



PINN Forum: Event Summary

Purpose & Scope

This summary shares key insights and impacts from the October PINN Forum. It captures who attended, how the event was experienced, and what participants took away - alongside reflections gathered through our bingo-style feedback tool.

About the PINN Forum

The PINN Forum brings together professionals from across sectors to share learning, explore lived experience, and strengthen joined-up support for neurodivergent people in our communities. This forum - "Lived Experience: Privilege, Potential & Possibilities" - took place at The GrowForward Project and focused on lived experience, with an emphasis on future-focused possibilities rather than problems.

Feedback was gathered using a bingo-style reflection tool, allowing participants to indicate which statements resonated with their experience of the day. This approach aimed to reduce form-filling fatigue while capturing meaningful outcomes and reflections.

Who Took Part?

We welcomed a balanced and diverse mix of professionals from the education, health, public service, voluntary and community sectors.

Over half of attendees were attending a PINN event for the first time. They were joined by many returning participants.

based on 42 feedback responses collected on the day

Feedback: Experience & Quality

Overall Experience

Enjoyability and usefulness were both rated very highly:



These scores reflect the value of combining lived experience, practical discussion and accessible facilitation.

Access & Inclusion

A warm, inclusive welcome remains central to the PINN approach. Attendees reported feeling this:

- 98%** felt the venue worked well for them
- 93%** reflected on their own inclusive or accessible practices
- 67%** felt able to engage and contribute in ways that suited them

Responses strongly reflected a warm, accessible and inclusive experience.

Feedback: Learning, Impact & Connection

Connection & Momentum

Networking and idea-sharing are facilitated well:

69%

made a new professional connection

72%

discovered a new service, project or approach

72%

said conversations they had sparked new ideas

83%

would like to attend a future PINN Forum

The PINN continues to act as both a learning space and a catalyst for collaboration.

Learning & Reflection

82%

gained new insight and perspective around lived experience

64%

learned something new they plan to apply in their work

86%

reported feeling hopeful about positive change happening locally

Many participants highlighted the value of hearing lived experience directly, and the space to reflect on how good intentions can translate into real impact.

Remarks & Future PINN Events

Voices From the Day

"Loved the lived experience pieces. They really made me reflect on my own professional practice."

"Very neurodivergent-friendly. The environment, fidget toys and sensory considerations made a real difference."

"It was so valuable to connect with others who work across different sectors but face similar challenges in their work."

"A hopeful, thoughtful space that felt focused on what's possible, not what's broken."

~ anonymous attendee feedback

Looking Ahead

This snapshot represents just one moment within a wider programme of PINN Forums.

Planning is underway for the next forum, building on the various connections, possibilities and themes highlighted here.

A further evaluation will follow at the end of the reporting period, drawing together learning across multiple events.