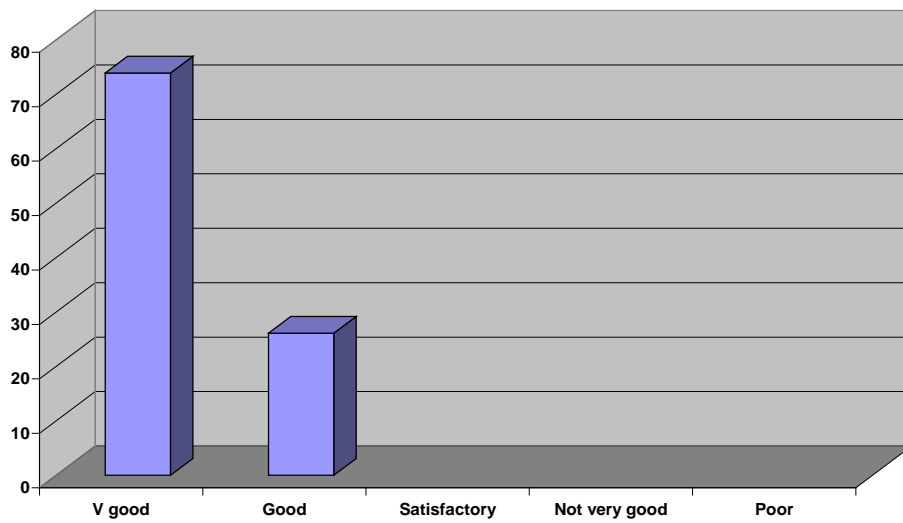
Representative comments:

I found that the comparative analysis of systems and practices in each country to be fascinating and I think it could be used even more in the future (English student)

Very enjoyable to meet the students from Finland and Estonia (English student)

There was a good amount of input from each nationality (English student)

Overall how would you rate the programme as a learning experience?



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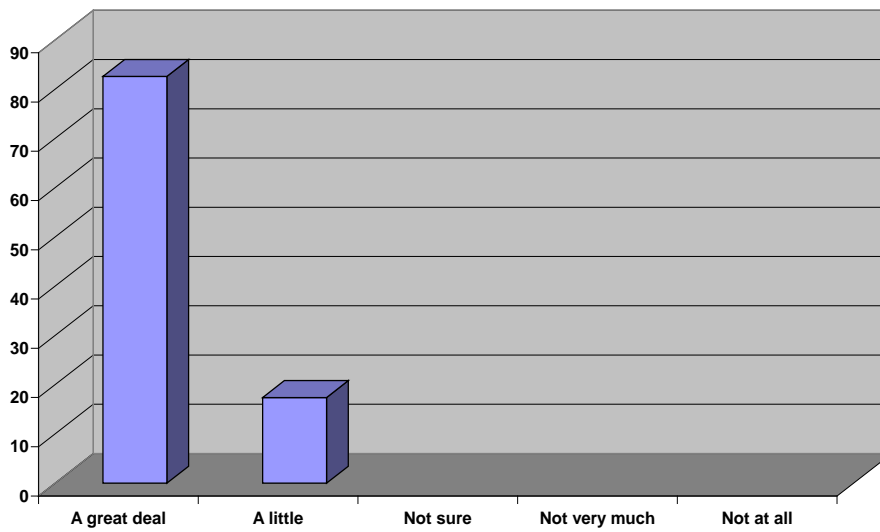
Everything worked quite well and I personally learned a lot about different countries and their systems (Finnish student)

It was relaxed and much of the learning also takes place outside formal sessions through interactions and social events (English student)

An enjoyable learning experience (English student)

Social opportunities were as useful a learning opportunity as formal ones at times (English student)

To what extent did you find the experience an enjoyable one?



Representative comments:

I've learned a lot and I would love to take part in this kind of programme again. Great experience. (Finnish student)

This experience was very, very good. For me it is now much easier to talk English (Finnish student)

The programme was excellent and really enjoyable (English student)

How might future programmes be improved:

In future, it would be nice if all the students could live in the same houses (Finnish student)

Start earlier in the day (Finnish student)

'Grouping' would help people to get to know each other faster and better and relaxes the climate (Finnish student)

More 'grouping' at the beginning (Finnish student)

Perhaps the first three days for workshops were too long. There could be one and a half days (Finnish student)

Maybe a bit more time to ask questions from the lecturers and discussions after the lectures (Finnish student)

Maybe more group work and discussion opportunities and maybe more project visits, because it is something you can do only when visiting other countries (Estonian student)

There could be more visiting of 'risk areas' instead of classroom lectures (But lectures were also interesting (Estonian students)

It would be good if the students from the country where the programme takes place (in this case the UK) could participate every day (Estonian student)

More joint events at free time. Also living in the same place (Estonian student)

I would like it if all the students lived at the same place, so the communication would be better and more intensive. Also if the information about the organisation had been delivered equally (Estonian student)

Organise more joint events (Estonian students)

Name tags to be worn throughout programme (English student)

Coach hire rather than trains to London (English student)

Other comments:

I really like this course because I learn to know new people, I heard how things are going in other countries and I learn a lot about other countries' system. Thank you very much! (Finnish student)

It was nice to stay in Bedford. Thank you!! (Finnish student)

Everything was good. Thank you! (Finnish student)

Thank you a lot. Keep up the good work (Finnish student)

Thank you for this great experience (Finnish student)

Overall, I'm very pleased with this course. I feel I have learned new things about all three countries and found some good ideas for my future work (Estonian student)

On the whole a very nice programme and a useful one. And motivating me to do a better job in my own country (Estonian student)