

Midlands District,  
Dept of Education, Western Australia  
*Middle Managers Conference*  
Northam, 19 & 20 June 2008

*Knowing your Local Communities – presented by Nairn Walker*

Feedback on 2 hour session collated by Terry Martino, Principal Consultant:

- Great session – Could relate to a lot of what Nairn was saying and provided strategies to deal with student behaviour.
- Fantastic! The best PD I've been to in ages. Very dynamic.
- Absolutely brilliant – lots to work with.
- Always get something new from her sessions.
- Great and entertaining, extremely beneficial. Extended the way I already thought existed, but learnt different things.
- A fabulous presentation. A very interesting, very well delivered and so thought provoking. Excellent! Excellent! Excellent!
- Excellent – Keen to hear more would be very valuable for all staff.
- Excellent presentation. Will definitely be a better teacher understanding who it is I am really teaching.
- A fantastic presentation. Having lived in communities with long term generational poverty – Nairn reaffirmed what I already knew and had witnessed. It was good to see and hear others as they had that 'Aha' moment.
- An outstanding presentation which was thought provoking and insightful. Lots of A-ha! Moments
- Excellent to hear for a second time refreshes what and how we think and approach situations.
- Great speaker and a very informative presentation.
- Exceptional: Great for understanding the issues that occur in the school, classroom and the community.
- Fantastic! To hear from someone who presents so well and really gets the message across. I had a few a-ha moments – and will approach some situations differently now.
- Excellent deconstruction of the dynamics of poverty and how they can be value added to and at various levels within a school and its community.
- Inspiring presenter. Opened my eyes as to what many students live and deal with on a day to day basis.
- I really learnt so much!! I'll be buying the books and encouraging all my colleagues to research this topic of "poverty".
- Great workshops – able to now recognise and respond to families living in poverty more empathically.
- Really was an ah ! ah! moment. Well presented, engaging and very relevant!!
- Put into context lots of children's. behaviour and gives clues and something to work on to make changes.
- A most informative presentation by an easy-to-listen-to presenter. Nairn identified strategies and knowledge that all educators, at all levels, require. This is a presentation that definitely will demand future research.
- It was great to review this area again after completing a full day earlier last week. I feel you would always receive something further every time you listen to these sessions.
- Relevant and concise information . Usable and easy to apply and act upon.
- Very insightful. Great presentation – informative and thought provoking.
- Fantastic Thank you. Meaningful, relevant and timely.