ML & BW’s talks: Scheduling conflicts (would have liked to attend). Quiz: no team.

My daughter attended the coding workshop and enjoyed it very much and it has inspired her to do more coding on her own. She also would have loved to take part in the Bake off, so to have this near the end of the day for when the children are coming to the coding session or Ceilidh would have enabled them to take part.

Too many talks recently to go to yet more. Have recently been at conferences, many job talks, etc. There was a bake off a few years ago, which was a relaxed afternoon event at a weekend. Didn’t really feel like it on a Friday lunchtime.

It seemed as if it was intended only for academic staff + students.

My kids went to the code workshop

It was the day directly after the 3DT event which took up a lot of peoples times

I had meetings that clashed with things so I could not attend all the sessions. Cheney’s talk was very much in the spirit of the jamboree. We need something like the jamboree to get people out of their comfort zone in terms of interaction. Maybe something more active in smaller groups as well as the big talks would be good - focussed on a problem that needs ideas from across the school. It felt like we had the extremes - an individual talking to
everyone and 1-2-1 interaction around the posters. Something in-between would be good where a group of 10 or so interacted around a research problem or something like that.

Not all events attract all staff - maybe an idea to have different staff arrange different things (ie, academics do one, research staff another, admin staff have an event... etc)

I was not in Edinburgh the day of the Jamboree (sadly)

Had fun last year.

Insufficient notice. Time already booked.

I had tickets for the Ceilidh, but in the end could not attend.

I had another event already on that evening - otherwise I would have attended the quiz and ceilidh. I attempted the bake-off but there was nothing left by the time I got there :-(
I would have liked to have had a longer event, perhaps a whole day or even two days.

Didn't have time for the quiz, had to do some work that day too!

It's getting a bit moribund.

There was confusion over when the dinner was to be held, initially it was before the ceilidh then it was in the middle.

I don't know as I didn't attend

I would have gone with my kids to the ceilidh but it was all on too late for us.

In part. If overall organisation was with a member of staff that ended up being off sick, this should have been passed on to each individual event organiser before the day of the Jamboree and more communication with people that took over.

It seemed last minute and a bit half-hearted compared to previous years, lacking a sense of excitement. It also took place at a time of year when many people were away.

dont know
Both yes and no. In general it was good, but pretty much everybody I knew was certain the dinner was served around six. When we arrived downstairs and heard it was a ceilidh-dinner-ceilidh sandwich, with dinner not before 8pm, a few were quite disappointed (and hungry).

Feedback on ceilidh

Band:
Good (patient with the dancers!)
Excellent ceilidh band!
They were fine, and seemed less annoyed by our incompetence than some of the previous ceilidh bands.
Passable for most songs, but the final Auld Lang Syne was pretty bad
Awesome
Very nice and patient with explaining us the dances. Also, didn't freak out when the floor broke.
Good; The Caller could have taught more clearly and called dances for longer to help the many beginners
good but prefered the one last yr
+ 19 variations on good/very good

Catering (provided by Blue Sky)
good, but too much food for the number of participants
The food was very good, although there was some confusion with the time, which was disappointing (especially since it was advertised for around 6.30 and started at 8)
Bit late for kids
Fantastic
Plenty of food, the veggie options ran out quite quickly, though the second portions were served eventually.
extcellent (way too much food though -- did people not show up?)
Originally announced for an earlier time--actual dinner time-- then pushed back to be after 8pm. Why the change? This was inconvenient for everyone, and I felt really sorry for the families with hungry kids. Food was great, though!
Good, finally there were even (tasty!) vegan/vegetarian options!
Way too much food. If you have problems understanding how many people will show up, enforce the requirement of an eventbrite ticket.
There was enough food for everyone, and many types - very pleased.
This was great: having the food in boxes was genius. Made getting served much quicker.
Good but mac and cheese was probably too heavy an option
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+ 16 variations on good/very good/excellent
Organisation

Huge fun!

I don't think students were invited. Previous ceilidhs, where at least MSc students were invited, were better for that reason

Some confusion over the start time etc.

What were the food tickets for?

Food was advertised for 6:15pm, but wasn't until much later.

Pretty good (minus confusion over dinner)

Details changed at the last minute - why?!

Communication was somewhat confused.

Unorganised

good, just a bit over-managed dinner timing/coupons

I feel there wasn't enough advertisement on the schedule for the day. The complete programme was sent to inf-general only once, many weeks before.

I'm mostly happy with it, but the email about getting tickets for the food was send only to staff and on the day - I found out about them by accident, although I got the ticket from eventbrite (maybe one should send email to everyone or to those, who got tickets for the ceilidh)

I expected the dinner before dancing.

good but i didn't think the ticketing system for food was needed

very good

+9 variations on good/very good
Thank you to everyone who organised it, loved it, and great to have an event for the family.

It seems irrelevant to me.

Yes, I'd like to attend the Jamboree, but I could not afford the time because of the scheduling close to the 3DT event.

YES, I would like the Jamboree to happen but I want it to have a clearer value proposition for the participants. The proportion of the School participating was quite low so I think we should work out the value propositions for different populations in the School and try to put on activities that are all around getting people to interact who don't in the normal run of things. The Jamboree is a mixer - but we need to make it clear what people get out of mixing.

I will have graduated so can't really offer an opinion, but think that social events are important for the department. There are few opportunities to get a lot of staff and students together.