

PARTICIPANT COMMENTS: POST-TRIP SURVEY

1. Please use this space to tell us about any projects, people, or best practices in the UK that you were particularly surprised by or excited to learn about:

Industrial Innovative Development Concepts. We need to focus on this for in the greater Portland Region.

Interested in the Glasgow conversation about entrepreneurialism, would be interested in thinking through the barriers to implementation in Portland.

I loved learning more about examples of the circular economy (leading from the business side), innovation districts, Meanwhile space, AMRC!!!! - what a revelation about what we can do here with OMIC.

The economic development strategies deployed in Greater Manchester and Scotland at large were inspiring. Their examples are ones to follow and will provide lots of inspiration for me going forward.

Congestion pricing: I liked the congestion pricing discussion.

Sheffield Technology center

2. Please use this space to tell us about any projects, ideas, or best practices in the UK that you think Portland should be implementing here at home: 9 responses

Circular Economy: I've always been a shelter-first advocate so listening to what they are doing, even if on a small scale, in Edinburgh was super interesting.

Most of the cities we visited are doing a better job of linking and coordinating efforts in housing, equity, services, economic development and leveraging their universities.

Collaboration is palpable between public, private, university and NGO groups. Excited about sports marketing, inclusive growth strategies, the process and development of collective impact approaches. No silver bullets – just collective efforts that add up to substantive change over time.

The Meanwhile Spaces was a fantastic idea that I'd love to see implemented. Also, the heavy investment in collaborative R&D (such as the AMRC) seems like a huge opportunity for us.

A more robust Sheffield program for our students.

congestion pricing

3. Please share with us one thing that made this trip a positive learning experience for you: 12 responses

Learning from an entirely different environment

Incredible to meet such leaders, particularly in Scotland. Vast wealth of information.

Meeting all sorts of new people.

The network model for developing the entrepreneurial ecosystem using the collective impact

approach: aligned interests, shared framework, curating/convening the community and encouraging collaboration. And AMRC!!

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The career diversity and backgrounds
meeting other Portlanders

Networking with participants and local experts

If you could change one thing about this trip, what would it be and why?

13 responses

4. Do you have photos that you would be willing to share? You can upload them to the shared album at <https://tinyurl.com/Ukbestpractices>: 15 responses

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More understanding of how they are addressing poverty

We need some two things: 1. Team building exercises / activities that include local leaders, such as white water rafting, fishing, etc. 2. We need actual problem statements from Portland that we can solve in real-time with presenters leaders. Portland needs a definitive north star, and one cool question would be how to achieve that.

Not having to deal with work issues at home - but that's not a function of the trip at all. That being said, I'd love to have a conversation about what to take out of it once we're back in Portland. What are people actually doing with the information?

Not sure if it was a budget issue but the long bus ride to Scotland was painful. Would have liked to take the train instead. But I do not mind bus rides for shorter durations or where it is impractical to walk. Would be happy to walk more where possible. Sometimes the guides seemed to assume that we were incapable of managing ourselves and our stuff and treated us like inexperienced travelers. Too much talking by the guides on the bus. Also, might want to consider breaking up the group into smaller groups for evening dinners a couple of times during the trip. Optional dine-arounds could be organized for people to try different restaurants at least a couple of times on these longer trips. Otherwise an excellent program - thanks to all the people who helped put it together!!