

## Australasian Youth Justice Conference summary report

Response Summary		Count	Percent
Total Responses	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	66	100.0%
Complete Responses	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	66	100.0%
Incomplete Responses		0	0.0%

### General

Specialisation	Count	Percent
Academia/research	17	25.8%
Corrections	12	18.2%
Criminologist	1	1.5%
Policing	3	4.5%
Policy	11	16.7%
Social work	9	13.6%
Other	13	19.7%
Times answered		66 100.0%
Times skipped		0 0.0%

Other specialisation	Count	Percent
See attached <sup>1</sup>	13	19.7%
	53	80.3%

Heard about	Count	Percent
Email from the AIC	18	27.7%
AIC website	5	7.7%
Other website	1	1.5%
Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators (AJJA)	10	15.4%
Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies	0	0.0%
CrimNet	3	4.6%
Work/Colleague	26	40.0%
Internet search	0	0.0%
Word of mouth	1	1.5%
Other	1	1.5%
Times answered		65 98.5%
Times skipped		1 1.5%

Other source or website	Count	Percent
See attached <sup>2</sup>	2	3.0%
	64	97.0%

Day 1	Count	Percent
Yes	62	93.9%
No	4	6.1%

Times answered	66	100.0%
Times skipped	0	0.0%

Day 2	Count	Percent
Yes	62	93.9%
No	4	6.1%

Times answered	66	100.0%
Times skipped	0	0.0%

Day 3	Count	Percent
Yes	56	84.8%
No	10	15.2%

Times answered	66	100.0%
Times skipped	0	0.0%

general conference rating	Count	Percent
Excellent	31	47.7%
Good	32	49.2%
Average	2	3.1%
Poor	0	0.0%
Very poor	0	0.0%
Times answered	65	98.5%
Times skipped	1	1.5%

Why did you find the conference program poor / very poor?	Count	Percent
Times answered	0	0.0%
Times skipped	66	100.0%





Thought provoking?	Count	Percent
Yes	63	95.5%
No	1	1.5%
Not sure	2	3.0%
Times answered	66	100.0%
Times skipped	0	0.0%



Why didn't you find the content thought provoking?	Count	Percent
See attached	1	1.5%
Times skipped	65	98.5%







Please rate the following aspects of the conference	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor	NA	Average	Count	Percent
Venue	40 (60.6%)	25 (37.9%)	1 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0.00	66	100.0%
Catering	45 (68.2%)	19 (28.8%)	1 (1.5%)	1 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0.00	66	100.0%
Networking reception	22 (33.8%)	26 (40.0%)	2 (3.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	15 (23.1%)	0.00	65	98.5%
Online registration process	19 (28.8%)	28 (42.4%)	2 (3.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	17 (25.8%)	0.00	66	100.0%

Times answered	66	100.0%
Times skipped	0	0.0%




## Day one

Keynote 1- Mark Halsey	Count	Percent
Excellent 	29	46.8%
Good 	23	37.1%
Average 	7	11.3%
Poor	0	0.0%
Very poor	0	0.0%
Did not attend 	3	4.8%
Times answered	62	93.9%
Times skipped	4	6.1%

Keynote 2 - Andrew Becroft	Count	Percent
Excellent 	56	90.3%
Good 	6	9.7%
Average	0	0.0%
Poor	0	0.0%
Very poor	0	0.0%
Did not attend	0	0.0%
Times answered	62	93.9%
Times skipped	4	6.1%

Keynote 3 - Juan Tauri	Count	Percent
Excellent 	8	12.9%
Good 	17	27.4%
Average 	19	30.6%
Poor 	11	17.7%
Very poor 	5	8.1%
Did not attend 	2	3.2%
Times answered	62	93.9%
Times skipped	4	6.1%

## Day two

Keynote 4 - Ray Corrado	Count	Percent
Excellent 	27	42.9%
Good 	25	39.7%
Average 	8	12.7%
Poor	0	0.0%
Very poor	0	0.0%

Did not attend	<div><div></div></div>	3	4.8%	
		Times answered	63	95.5%
		Times skipped	3	4.5%

Keynote 5 - Tracy Westerman		Count	Percent
Excellent	<div><div></div></div>	43	68.3%
Good	<div><div></div></div>	15	23.8%
Average		0	0.0%
Poor		0	0.0%
Very poor		0	0.0%
Did not attend	<div><div></div></div>	5	7.9%
Times answered		63	95.5%
Times skipped		3	4.5%

Keynote 6 - Kerry Carrington		Count	Percent
Excellent	<div><div></div></div>	5	7.9%
Good	<div><div></div></div>	23	36.5%
Average	<div><div></div></div>	22	34.9%
Poor	<div><div></div></div>	10	15.9%
Very poor	<div><div></div></div>	1	1.6%
Did not attend	<div><div></div></div>	2	3.2%
Times answered		63	95.5%
Times skipped		3	4.5%

### Day three

Workshop 5b - Collaborative Case Manager		Count	Percent
Excellent	<div><div></div></div>	1	1.8%
Good	<div><div></div></div>	6	10.5%
Average	<div><div></div></div>	3	5.3%
Poor		0	0.0%
Very poor	<div><div></div></div>	1	1.8%
Did not attend	<div><div></div></div>	46	80.7%
Times answered		57	86.4%
Times skipped		9	13.6%

Workshop 5c - EERICA		Count	Percent
Excellent	<div><div></div></div>	5	9.3%
Good	<div><div></div></div>	9	16.7%
Average	<div><div></div></div>	1	1.9%
Poor		0	0.0%
Very poor		0	0.0%
Did not attend	<div><div></div></div>	39	72.2%
Times answered		54	81.8%
Times skipped		12	18.2%

Workshop 6b	Count	Percent
Excellent	8	14.5%
Good	12	21.8%
Average	2	3.6%
Poor	0	0.0%
Very poor	0	0.0%
Did not attend	33	60.0%
	Times answered	55 83.3%
	Times skipped	11 16.7%

Workshop 6c	Count	Percent
Excellent	15	27.8%
Good	8	14.8%
Average	0	0.0%
Poor	0	0.0%
Very poor	0	0.0%
Did not attend	31	57.4%
	Times answered	54 81.8%
	Times skipped	12 18.2%

Workshop 8b	Count	Percent
Excellent	1	1.9%
Good	4	7.5%
Average	2	3.8%
Poor	1	1.9%
Very poor	1	1.9%
Did not attend	44	83.0%
	Times answered	53 80.3%
	Times skipped	13 19.7%

## Comments



Improvements	Count	Percent
See attached <sup>1</sup>	Times answered	46 69.7%
	Times skipped	20 30.3%

Other topics	Count	Percent
See attached <sup>2</sup>	Times answered	31 47.0%
	Times skipped	35 53.0%

Would you be interested in attending the Australasian Youth Justice Conference as an annual or biennial event?	Count	Percent
Annual	29	46.8%
Biennial	33	53.2%
Not interested	0	0.0%
	Times answered	62 93.9%

Times skipped 4 6.1%

Other comments		Count	Percent
See attached	Times answered	30	45.5%
	Times skipped	36	54.5%

At future conferences, would you make use of a conference "app" for smartphones and tablets, to replace or complement a printed...		Count	Percent
Yes		41	64.1%
No		23	35.9%
		Times answered	64 97.0%
		Times skipped	2 3.0%

Thankyou

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## Responses to Other specialisation

Response	Date
Public health	22/05/2013 10:23 pm
judiciary	22/05/2013 10:25 pm
Youth Work	22/05/2013 10:45 pm
Judicial	22/05/2013 11:07 pm
RJ convenor with criminology/psychology background	23/05/2013 12:30 am
magistrate	23/05/2013 12:52 am
Youth worker	23/05/2013 1:43 am
Court	23/05/2013 3:53 am
Advocacy	23/05/2013 7:59 pm
Psychologist	23/05/2013 8:24 pm
Legal Practitioner	24/05/2013 12:25 am
Youth Justice Custodial	26/05/2013 9:14 pm
Education	27/05/2013 6:30 pm

## Responses to Other source or website

### Response

As an AIC staff member  
ARACY?

### Date

22/05/2013 11:22 pm

22/05/2013 11:40 pm



## **Responses to Why didn't you find the content thought provoking?**

### **Response**

Some of the content was thought provoking- for example Dr Westerman's keynote presentation. However, in the main, the presentations were descriptive, explaining contemporary practice examples in various States/territories or describing research findings or questions. Having said that, gaining a better understanding of research and practice directions was a useful exercise so this is not intended to be a criticism of the conference.

### **Date**

22/05/2013 11:17 pm

## Responses to Improvements

Response	Date
Maybe some streams could be considered	22/05/2013 10:19 pm
Make fruit available. Include Job roles and states in the delegate list.	22/05/2013 10:23 pm
More solution focussed.	22/05/2013 10:23 pm
Less stats and more strategies/ideas from different agencies on how to address issues	22/05/2013 10:27 pm
Workshops on second day instead, and end with half day - key note x2, extended lunch. Also more networking time. Perhaps some poster presentations and stalls too.	22/05/2013 10:29 pm
My only suggestion would be that speakers stick to timeslots. As often throughout the first two days due to speakers running over time i missed the beginning of presentations in different rooms. Either have time keepers in all the rooms or allocate more time for people to get to and from presentations.	22/05/2013 10:29 pm
Specific sections for states to collaborate with each other and share ideas of what is working well / not so well for them	22/05/2013 10:31 pm
This was a very good conference but it would have been nice to hear from some young people (especially Indigenous young people). The conference venue was far too cold - several people remarked on this and it was at times difficult to concentrate on the sessions as a result. The food was some of the best I have had at a conference - much appreciated!	22/05/2013 10:35 pm
Less time presentating on how research was conducted and the statistical level information attained. Less focus on presenting the problems we face - generally I think the audience had a broad understanding of the issues faced in youth justice.	22/05/2013 10:38 pm
Stronger focus on evaluation findings of programs, response, or apparent solutions.	22/05/2013 10:59 pm
Overall really happy. But the ladies bathroom at the venue was very dirty, unkept and smelly.	22/05/2013 11:04 pm
There was a good mixture of attendees and papers from policy, practice and academic fields. This was one of the key strengths of the conference. Some of the papers were a little disappointing in terms of quality but of course that is a matter for individual/team contributors.	22/05/2013 11:17 pm
Not really - it was excellent	22/05/2013 11:22 pm
A conference dinner	22/05/2013 11:40 pm
It would be good to have a "wrap up" session at the end of some sort - it just sort of "stopped"	23/05/2013 12:20 am
Be good if presenters are producing something new, adding a fresh perspective. Tony Foley for eg used outdated data (8 yrs old in case of ACT RJ experience).	23/05/2013 12:30 am
earlier information about timing of conference start and finish, even if detailed program not clear - helps with travel planning inclusion of full abstracts in program, even if only online version	23/05/2013 12:52 am
Could reduce to two days. I was really tired on the third day and it was only workshops	23/05/2013 12:56 am

presenters should have a special rate	23/05/2013 1:43 am
Copies of papers from speakers to be available on the day of the conference.	23/05/2013 2:40 am
More workshops would be nice. Less plenary sessions - I missed a lot of talks I would love to have heard.	23/05/2013 2:44 am
overall very good in terms of structure, venue, mix of contacts	23/05/2013 4:23 pm
The first two days were terrific, however I feel that the third day fell a bit flat for those not involved in specific areas of work related to the workshops	23/05/2013 7:14 pm
The sessions were very rushed and as some were early and some were running late going between sessions was difficult and sometimes information was missed. Less sessions with more time may have been better. Maybe a fair type set up for part of the conference with stalls from different organisations/researchers, more interactive, information sharing	23/05/2013 7:24 pm
Less presentations based on research papers only with no practical application	23/05/2013 7:59 pm
Would have been great to have a formal farewell back in the ballroom, as the end seemed to come about in fragmented fashion.	23/05/2013 8:21 pm
Indicate the profession of the presenters in the program (not always clear from their place of work), to help better select sessions that are relevant to my practise. A little more structure / guidance around the movement periods between sessions would have been helpful (e.g., someone or some way of indicating whether the previous session has finished and the next one started. There were a lot of times when people would be unsure whether to enter / leave. This got better as the program went on, though.)	23/05/2013 8:24 pm
A wrap up session summarising key themes and points of interest and formal farewell would have wound up the conference in an optimal fashion.	23/05/2013 8:31 pm
I thought that all presentations from QUT concerningly lacked rigour and therefore validity. More info on aboriginal psychology would be great!	24/05/2013 12:16 am
More representatives from Juvenile Justice	24/05/2013 1:56 am
The use of a bell or some other device to announce that sessions are commencing to avoid late comers	24/05/2013 2:21 am
No he Conference was excellent and had fantastic coverage of interesting and thought provoking topics.	25/05/2013 7:36 am
More interactive forums.	26/05/2013 6:14 pm
A lot of IT issues in the breakout sessions. Would be good to have venue staff on hand to sort.	26/05/2013 7:57 pm
Third day whilst had some fantastic presentors left a lot to be desired, felt like it was tacked on with no real meaning	26/05/2013 8:24 pm
I would love to see this conference become a biannual event. There is no doubt this is the best youth justice focused conference I have ever attended and I would love for it to become a regular event I plan to attend. There was a perfect mix of academics, researchers, and practitioners. Best conference I have attended in some time!	26/05/2013 9:00 pm
All bar one of the key note speakers were of a very high standard.	26/05/2013 9:14 pm

Juan Tauri used the opportunity poorly and was self serving - which was a shame. The quality of a number of the concurrent sessions was questionable and a number were very low level or were merely sessions of show and tell about how many staff they had in various teams and what they did which didn't have any strategic purpose or outcome. A number of the academic sessions focussed more on the methodology than on actual outcomes of the research...which was again a missed opportunity.

Very impressive conference. Maybe the education and training element could be enhanced. 27/05/2013 6:30 pm

There is an overuse and reliance on Powerpoint presentations. The workshops that were most stimulating were interactive. 27/05/2013 11:17 pm

more information on workshops; fewer workshops to enable more content to be shared in lengthier presentations 28/05/2013 12:48 am

Found that it was difficult to move from one session to another due to time restraints. In fact once you were in one concurrent session, the Chair simply moved from one presentation to the next without really giving the participants time to leave. May be better to decrease the amount of concurrent sessions and increase the amount of time in between sessions (i.e. more than 5 minutes). 28/05/2013 6:23 pm

It's hard to do but to get people who actually are good at public speaking...some of them were not good public speakers. 28/05/2013 11:58 pm

Less focus on statistics and more on "what works" 29/05/2013 8:11 pm

No 29/05/2013 11:16 pm

With the risk of sounding just like one of my students, I would have liked the keynote sessions to be a little shorter. As fascinating as they were, back to back keynotes of a hour plus each does not leave enough time to digest and consolidate what has been said. Earlier finishes to allow us to talk about the issues and tend to matters (ie emails) would also be beneficial. However the conference was excellent so they are only suggestions. I was really happy with the conference and what I got out of it. 03/06/2013 12:38 am

Would be useful to have more presentations regarding best practice and not just more lectures about what the research tells us about our client population. We all work in the field we know the statistics and client group we need more information variety of programs on how to deal with, work with, assist clients to reduce reoffending. 03/06/2013 10:15 pm

## Responses to Other topics

Response	Date
Restorative Relational Justice Maybe an education theme	22/05/2013 10:19 pm
Continue with Aboriginal action items.	22/05/2013 10:23 pm
Not sure	22/05/2013 10:27 pm
There was a good variety - keep it up!	22/05/2013 10:29 pm
ATSI mental health Serious offenders rehabilitation programs	22/05/2013 10:29 pm
More presentation of new research and ideas that other people aren't already aware of, it seemed like a lot was rehashing topics and ideas a lot of people were already familiar with	22/05/2013 10:31 pm
Greater focus on initiatives in practice for breaking the youth crime cycle. ie what are people doing that is working.	22/05/2013 10:38 pm
As above - results of evaluations of responses rather than additional research on the nature of the problems.	22/05/2013 10:59 pm
One of the keynote presentations offered a good overview of policy/practice/research directions in youth justice and this was very helpful. Greater emphasis on bringing experiences/practices/interests together would be welcome.	22/05/2013 11:17 pm
A little more law as against sociology etc I appreciated hearing from those in the trenches ie the judges and magistrates and practitioners	22/05/2013 11:40 pm
Would be great to have speakers from the UK but also other areas of Europe (eg Germany) who approach YJ quite differently - how do their offending figures and the cost compare?	23/05/2013 12:20 am
More examples of positive collaborative efforts btw mainstream and indigenous bodies. More opportunities to question and discuss presented material.	23/05/2013 12:30 am
trends in use of alcohol and drugs insights re young people with intellectual disabilities in the justice system	23/05/2013 12:52 am
More RJ including victims' issues	23/05/2013 12:56 am
Working with families of young offenders	23/05/2013 1:37 am
A court-based theme to attract more judicial officers	23/05/2013 3:53 am
more from New Zealand More about 'what works' and perhaps a little less on processes eg remand	23/05/2013 4:23 pm
New research on the rise of female offending - whilst we know it is occurring we do not know why	23/05/2013 7:14 pm
Mental health, alternative interventions to CBT, information sessions about the roles of different organisations eg. police, Youth Justice, NGOs	23/05/2013 7:24 pm
Programs that are in operation and are providing positive outcomes for young offenders	23/05/2013 7:59 pm
Assessment tools & interventions for ATSI YP	23/05/2013 8:21 pm
I would love a workshop with someone who has a thorough understanding of young female offenders from both a theoretical / research perspective but also with experience in practising with young women.	23/05/2013 8:24 pm
Perhaps it would be good to hear from someone who was an	24/05/2013 12:16 am

ex-offender?

more topics regarding youth gang violence and addressing the limitations of forensic assessment 24/05/2013 1:56 am

Language Theory to practice 26/05/2013 8:24 pm

What does and doesn't work. What are the interventions that have been tried with youth justice clients... 26/05/2013 9:14 pm

Training and education 27/05/2013 6:30 pm

More sessions on "what works" with ATSI young people and family interventions Residential drug rehab for juvenile offenders 27/05/2013 11:17 pm

Diversion again. Police perspectives of youth problems. 28/05/2013 11:58 pm

Solutions! I found some speakers to be great at discussing the 'problems' but not so readily providing some 'solutions' or suggestions for help. Also I loved the evaluation workshop held by Anthony Morgan - these types of workshops can be applied directly to the workplace and 'real world.' 03/06/2013 12:38 am

Programs, models of intervention which are working. 03/06/2013 10:15 pm

## Responses to Other comments

Response	Date
It was great to catch up with interstate colleagues.	22/05/2013 10:23 pm
Nil	22/05/2013 10:23 pm
I understand the conference content was more directed to academics and those workers in the field. It did not really address many matters that I was interested in from a judicial perspective.	22/05/2013 10:25 pm
It would be good to have more opportunities for discussion, interaction, and sharing of ideas - more formally than during breaks, less formally than the very short Q&A after presentations. Or perhaps just more time for Q&A - maybe at the end of each block of presentations. Perhaps some opportunities for working groups/brainstorming on particular topics?	22/05/2013 10:29 pm
N/A	22/05/2013 10:29 pm
-I liked the round table setting for watching presentations -For catering - it would be nice to have some healthier options available - fruit with morning tea - fruit skewers, platters etc, and at lunch there was only one tiny bowl. Other than that morning and arvo tea were all sweet. And the arvo tea biscuits weren't that great, and same all three days (variety!) -It was freezing all day every day in the conference rooms!	22/05/2013 10:31 pm
Overall conference was excellent.	22/05/2013 10:38 pm
The thematic groupings of the sessions was great and very helpful. The 30 minute turnover timing was just right. I got a lot of useful information and direction from the sessions. I understand what Juan Tauri was trying to convey, but the way he chose to do it was not respectful of the care and hard work demonstrated by those he was accusing of dishonesty. Ironically, I suspect his approach was in fact counter-productive to what he was trying to achieve. I still take on board his points - but it detracted from the positive nature of the Conference. Conferences are not the place to make claims of academic dishonesty.	22/05/2013 10:59 pm
Given the cost of the conference fore registration, and the poor quality food, I would expect that there be at least free wifi available for those who have paid. This would at least make it easier to attend because the build up of work when you take 3 days out of a normal working week is stressful. At least if wifi was included, this build up of work would not be as stressful because I would have been able to stay on top of emails at least while at the conference.	22/05/2013 11:04 pm
It would be useful to have access to conference papers or presentation slides- for example in the form of conference proceedings.	22/05/2013 11:17 pm
The first question in this survey does not work. I am doing research as a criminologist with a specialism in corrections - so three of these applied, but I could only pick one.	22/05/2013 11:22 pm
Free wifi would have been helpful or at least some computers for use of delegates	22/05/2013 11:40 pm
The timekeeping was great so we got through everything and got to everything we wanted to	23/05/2013 12:20 am



Some genuinely inspiring sessions and some ordinary ones which may have been as effectively delivered by reading a pamphlet. 23/05/2013 12:30 am

I think Juan has a lot to contribute and I found his presentation useful but I saw a lot of people disengage due to the angry nature of the presentation. The amount of venting compromised the amount of useful information that could have been shared. 23/05/2013 12:56 am

I thought the whole conference was great and had a good mix of presenters and presentations. The catering, however, was just amazing. The food was fantastic at every lunch and morning and afternoon break and the staff were very efficient. It was the best conference food I have ever had. 23/05/2013 1:37 am

The cost is prohibitive to students, even though they are stated as a target audience. Even though the venue, catering etc was great, perhaps sacrificing some of this to an extent to make tickets more affordable would be good. E.g. the money spent on providing a constant supply on pens, paper and mentos probably is not necessary. Alternatively, offering a few student scholarships or other equity placements could be possible. I think the issue of cost was also somewhat problematic as the majority of speakers and delegates mentioned that lack of funds was a major issue in service delivery. 23/05/2013 2:44 am

Perhaps a more 'topic' focused approach would be good for each day such 'first contact: programmes and services,' theory, Policy, best practice etc.. 23/05/2013 4:23 pm

I thought the conference venue was good; however, the centre needs to know that the womens toilets were horrible with an overwhelming pungent smell over the entire three days 23/05/2013 7:14 pm

Maybe some politicians should come along or at least someone from government to hear what is actually going on in the research 23/05/2013 7:24 pm

Conference experience left me feeling inspired to consider/implement various other ways of working into our practice and hopeful for the future of YP. 23/05/2013 8:21 pm

I thought the conference was very well executed and the facilities were good. There were a couple of exceptional key-note speakers (e.g., Judge Becroft, Tracey Westermann) and a number of particularly thought-provoking other speakers. Thank you for the hard work that has gone into organising this conference and I look forward to many more. 23/05/2013 8:24 pm

It was fantastic overall - really wonderful I'm so glad I could go! 24/05/2013 12:16 am

It really was a well organised and interesting Conference. 25/05/2013 7:36 am

The convention centre was an amazing venue and the food was excellent, but the air conditioning was freezing! Even my Canberra colleagues mentioned how incredibly cold it was inside. The cold air in all the rooms made it very difficult to relax and enjoy the papers as I was often busy trying to warm up more! 26/05/2013 9:00 pm

A regular national conference for youth justice is essential and I applaud the effort that has gone into arranging this one. A terrific start, but opportunities for improvement. 26/05/2013 9:14 pm

Well done! 27/05/2013 6:30 pm

Overall very well run conference so congratulations to the organisers 28/05/2013 6:23 pm



and the facility. In addition, as a presenter it was great to have the room and all electronic equipment ready prior to sessions starting.

excellent excellent conference!

28/05/2013 11:58 pm

I thoroughly enjoyed the conference and networked throughout it. It was very well run and put together. Also many thanks for the services of Kate Hancott, she is very efficient and amiable.

03/06/2013 12:38 am

## Responses to Other specialisation

Response	Date
Public health	22/05/2013 10:23 pm
judiciary	22/05/2013 10:25 pm
Youth Work	22/05/2013 10:45 pm
Judicial	22/05/2013 11:07 pm
RJ convenor with criminology/psychology background	23/05/2013 12:30 am
magistrate	23/05/2013 12:52 am
Youth worker	23/05/2013 1:43 am
Court	23/05/2013 3:53 am
Advocacy	23/05/2013 7:59 pm
Psychologist	23/05/2013 8:24 pm
Legal Practitioner	24/05/2013 12:25 am
Youth Justice Custodial	26/05/2013 9:14 pm
Education	27/05/2013 6:30 pm