

A background photograph showing a group of young people sitting together. In the foreground, a person's hands are holding a smartphone. In the middle ground, another person is holding a coffee cup. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in a casual setting.

# Rights Here, Right Now

Results from the 2022 Children and Young  
People's Survey Conducted by Youth@CLC

**YOUTH@CLC**

# *RIGHTS HERE RIGHT NOW.*

Children and Young People's Survey

**Dr Deena Haydon**



## Introduction



**The Rights Here, Right Now Children and Young People's Survey was developed by the Children's Law Centre's youth panel, Youth@CLC, in collaboration with Dr Deena Haydon, a leading researcher, writer and children's rights activist. The purpose of the survey was to gather information from 12-17 year old children and young people across Northern Ireland.**

The survey was in four sections, themed around key articles in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These included 1) Participation; 2) Non-discrimination; 3) Survival and development; and 4) Knowledge about children's rights.

A wide marketing and awareness raising campaign was deployed to promote the survey. This included repeated advertising on the schools' portal, as well as direct emails to schools, youth organisations and youth clubs.

Capacity building materials were also developed and included in the marketing drive to ensure the children and young people who were completing the survey had an understanding of why this work was being conducted. A resource hub was also placed on the Children's Law Centre's website with access to additional resources and information.

Responses to the survey were collected online between 14th March and 14th April 2022. In total, 1,026 responses were received from children and young people with a diverse range of backgrounds and circumstances.

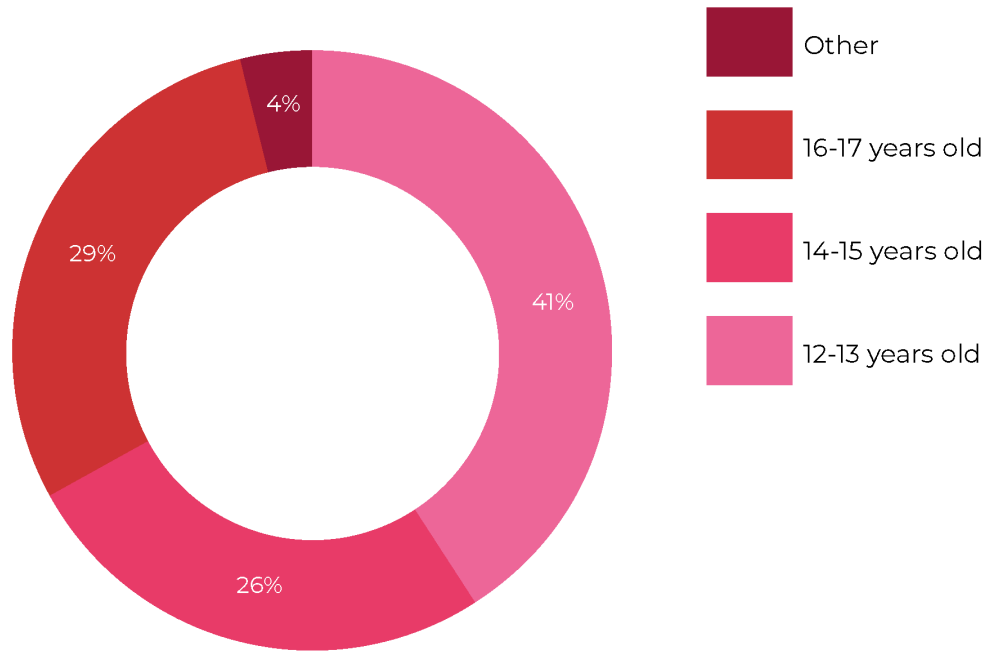
The results of the survey are to be included as part of a children and young people's report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (The Committee). This report is to inform The Committee's examination of the UK Government which will be completed in May 2023. The report

will also include information gathered at workshops conducted by Youth@CLC, the Children's Law Centre's Youth Participation and Advocacy Worker, and Dr Deena Haydon.

Youth@CLC would like to thank Dr Deena Haydon and Jerome Finnegan of Save the Children for their help and assistance in developing and analysing the survey.

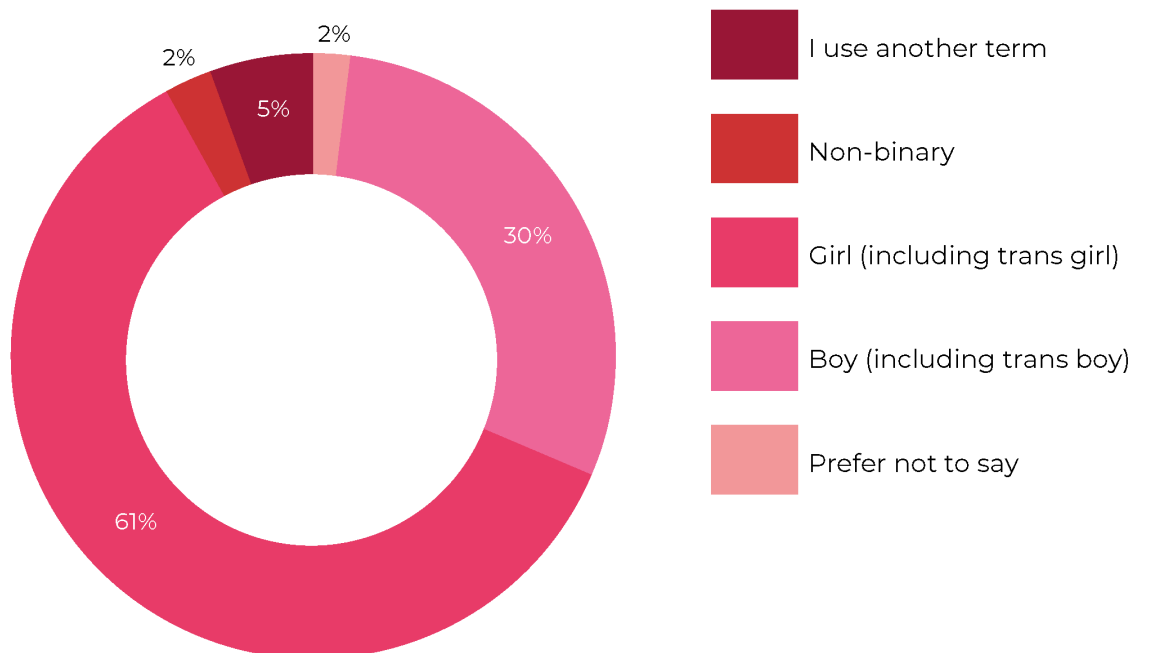
### Q 1: What is your age?

(n=1,026)



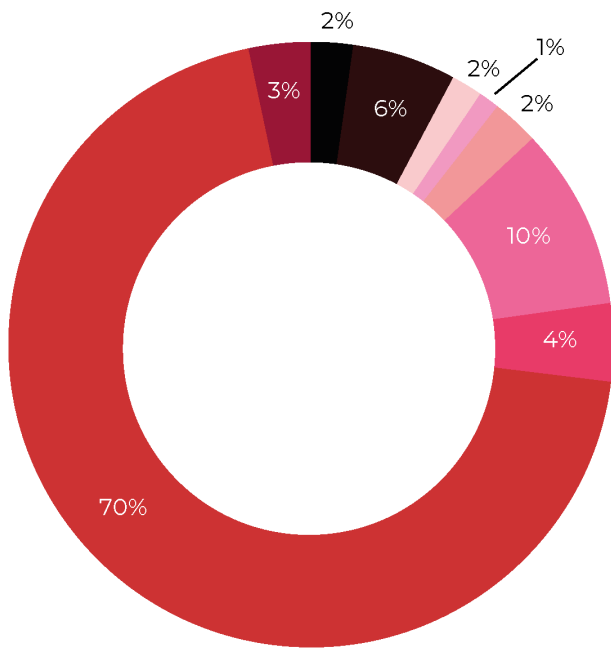
### Q 2: How would you describe your gender?

(n=1,020)



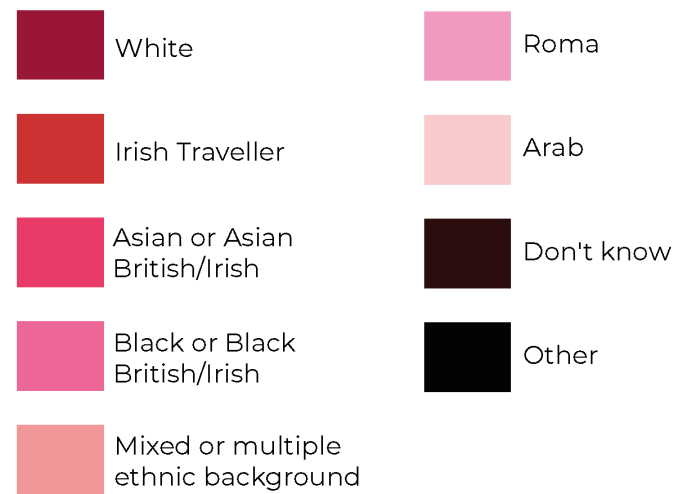
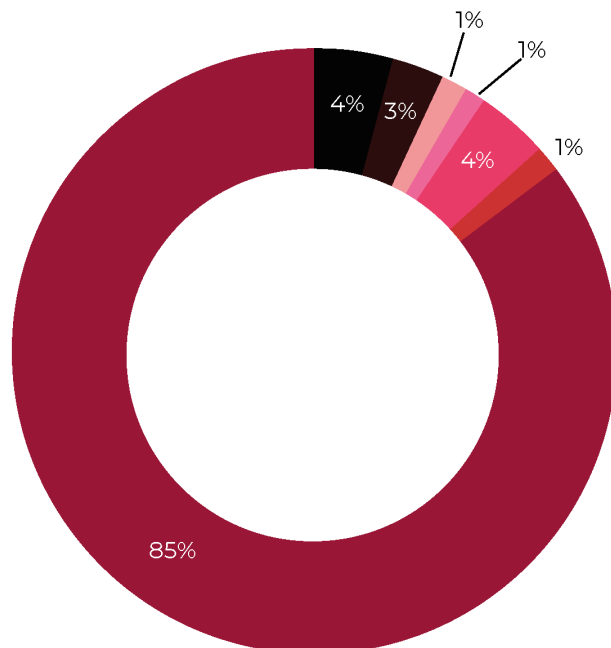
**Q 3: How would you describe your sexual orientation or sexuality - who you are attracted to?**

(n=1,022)



**Q 4: How would you describe your ethnic background? An ethnic group has a shared culture, religion, customs and language**

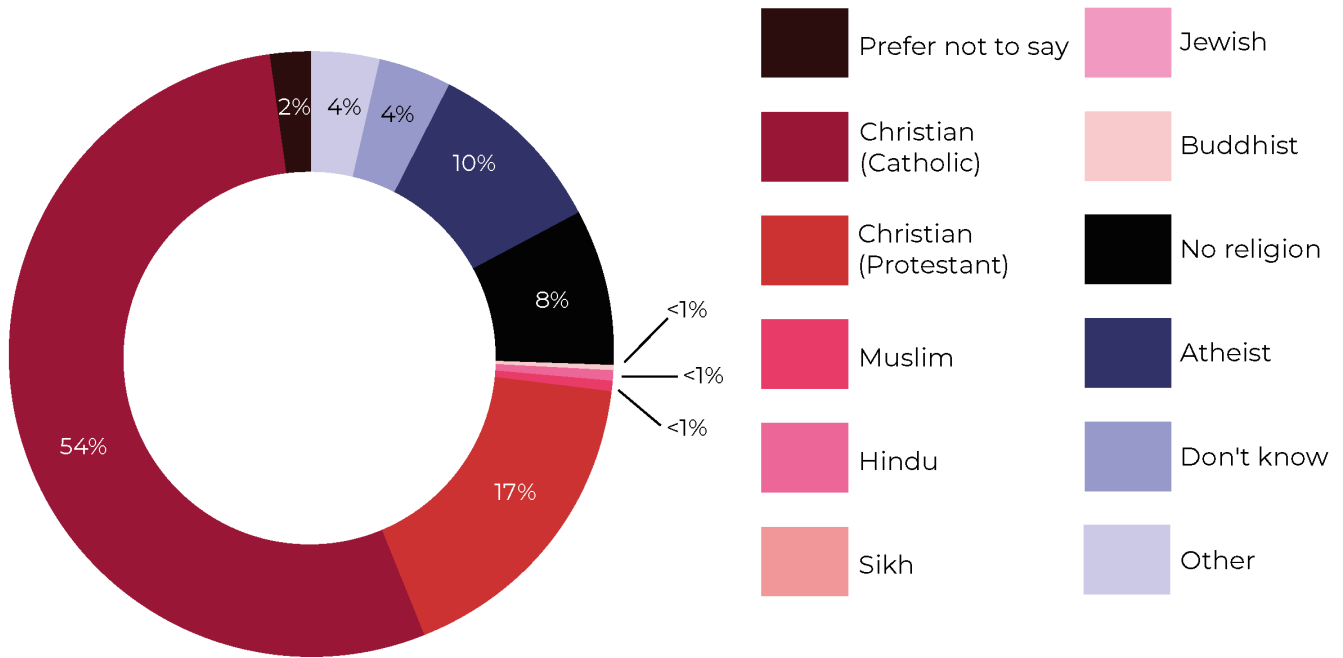
(n=1,018)



Nb. Roma responses less than 1%. Arab responses 0

### Q 5: How would you describe your religion or faith?

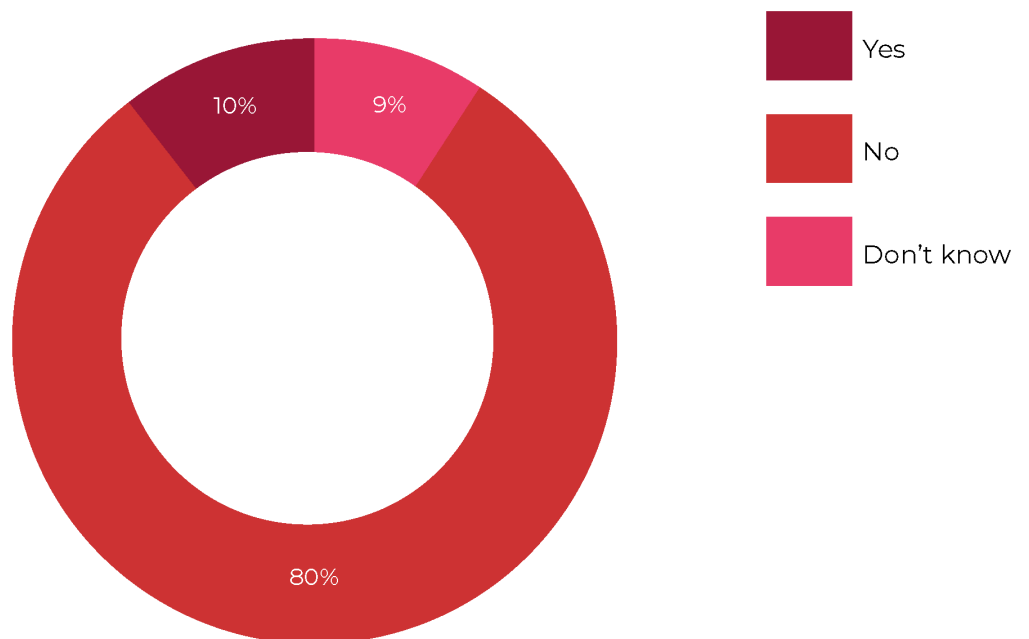
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Nb. No responses were received for Sikh or Jewish

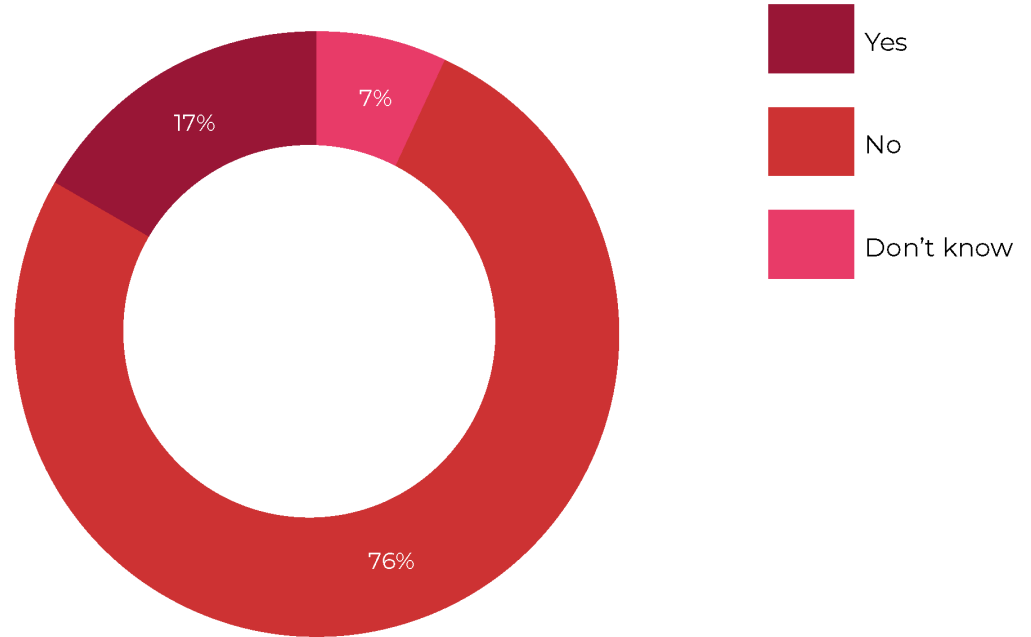
### Q 6: Do you have a disability or special educational needs?

(n=1,017)



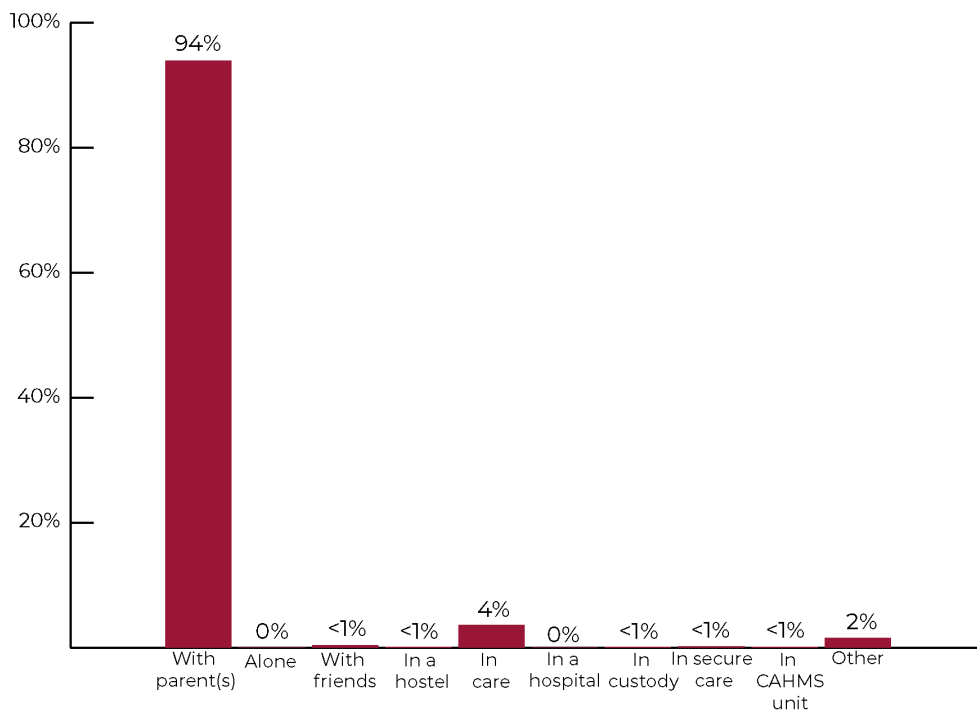
### Q 7: Are you eligible for (entitled to) free school meals?

(n=1,020)



### Q 8: Where do you live at the moment?

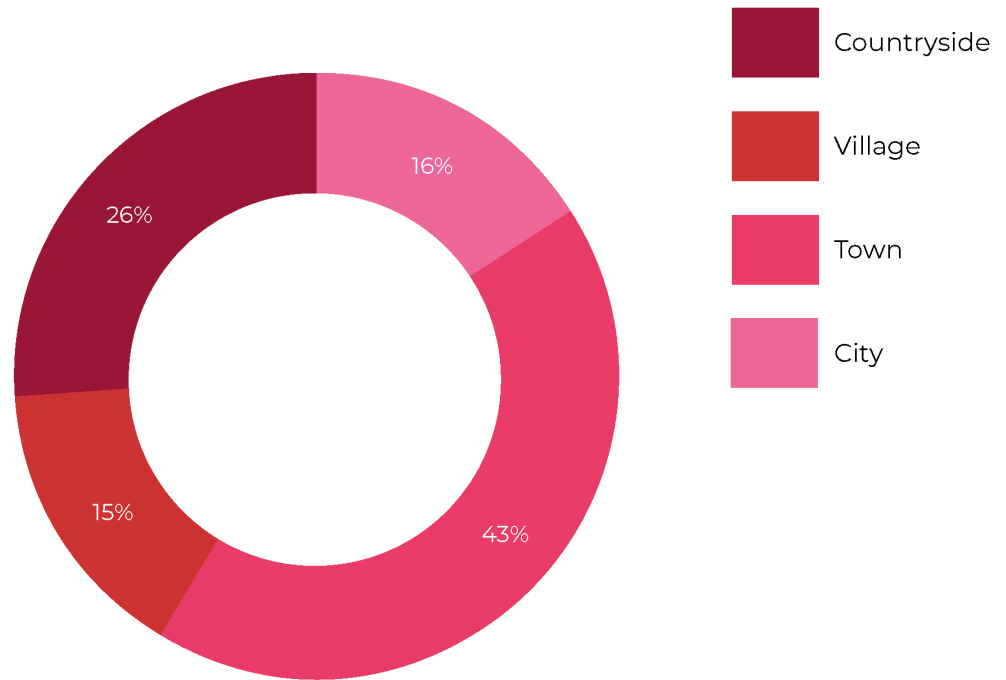
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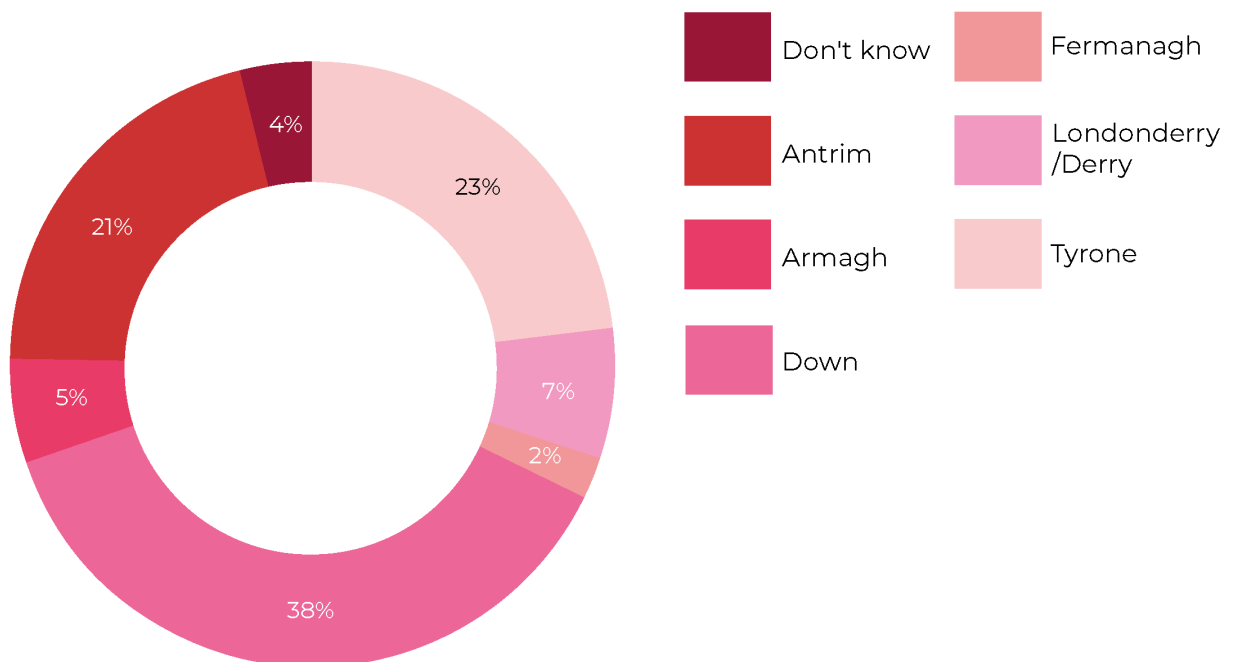
### Q 9: Which word best describes the area you live in?

(n=1,024)



### Q 10: Which county do you live in?

(n=1,023)

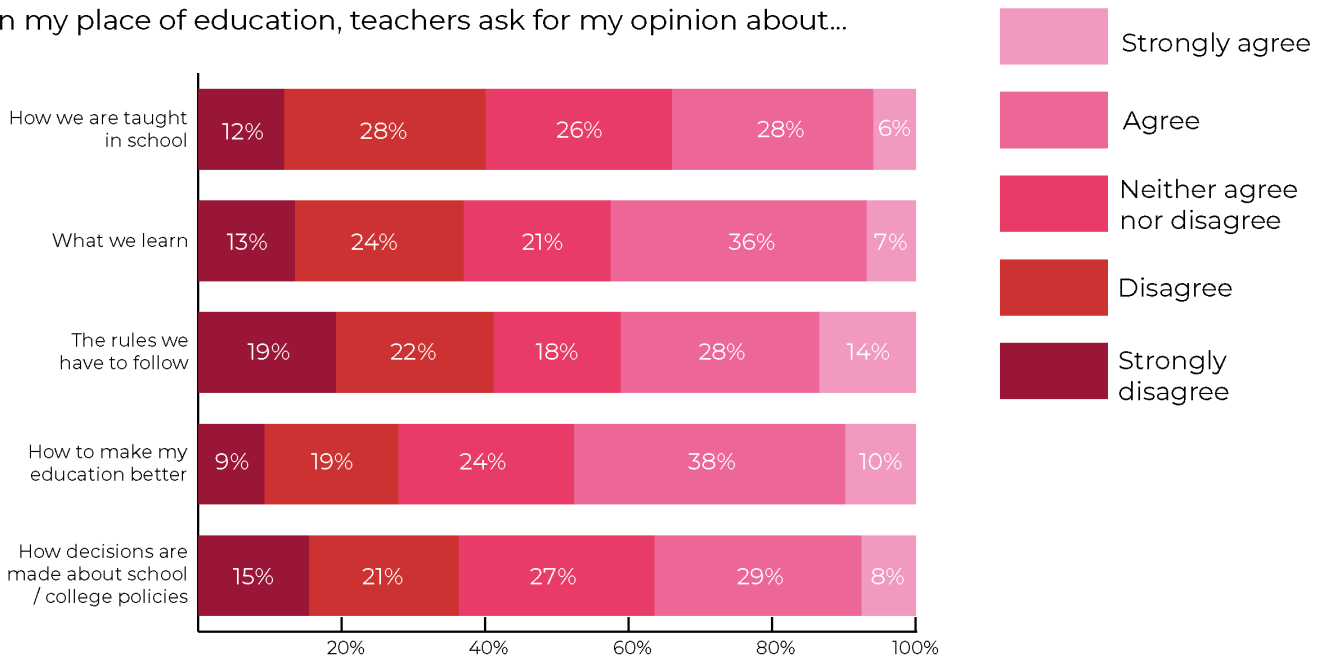




## Q 11: We want to know about your place of education. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

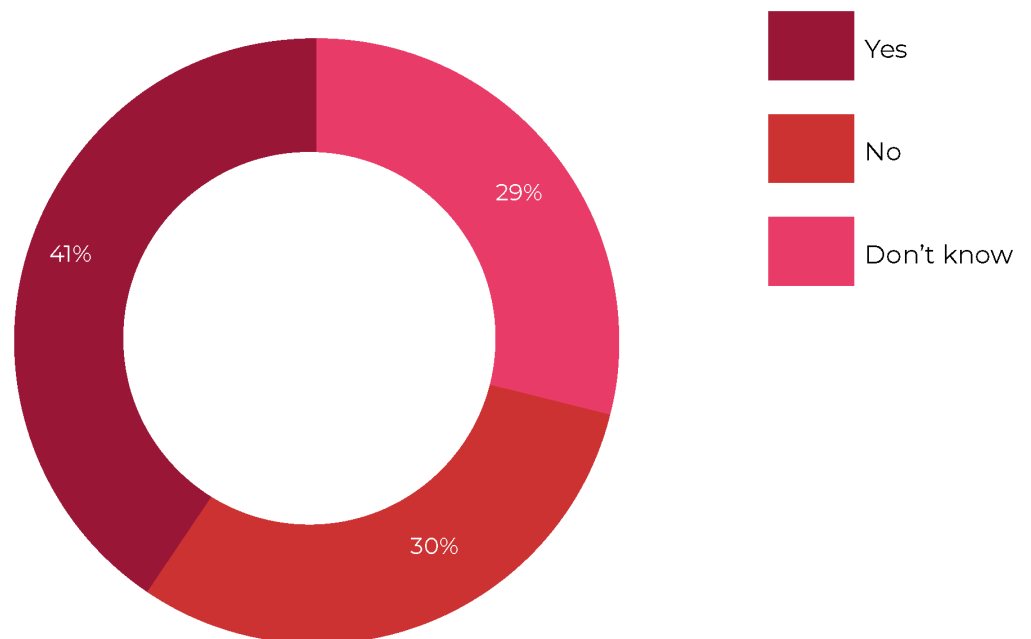
(n=908)

In my place of education, teachers ask for my opinion about...



## Q 12: Do you think adults in your place of education would listen to you if you gave them your opinion?

(n=910)

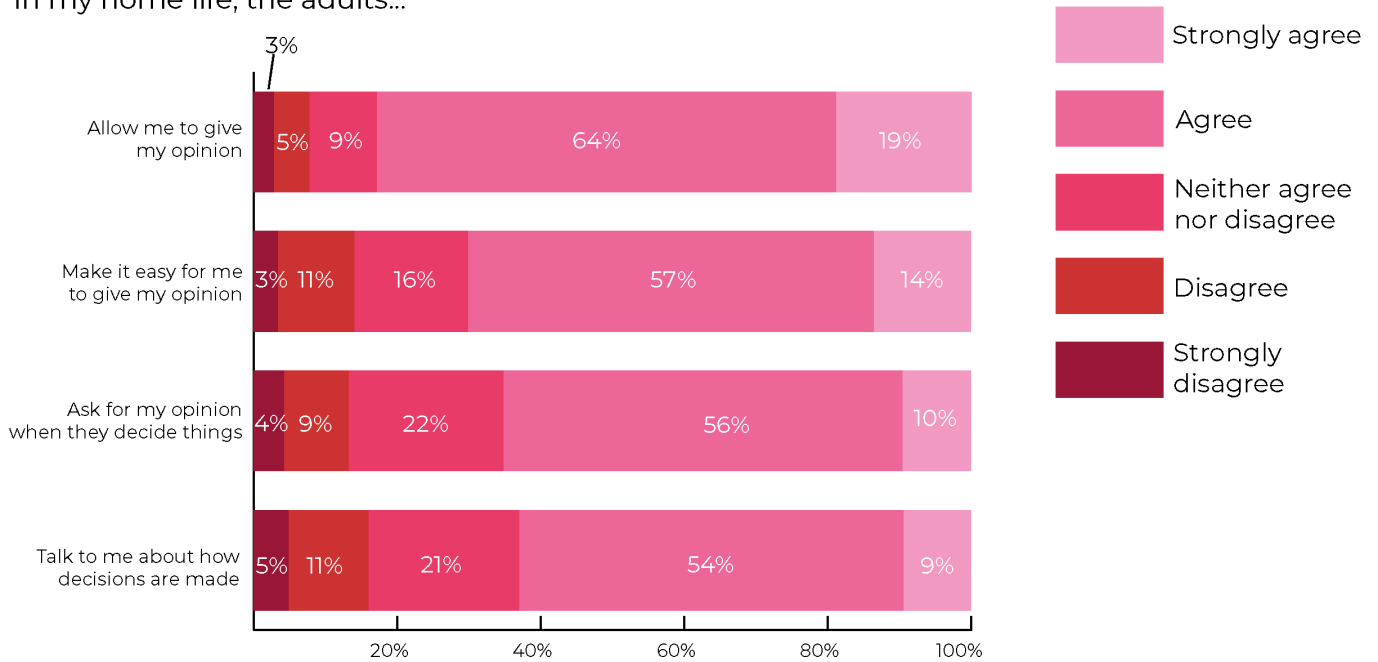


**Q 13: We also want to know if you think adults in your 'home life' - those you live with - ask your opinions. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

(n=910)

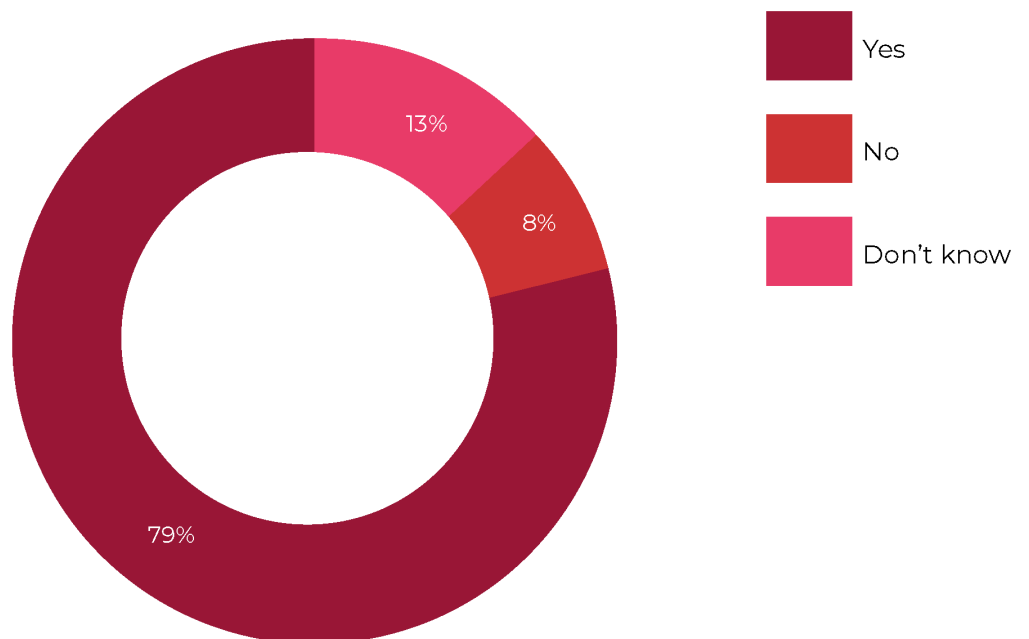


In my home life, the adults...



**Q 14: Do you think the adults in your 'home life' would listen to you if you gave them your opinion?**

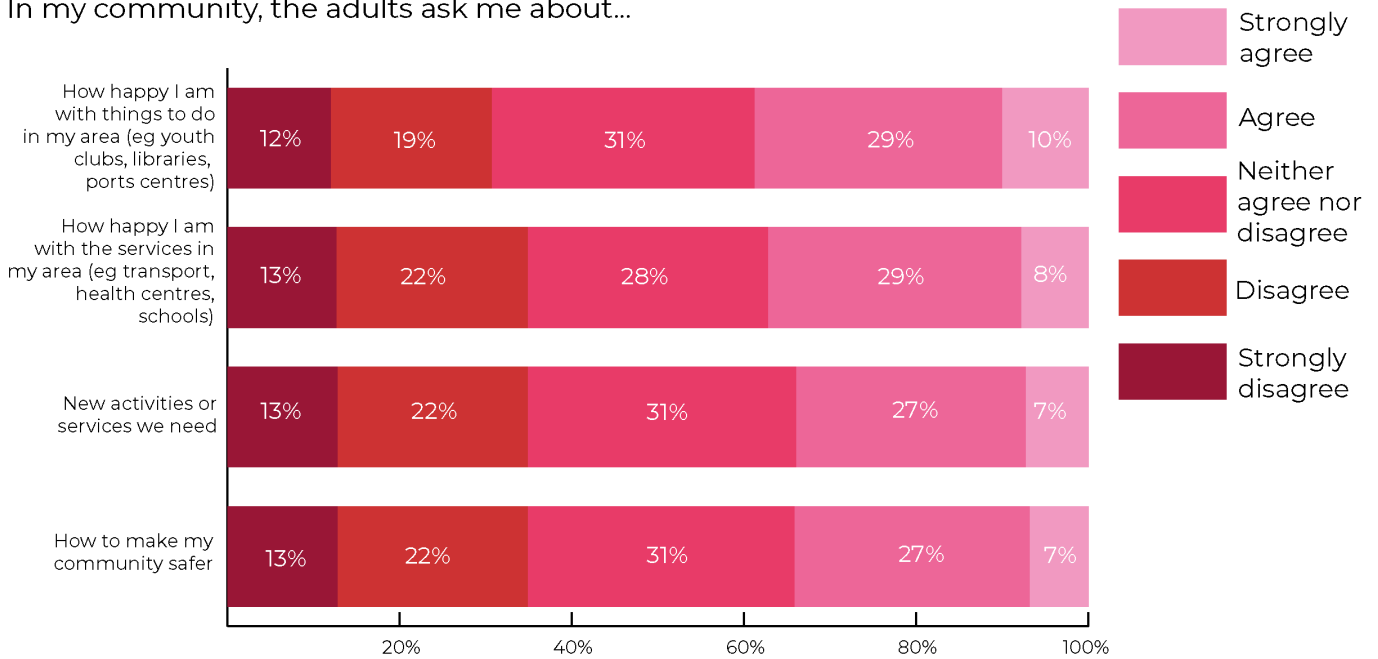
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**Q 15: Do you think the adults in your community [your neighbourhood or the area you live in] take your opinions seriously? Do you agree with the following statements?**

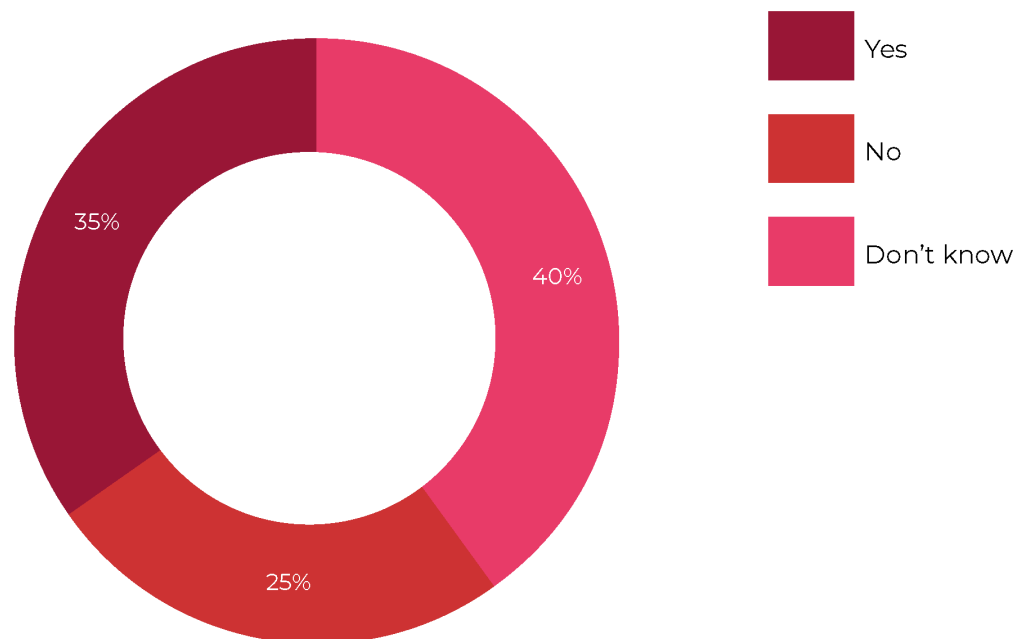
(n=906)

In my community, the adults ask me about...



**Q 16: Do you think the adults in your community would listen to you if you gave them your opinion?**

(n=902)

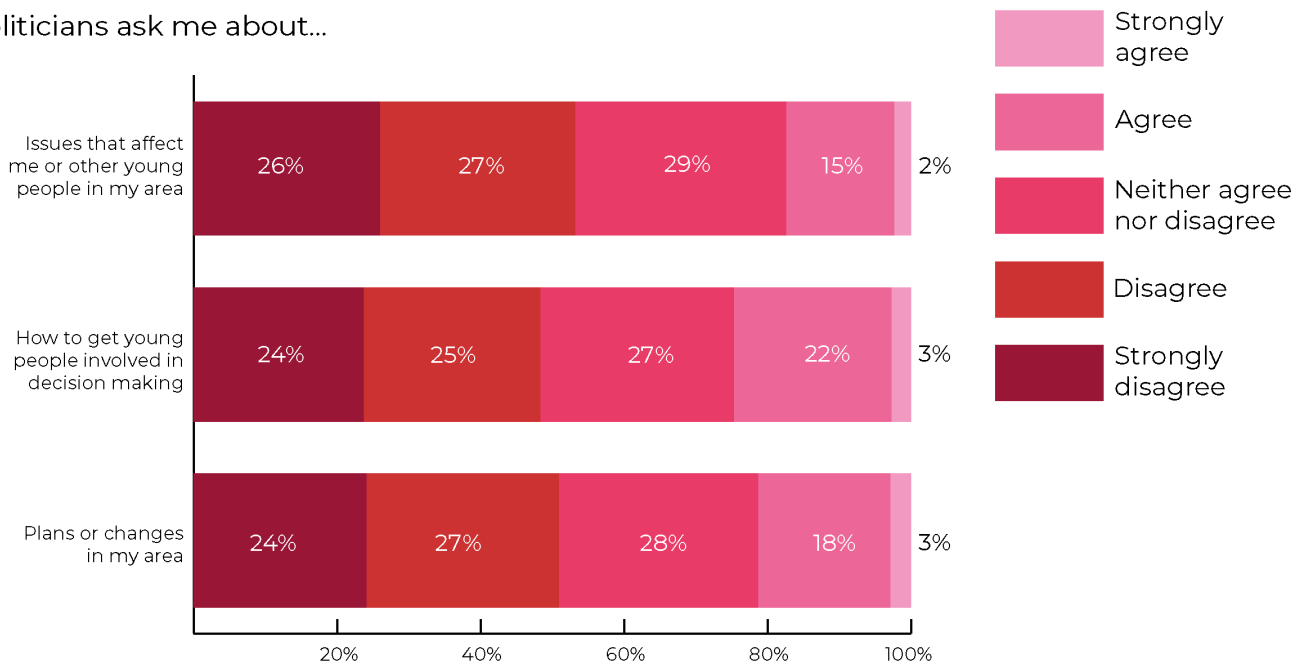


**Q 17: Now we would like to know if politicians here ask children and young people their opinions and listen to what they say. Do you disagree or agree with the following statements?**

(n=898)

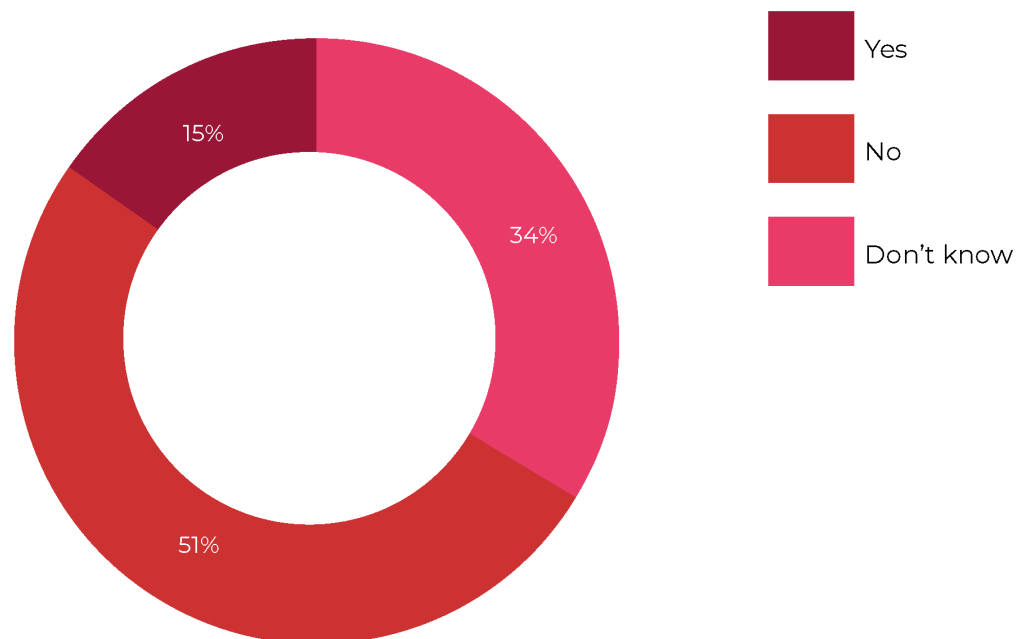


Politicians ask me about...



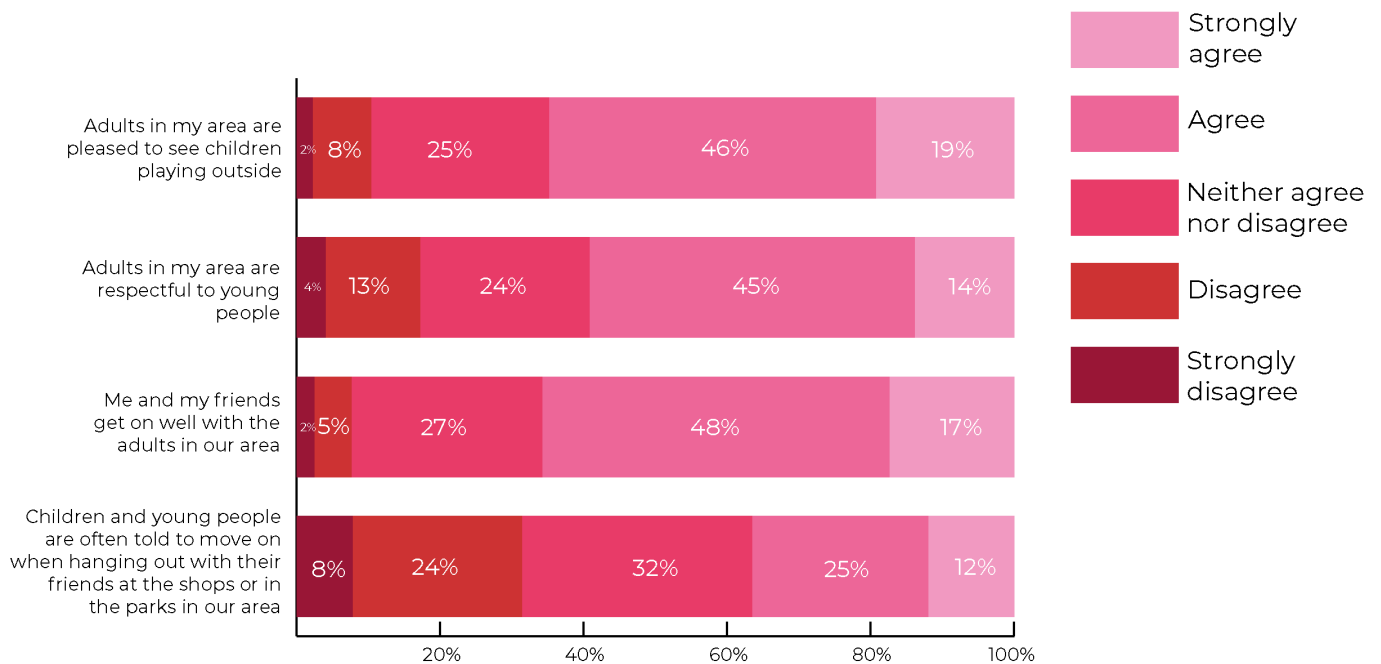
**Q 18: Do you think politicians would listen to you if you gave them your opinion?**

(n=900)



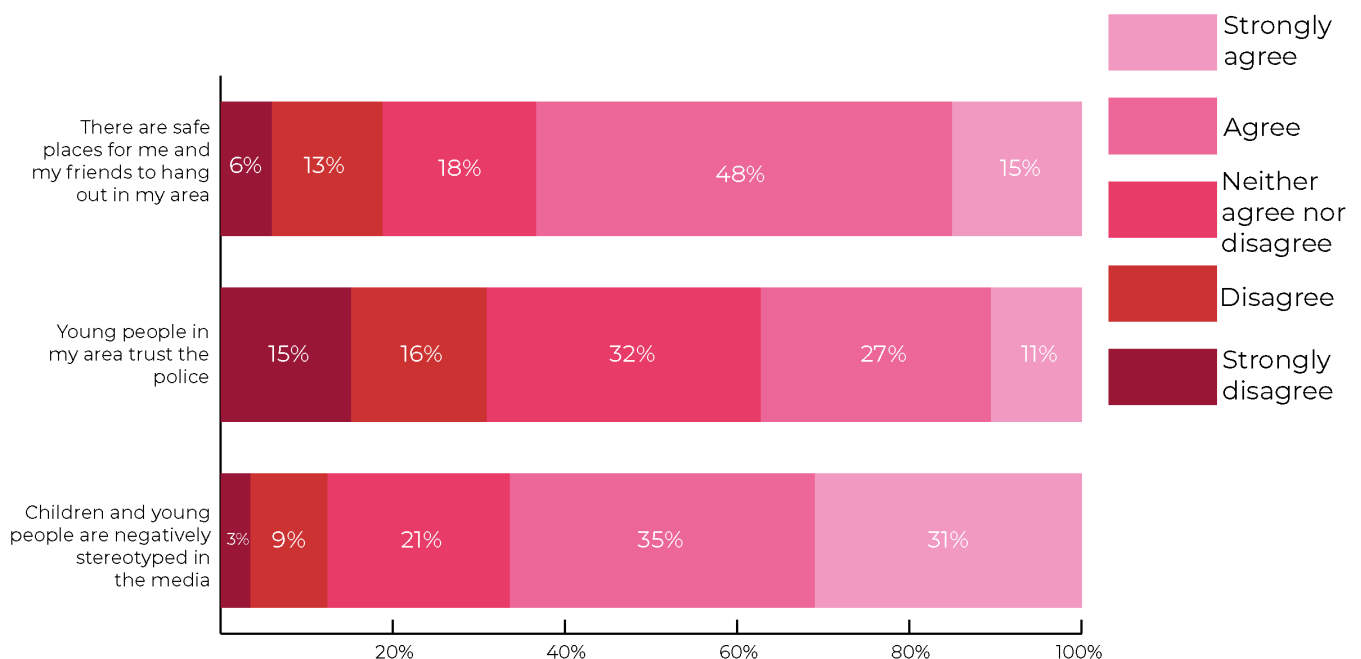
## Q 19: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(n=853)



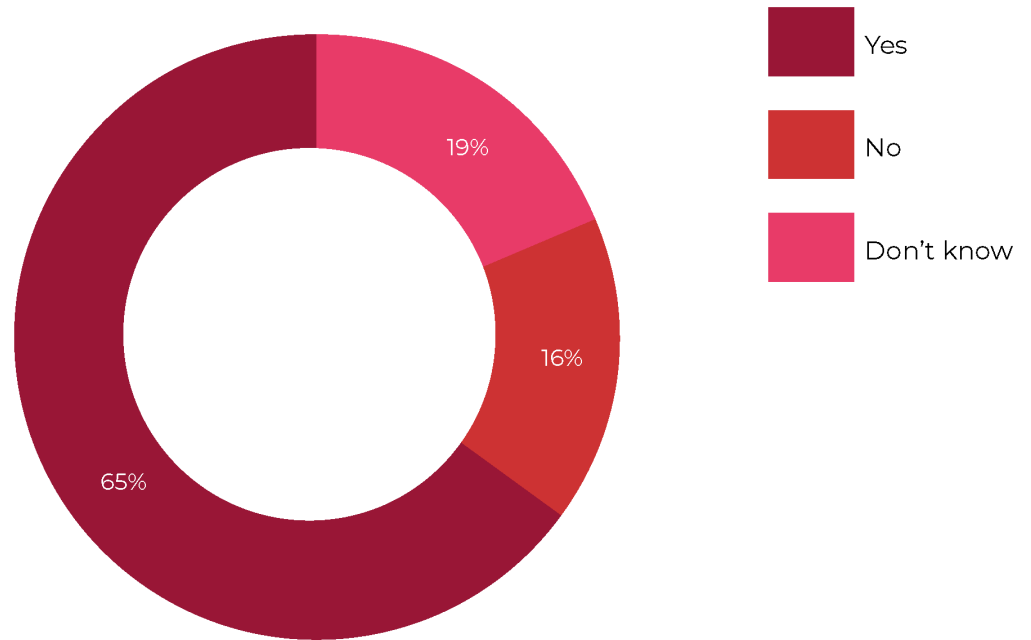
## Q 20: DO you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(n=853)



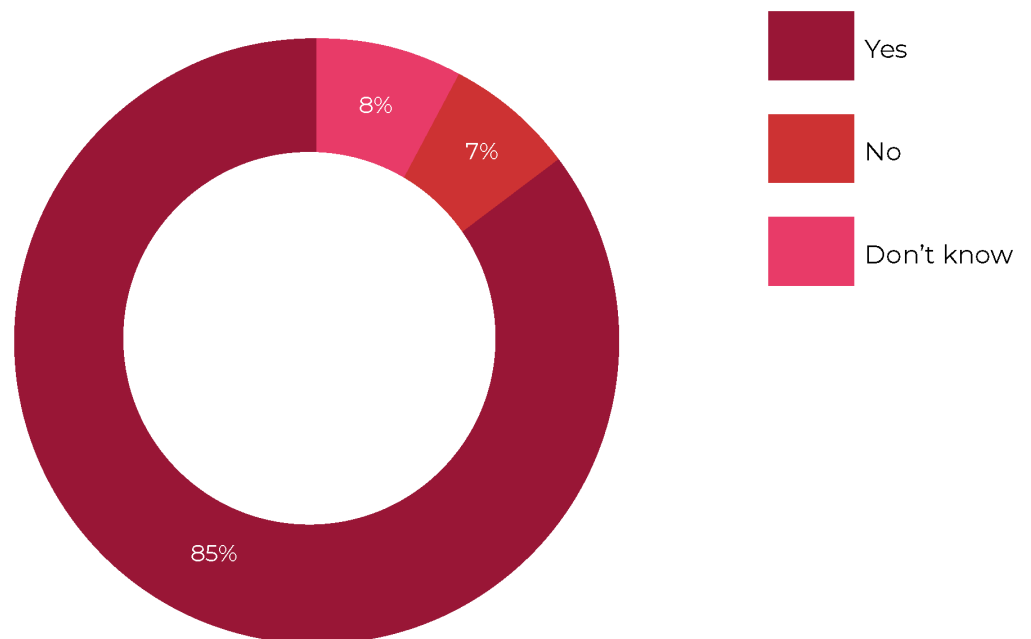
**Q 21: Do you think you have the help and support you need for your development and to gradually become more independent?**

(n=801)

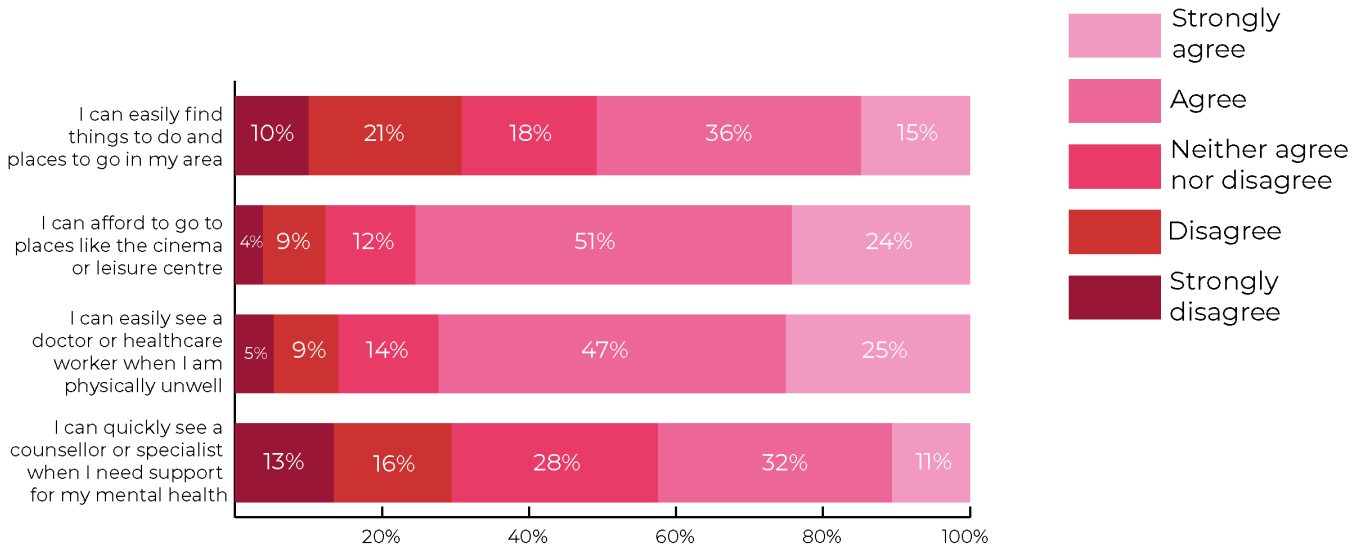


**Q 22: Are you given the care and protection you need to feel well, cared for and safe?**

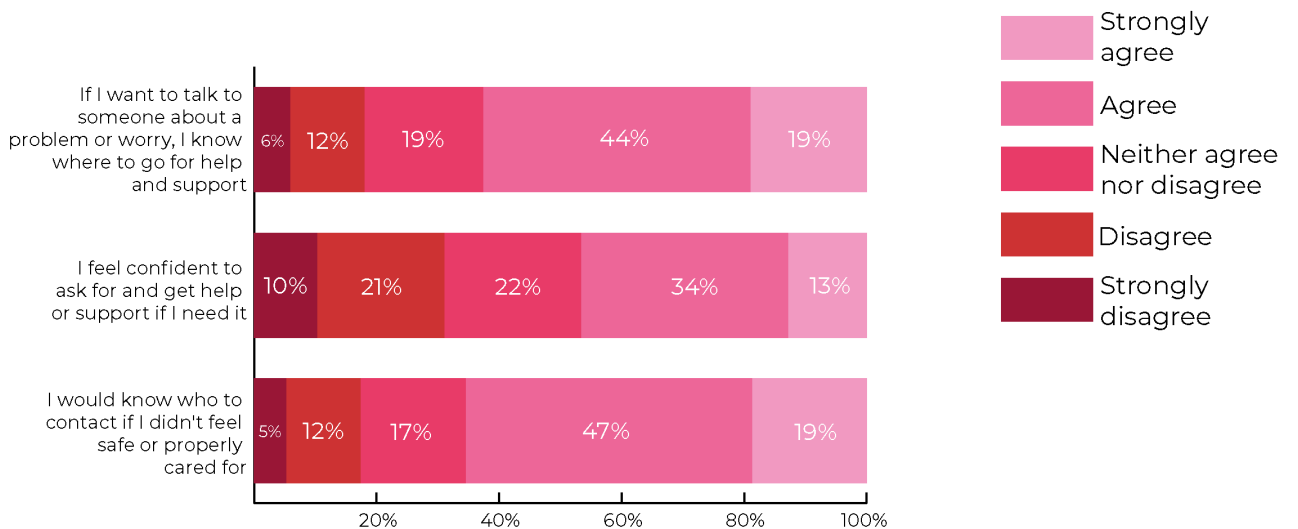
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**Q 23: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**  
(n=801)



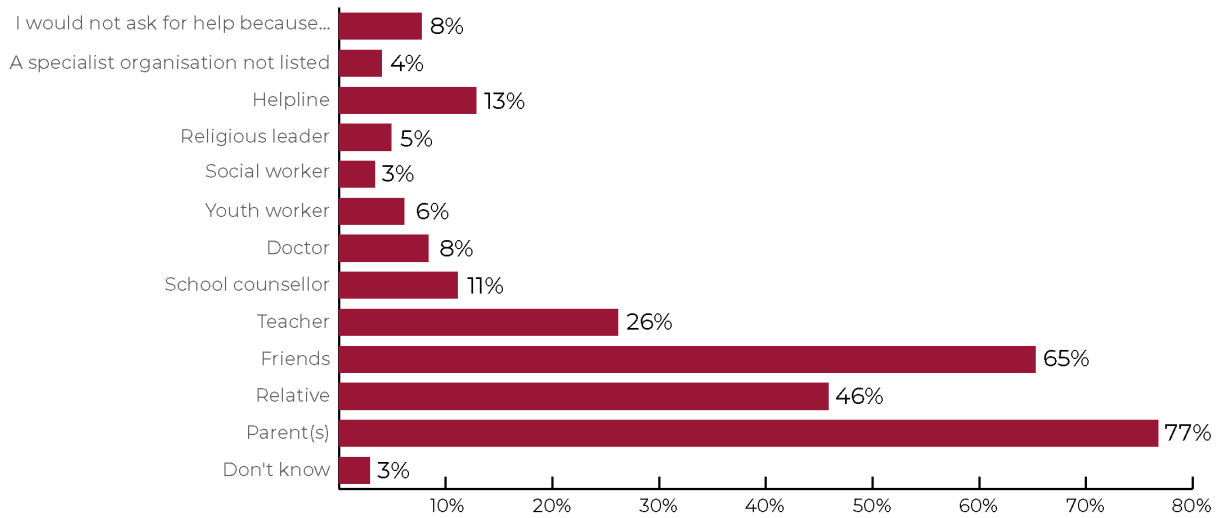
**Q 24: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**  
(n=800)





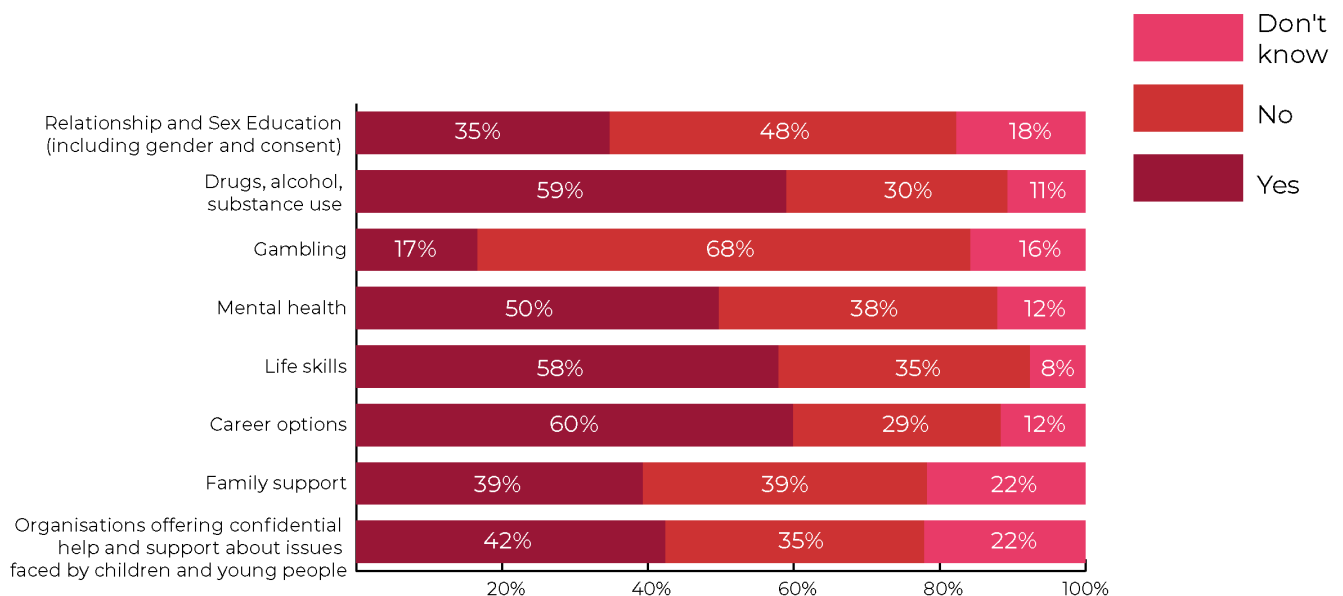
## Q 25: Who would you talk to if you had a worry, wanted help or support?

(n=800)

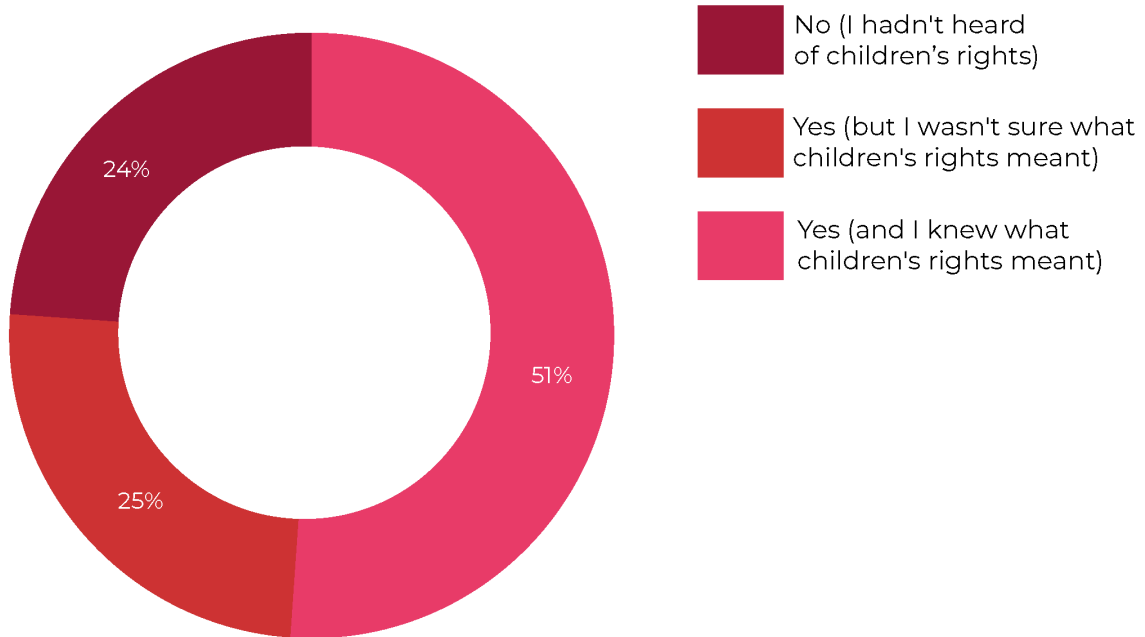


## Q 26: Do you think children and young people are given adequate information in school about the following topics?

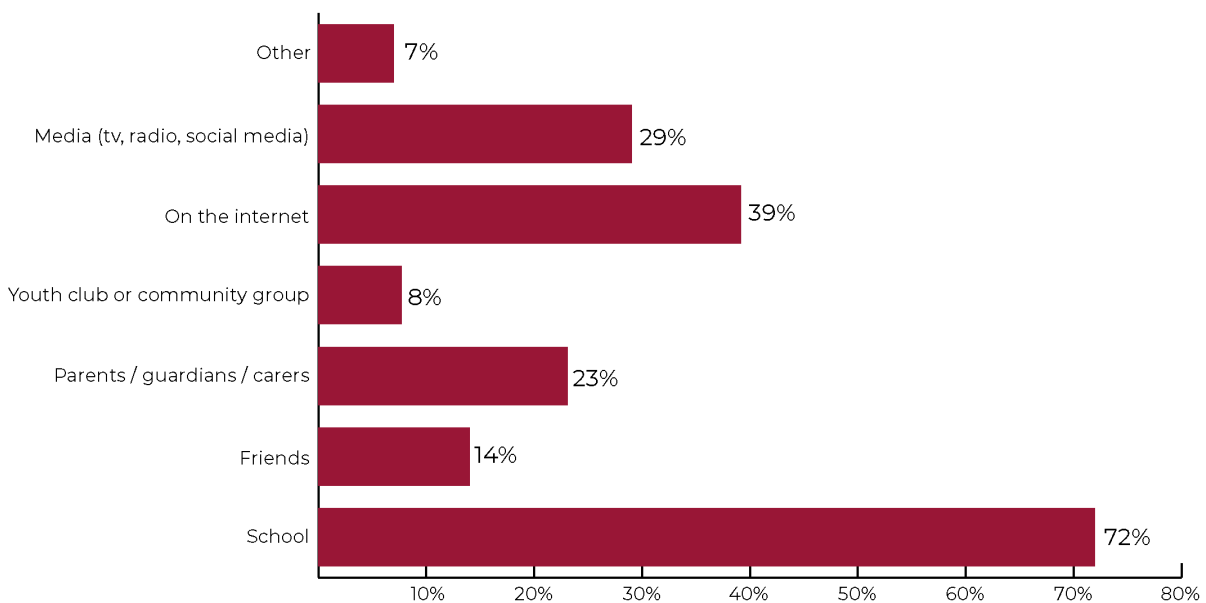
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**Q 27: Had you heard about children's rights before doing this survey?**  
(n=743)

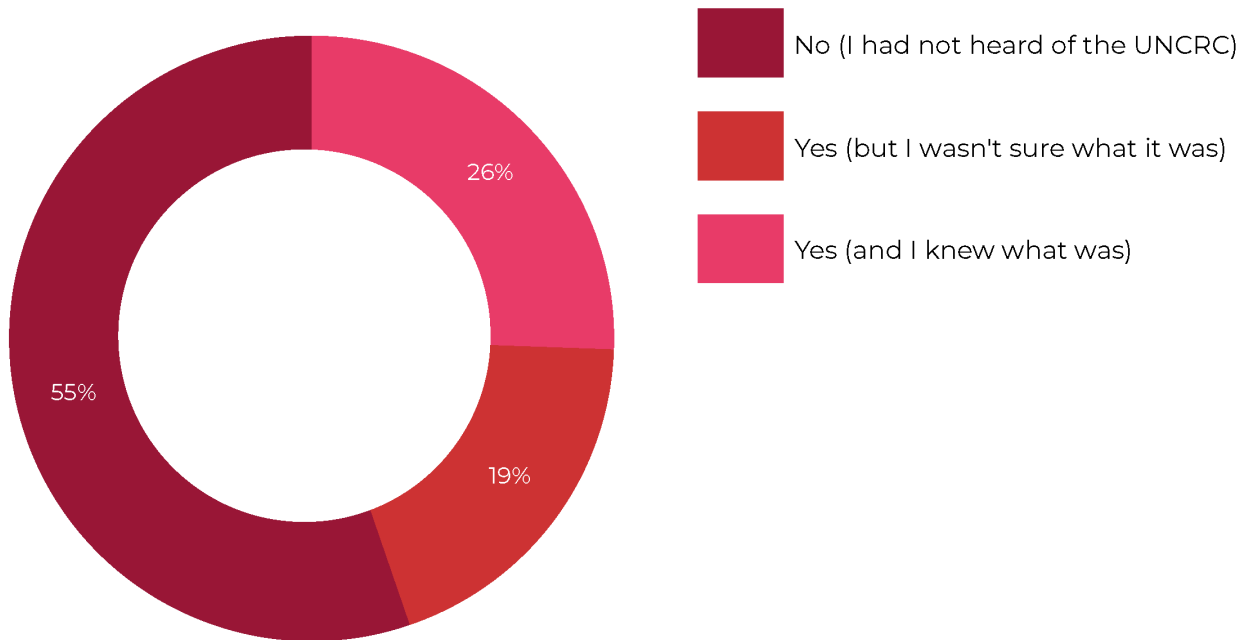


**Q 28: If you answered 'yes' in the last question, where did you hear about children's rights?**  
(n=585)



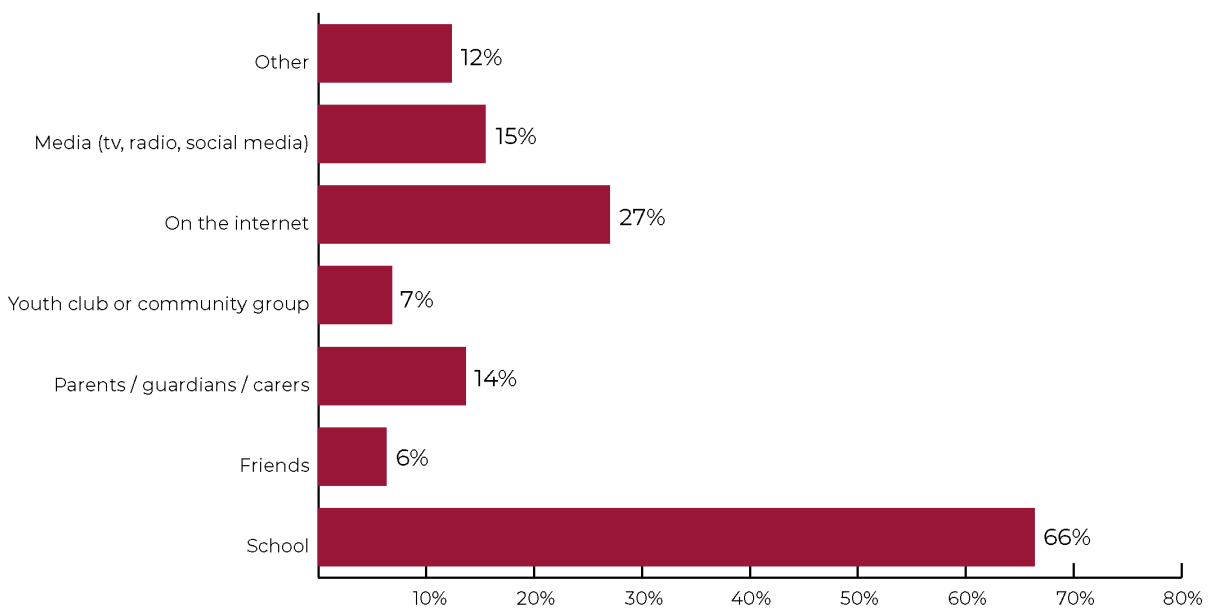
### Q 29: Had you heard about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) before doing this survey?

(n=740)



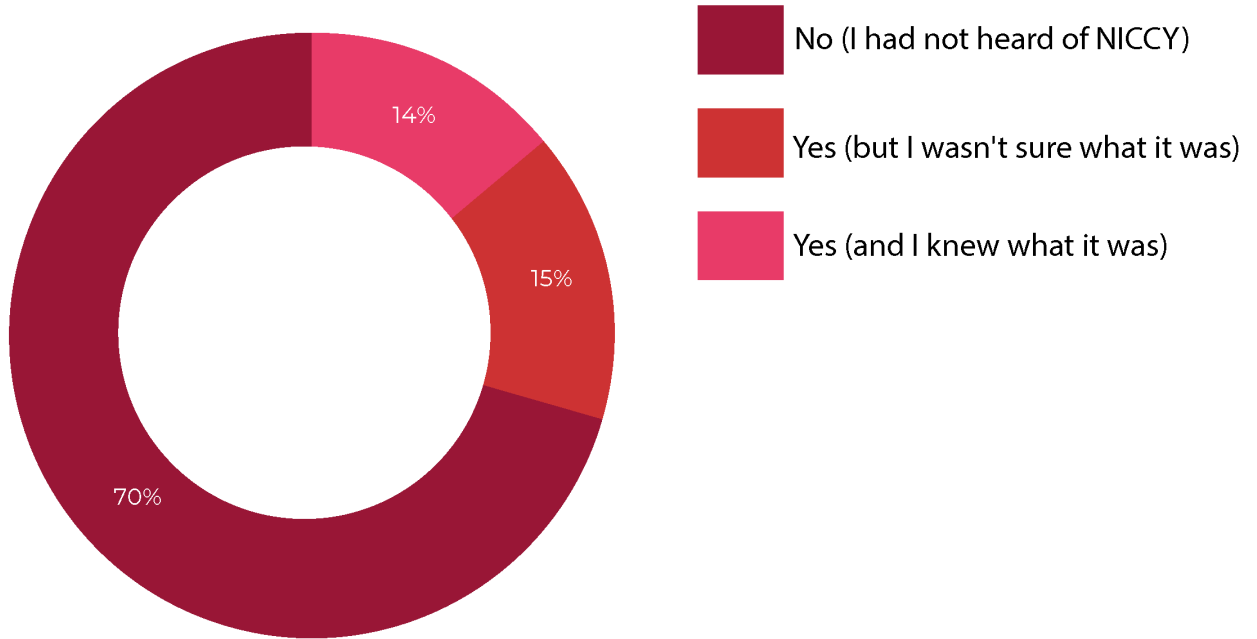
### Q 30: If you answered 'yes' in the last question, where did you hear about the UNCRC?

(n=381)



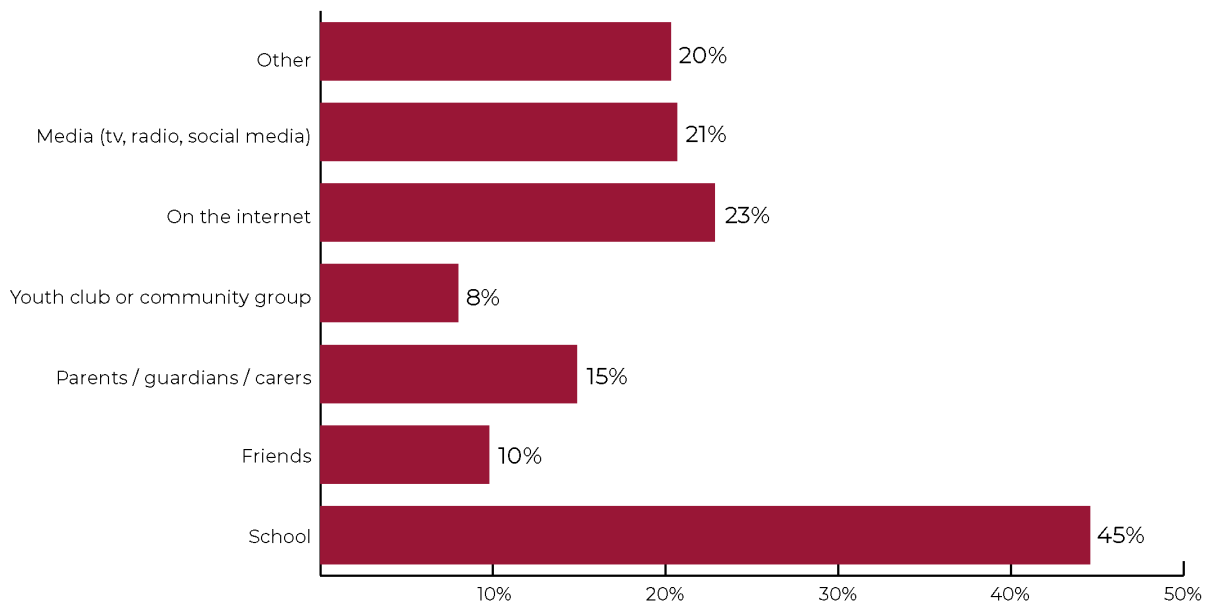
### Q 31: Have you heard of the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY)?

(n=738)



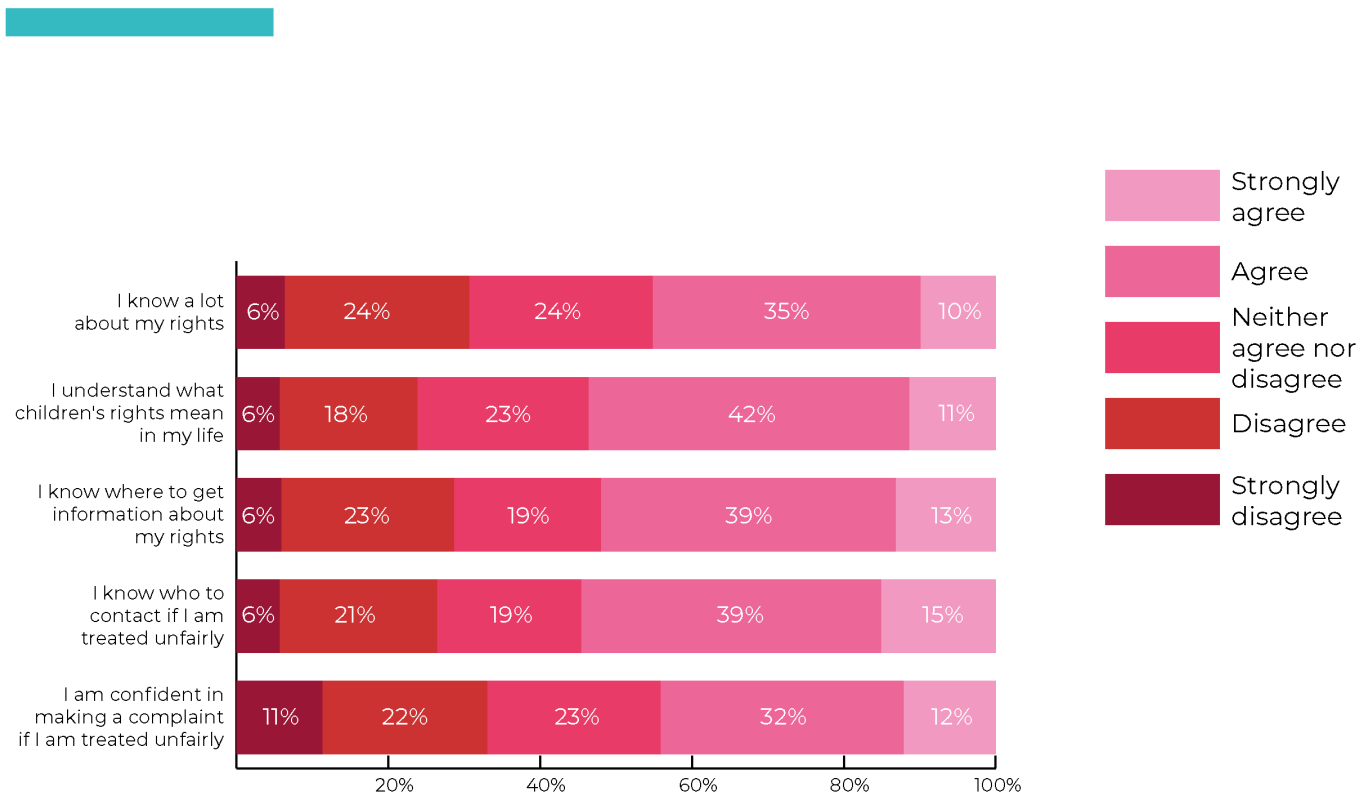
### Q 32: If you answered 'yes' in the last question, where did you hear about NICCY?

(n=276)



### Q 33: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(n=745)

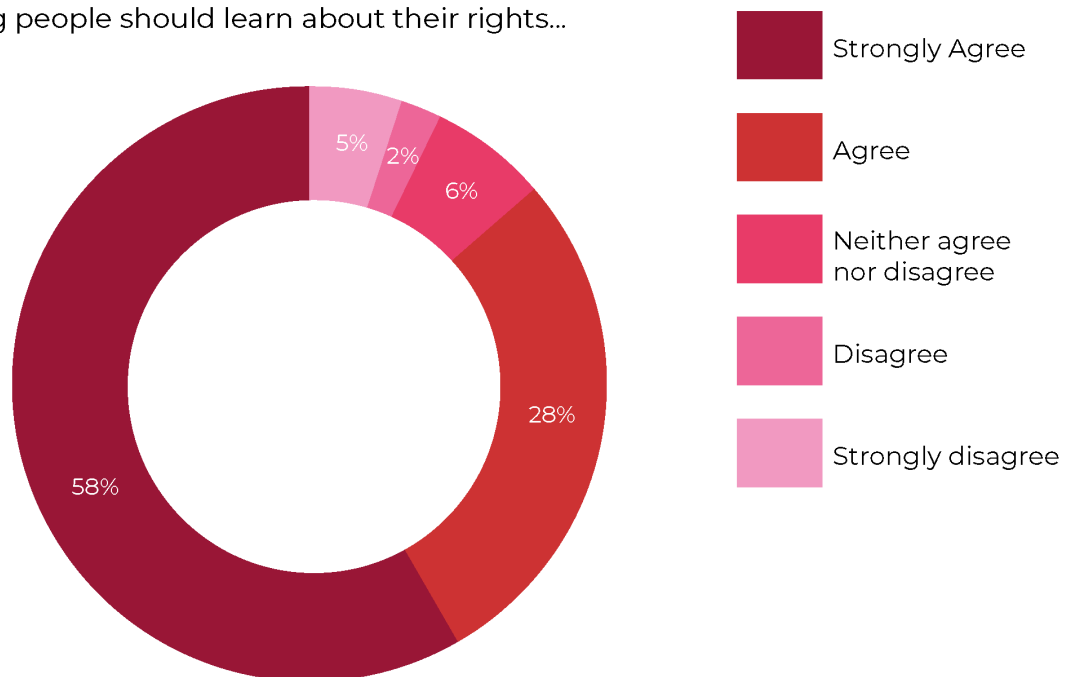


### Q 34: How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

(n=741)

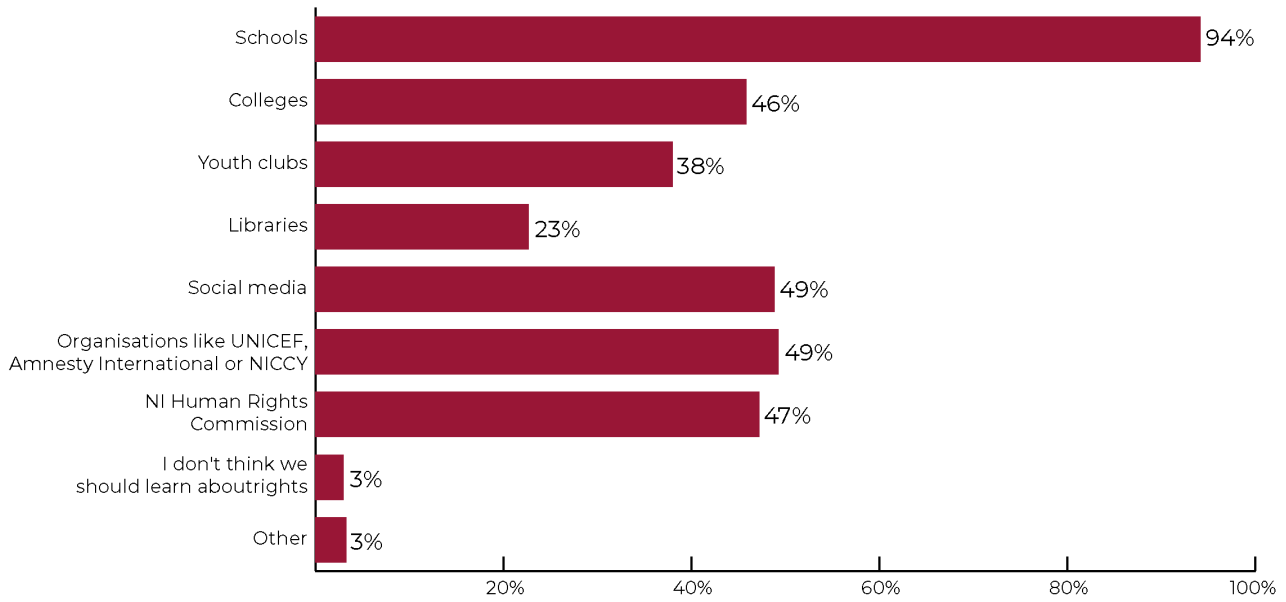


Children and young people should learn about their rights...



# Q 35: Where do you think children and young people should learn about their rights?

(n=737)



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