

Heart of Clojure 2024 Attendee Feedback Results

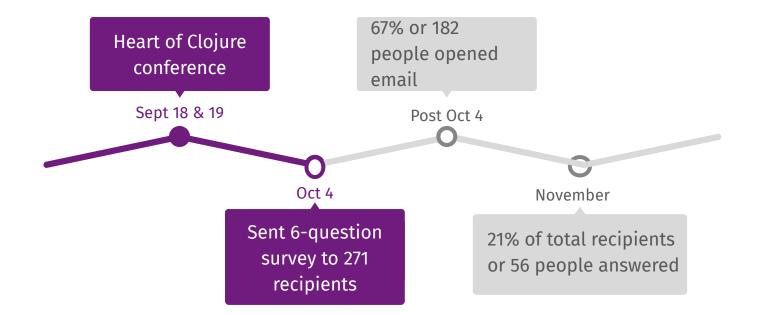
Goals Understand our attendees' experiences

Understand where we could improve for the next edition

Survey Understand what worked well and should be kept for next conference

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Timeline



Survey Questions

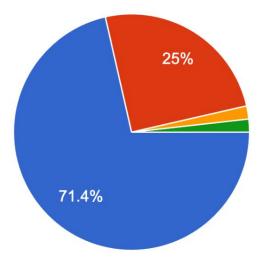
- 1. Overall, how would you rate Heart of Clojure? (range from excellent to poor)
- 2. What did you like about Heart of Clojure? (free text input)
- 3. What did you dislike about Heart of Clojure? What would have made Heart of Clojure better? (free text input)
- 4. What was your biggest takeaway from Heart of Clojure? (free text input)
- 5. What topics or features would you like to see at future Heart of Clojure conferences? *Could be topics or features you enjoyed in previous editions of Heart of Clojure.* (free text input)
- 6. How likely is it that you would recommend Heart of Clojure to a friend or colleague? (range from 10-1)

Data Analysis Methodology

Questions 1 & 6

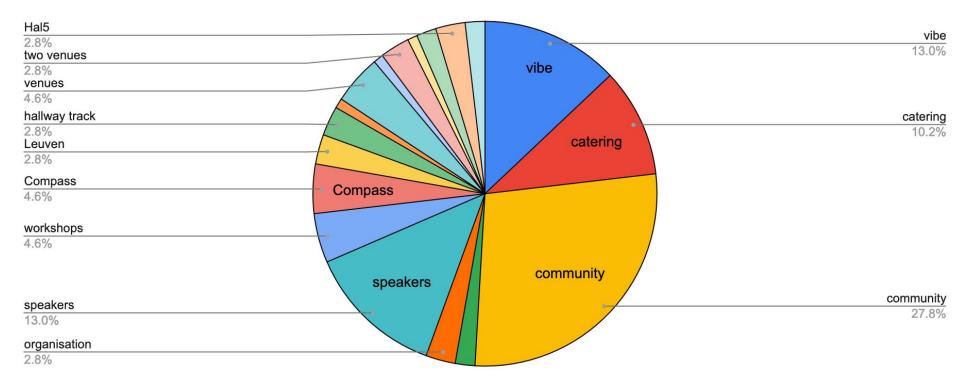
Questions 2 - 5

For questions 1 and 6 where responses must be chosen on a scale, I counted the number of responses per rating. For the free text input responses for questions 2-5, I marked each response with a summary issue, i.e., "venues" or "speakers." If longer responses mentioned more than one issue, it was marked with multiple issues. I counted the total number of responses per issue. Overall, how would you rate Heart of Clojure? 56 responses





What did you like about Heart of Clojure?



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Top 3 Aspects

Community	28%
Vibe	13%
Speakers	13%

"I loved the community. The organizers were so welcoming and encouraged everyone to network. I also loved the wide range of activities that the conference offered. It was an amazing opportunity to connect to like minded individuals and smart people. I learned quite a few new things and left the conference feeling inspired and energized."

What did you dislike about Heart of Clojure? What would have made Heart of Clojure better?

Discord technical talks 1.7% 6.9% lunch lunch workshop sound 6.9% workshop signup 12.1% 3.4% one more day 5.2% add another day 3.4% Discord account talk topics 1.7% 1.7% slow coffee speaker quality 1.7% 6.9% food food 5.2% meet Arne 1.7% no comment two venues no comment 5.2% 19.0% two tracks 5.2%

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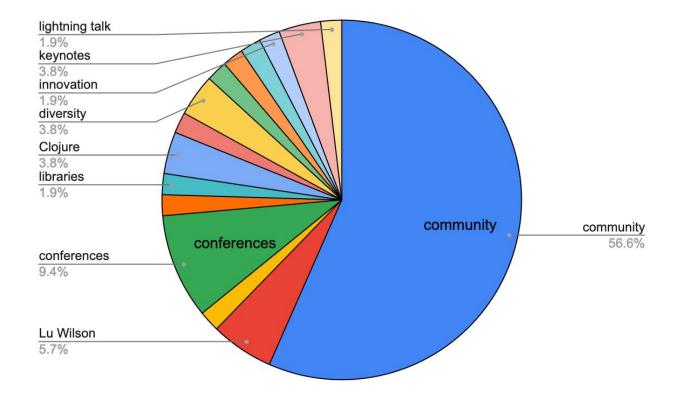
No comment	19%
Workshop sound	12%
Food + lunch	12%

"Full honesty: Food and the workshop venue.

- The food was not marked, so people with allergies wouldn't dare to eat it.

- I had trouble hearing what the instructors had to say in the workshop area with the two areas competing and noise from others in proximity."

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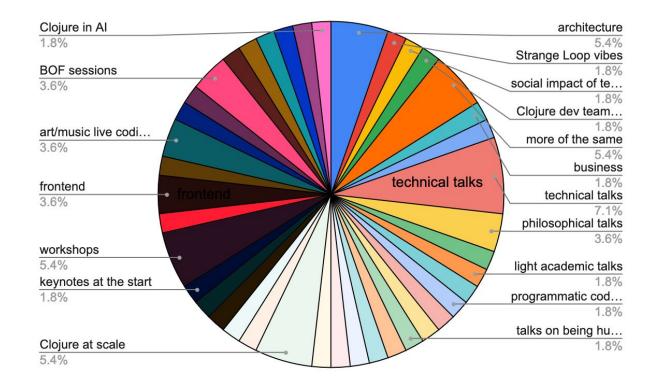
Top 3 Aspects

Community	57%
Conferences	9%
Lu Wilson	6%

"I noticed that Heart of Clojure was focused on diversity. I feared this would annoy just a little but intact it was very inspiring. It was a wonderful inclusive rich and colorful experience. I have super warm memories from it. It stayed with me. Something that cannot be said for, any, other conference I went to."

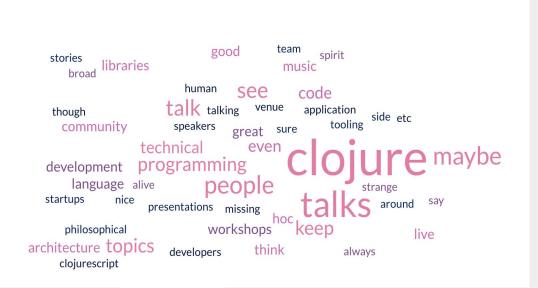
"The opening and closing keynotes where definitely food for thought. Chatting with fellow Clojurians told me how much we have in common even in our personal lives. It's unbelievable."

What topics or features would you like to see at future Heart of Clojure conferences?

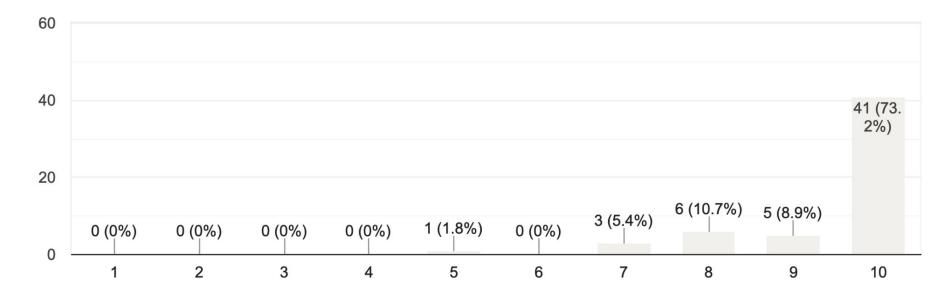


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Top Requests	
technical talks	7%
more of the same	5%
Architecture	5%
Clojure at scale	5%
Workshops	5%
art/music livecoding	5%



How likely is it that you would recommend Heart of Clojure to a friend or colleague? 56 responses



Summary of Highlights and Lowlights

Attendees liked most the community, the vibe, and the speakers Attendees disliked the workshop space acoustics and aspects around food/lunch Takeaways centered on the people they met, being at a conference in general, & keynote message from Lu Wilson Attendees wish for more technical talks, architecture, Clojure at scale, workshops, & art/music live coding



Recommendations for the Future

01	Improve Attendee Experience	 Ask for feedback during conference to increase response rate Monitor feedback during conference to improve experience on the fly
02	Food Labeling	• Ask caterers to provide a printout of the ingredients with their food
03	Workshop Sound Quality	 Use rooms with doors & walls for workshops or Rent tour guides' equipment for workshop speakers
04	Speaker Quality and Variety	• Send out call for proposals earlier and to a wider but also more targeted groups (ie, livecoding art & music makers, etc)

Summary of Big Picture

Overwhelmingly positive feedback

- 95% rate the conference excellent or very good

- 73% would definitely recommend HoC to friend / colleague

HoC fulfilled its goal of **gathering and welcoming the Clojure community** for a fun time meeting like-minded people with thought-provoking talks, exciting art/music live coding, and interactive workshops.

