

The Future Of Employment: How Susceptible Are Jobs To Computerisation

FEEDBACK OVERVIEW

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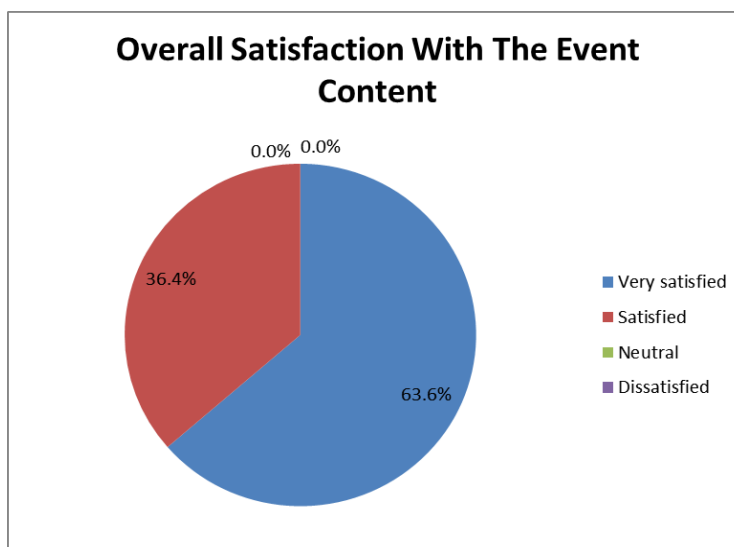
Overview

Long-run economic growth depends on the application of new technologies that reshape production, adding new kinds of work to the economy. As new work is added to the old work, the skills of some workers are inevitably made obsolete. To understand how technology will alter the demand for skills and the type of new work that will be created looking forward, the event will be examined with Dr Carl Benedikt Frey how the expanding scope of tasks computers are able to perform has likely impacted on future labour market outcomes.

Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli (Z/Yen Group) welcomed everyone and quickly handed over to Dr Carl Benedikt Frey (James Martin Research Fellow) who gave his presentation. A discussion and Q&A session followed with comments from Dr Carl Benedikt Frey and Con Keating (Brightonrock Group) in the chair. The event concluded with closing remarks from Con Keating and time left for networking.

Feedback

28 guests attended this breakfast event. The majority of respondents stated that their principal reason for attending was the topic, followed by an equal split between the speakers and a personal interest. Overall satisfaction with both the event content and the speakers was very high, 100% on both counts. No attendees cited any dissatisfaction in terms of event content, speakers, organisation, or the event's alignment with their expectations.



When asked about the most interesting aspect of the meeting, many respondents listed the discussion and the variety of attendees. Remarks included:

- *“This was a very useful event helping with the planning of investment and children's careers.”*
- *“It began to touch on the much broader context of our attitudes to employment and the political/economic structures which create them. The more we can engage in this debate, the more likely we are to develop durable solutions to many problems in the world and avert collapse of our civilisation.”*
- *“The information Carl shared with us was all interesting, the difficulty in computerising social skills and creativity may just be a matter of time.”*

They all agreed that the conference was in alignment with their expectations, and confirmed that they would recommend any future Long Finance events to colleagues and friends.