

Report of: Community Voice and Influence

Report to: Inner North West Community Committee

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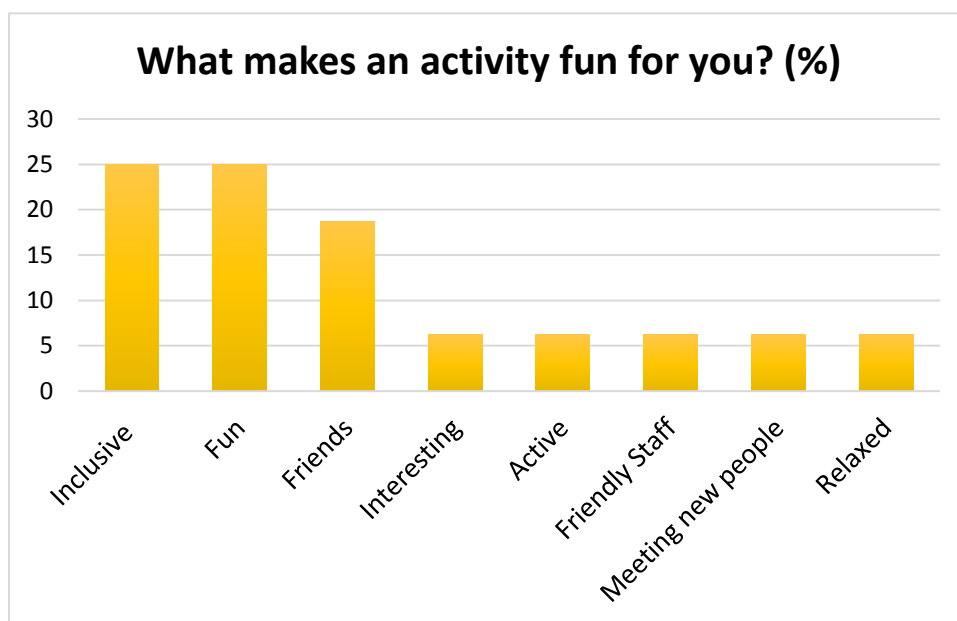
Inner North West Youth Activity Fund Consultation 2017/18

Background

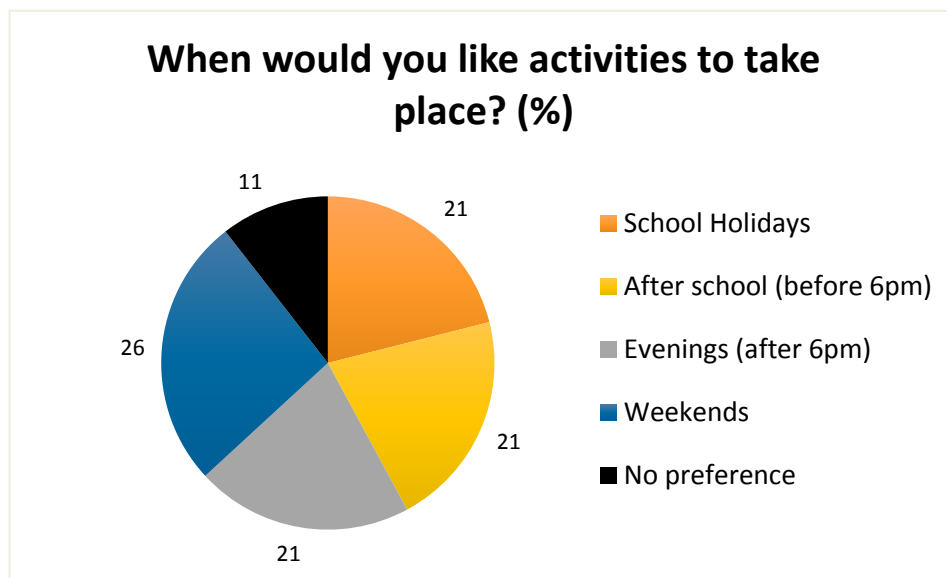
1. The delegated youth activity fund requires the engagement and participation of children and young people in the decision making and evaluation of the fund. The Inner North West Community Committee agreed for Officers to visit local youth groups to consult local children and young people with the support of local partner organisations.
2. Officers from the Communities Team planned to visit youth groups and engaged with the Youth Service and the Cardigan Centre to coordinate the visits. Sessions took place in all 3 wards of the Inner North West at the Welcome Inn, Little London Community Centre and the Cardigan Centre.
3. The attendees of the youth groups were invited to take part in group work and choose activities they would like the local councillors to fund. The consultation exercise included having a budget of £35,000 in monopoly money and a range of real activities with costings available across the city as examples. The young people had to spend their £35,000 and prioritise the activities as well as complete a questionnaire indicating their own personal preferences. This gave an indication of the types of activities young people would like in the Inner North West area.
4. Consultation was also carried out citywide during the summer holidays of 2017 at various events. This included consulting with young people from the Inner North West area, the results have been incorporated into a separate report highlighting citywide priorities.

Findings

- 22 young people took part in the group consultation exercise which highlighted the types of activity in order of preference that young people would like to take part in across the area (see priorities below). Young people also suggest other activities they would like to take part in. These included: boxing, singing and climbing (see 'Activity Idea' sheet).
- Young people were asked to feedback when and where they would like activities to take place and 15 young people completed the feedback forms. The following data was compiled from the feedback:



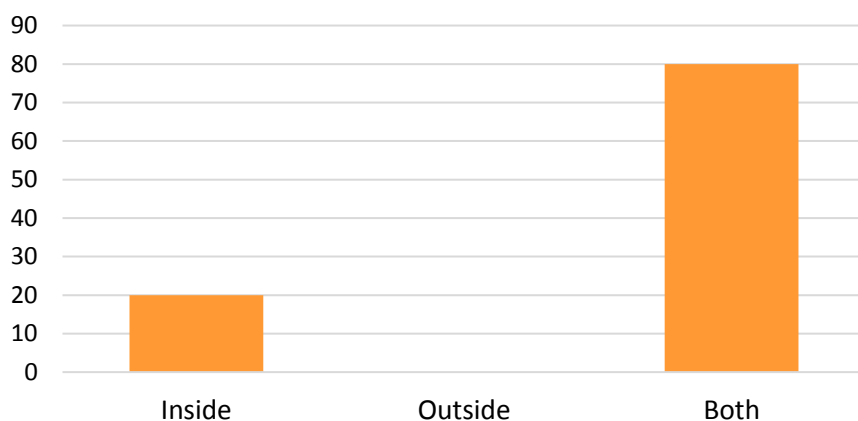
The top things that would make an activity good are that they are inclusive and that everyone can join in (25%) and that there is something fun to take part in (25%).



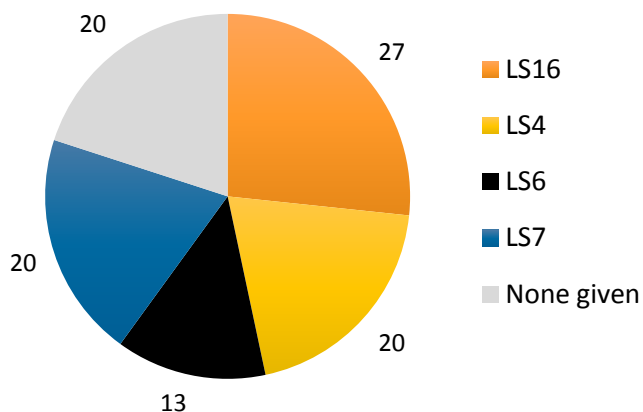
26% would like activities on a weekend, 21% would like them in the school holidays, 21% would like activities after school and 21% would like them in the evening. 11% had no preference when activities took place.

20% would like activities indoors and 80% would like them both indoors and outdoors. None of the young people indicated that they wanted activities just outside.

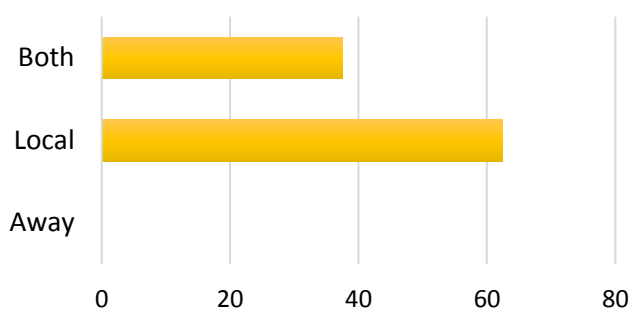
Where would you like activities to take place? (%)



Postcodes (%)

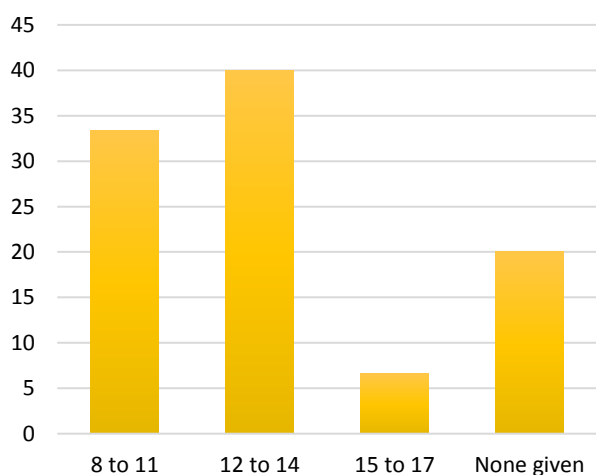


Would you prefer activities in your local community or away from where you live? (%)

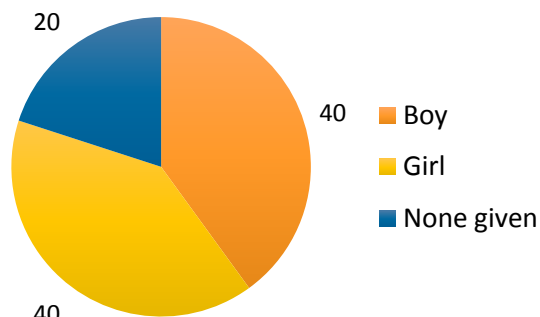


63% of young people wanted activities in their local community and 37% preferred activities both local and away from where they live. No young people wanted activities just outside of their area.

Age



Gender



33% of the young people were age 8-11 years, 40% of young people were age 12-14 years old and 7% were age 15-17. 40% boys were consulted and 40% girls.

Priorities

7. The results of the consultation suggested a focus on the following youth activity fund priorities for 2018/19.
 - a. A variety of project inside and outdoors.
 - b. Activities in the local to the area as some away from where young people live.
 - c. Deliver activities at a variety of times especially on the weekends.
 - d. Ensure the activities are fun for young people and are inclusive so that everyone attend.

An emphasis on the top 10 activities which include:

1. Sport (including for older age range)
2. Outdoor Adventure
3. Cooking (including for older age range)
4. Youth Group
5. Fun Days with Inflatables
6. Drama
7. Music Project
8. DJ/Production
9. Movie Making
10. Dance

Recommendations

8. That Members note the content of the report and that the priorities outlined by young people influence how money is spent on youth activities in the Inner North West area 2018/19.