

Youth Services Annual Survey - 2026

This report summarises the results of the 2026 Mosman Youth Services Annual Survey and considers the findings against the Youth Services evaluation framework. The survey provides a baseline for understanding how young people experience Youth Services, including whether they feel safe, welcome, connected, supported and able to contribute their ideas.

As this is the first year of reporting against these measures, the results should be used as a starting point for future year-on-year comparison, alongside attendance, program and partnership data.

Key Findings:

1. Youth Services is performing strongly as a safe, welcoming and respectful space.
2. Young people are mainly attending for friendship, fun and a safe place to spend time.
3. The survey reflects highly engaged users, with most respondents attending regularly.
4. Confidence and social comfort are the clearest areas for further development.
5. Young people want more cooking, creative activities, longer opening hours and music/performance opportunities.

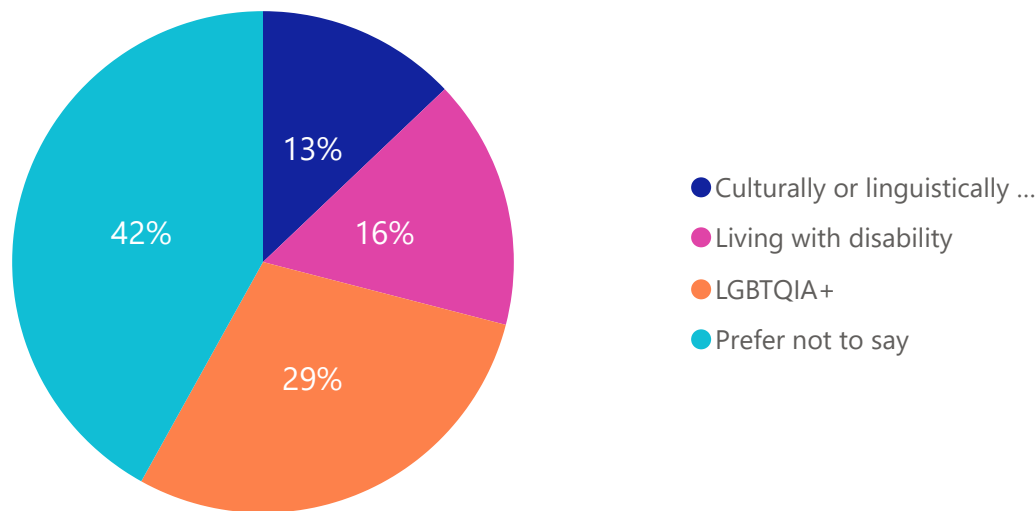


Who we heard from

The survey provides a baseline for understanding the current Youth Services respondents. With 28 responses, just over half selected at least one identity category, while a large proportion selected “prefer not to say”.

Results in this initial year of the annual survey should be interpreted with caution due to the small sample size and the sensitive nature of self-identification. No respondents identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

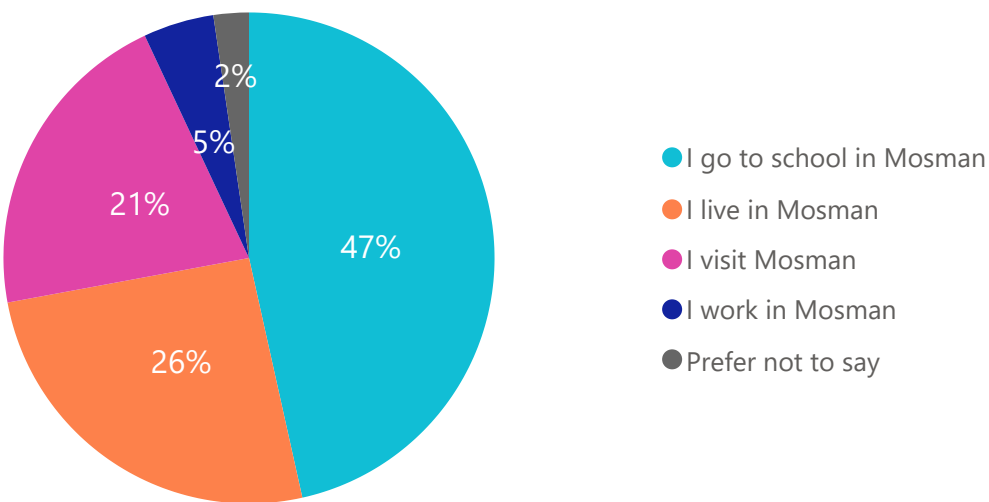
Demographics



Age of survey respondents



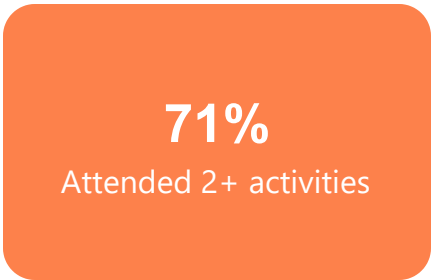
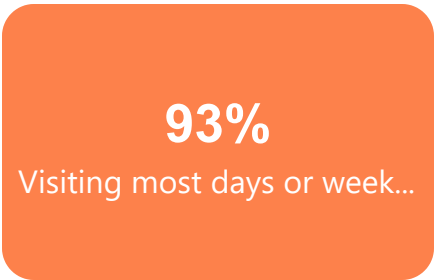
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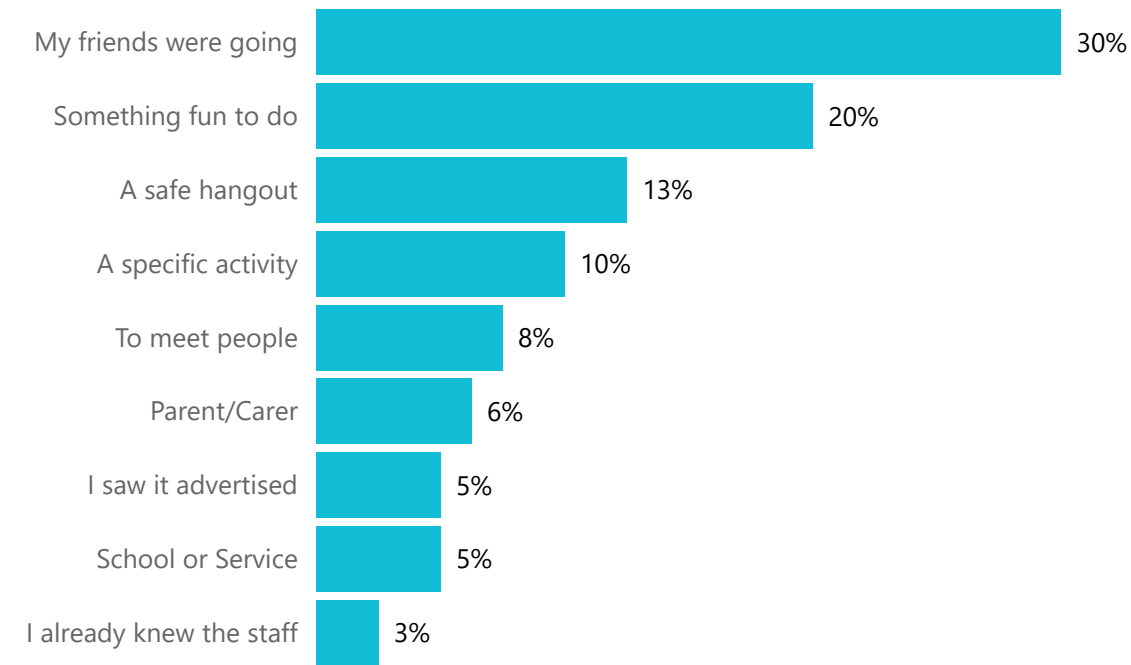
How Young People are using Youth Services

Young people are using the Youth Centre primarily as a social, safe and enjoyable place to spend time. This reinforces the importance of informal, low pressure and social programming.

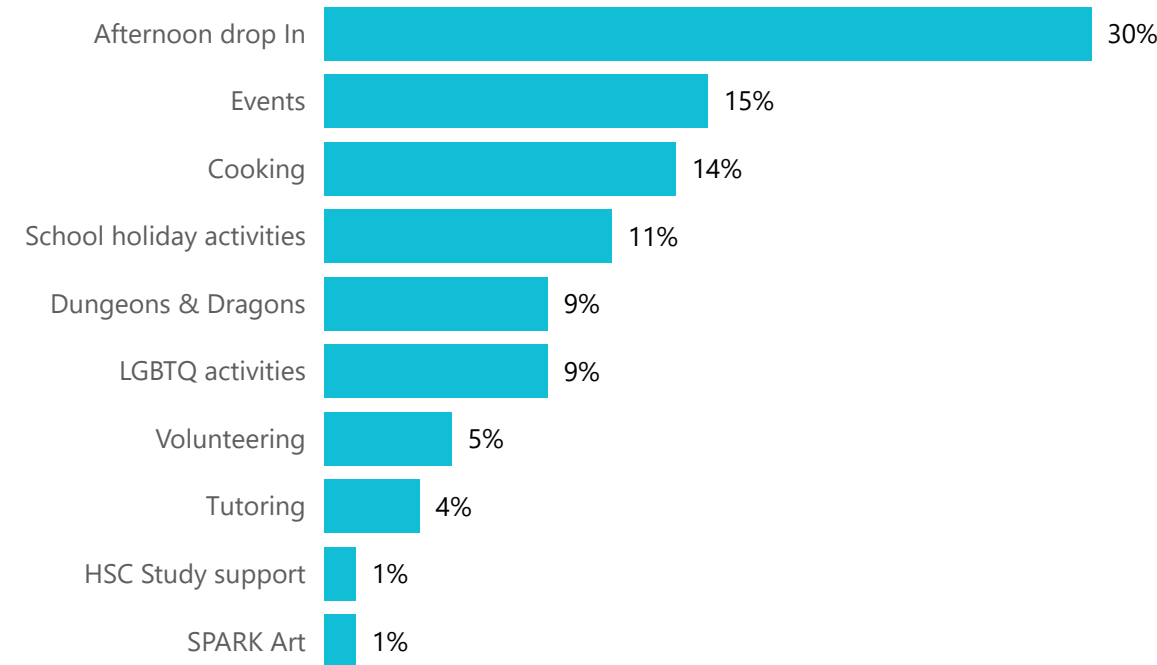
Afternoon drop in is the main way young people engage with Youth Services, supported by social events, cooking, school holiday activities and targeted group activities.



Reason for visiting Youth Center

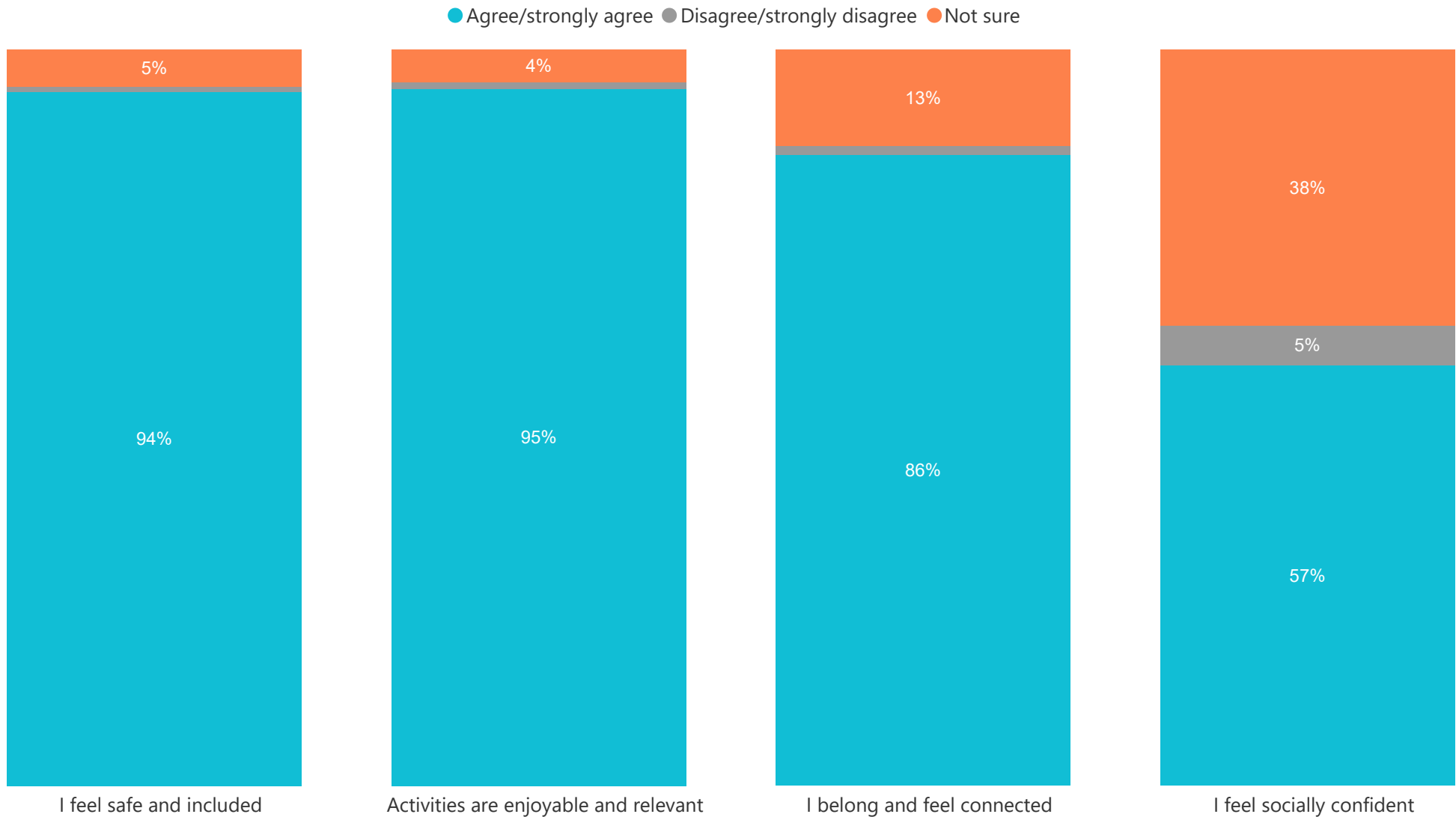


Activities participated in



Outcomes for young people

Youth Services is strongest in providing a safe, inclusive and enjoyable environment with relevant activities. Young people report strong relationships with staff and peers. The lower results for social confidence suggest an opportunity to strengthen intentional confidence building and participation outcomes.



Outcomes against Framework

Ratings are based on survey results and interpreted against the Youth Services Evaluation Framework. The survey provides strong evidence for the framework’s outcome areas for young people. Operational data is still needed to measure broader reach, partnerships, volunteering and leadership.

Framework area	Result	Interpretation
Enjoyment and relevance	 Very strong	Activities are seen as enjoyable and relevant.
Safety and inclusion	 Very strong	Young people report feeling safe, welcome and respected.
Support awareness	 Strong	Staff are seen as approachable and young people know they can ask for help.
Social connection and belonging	 Strong	Young people are making friendships and feel connected.
Youth voice	 Strong	Young people feel listened to and many are interested in planning activities.
Confidence and social comfort	 Developing	Fewer respondents report increased confidence or comfort talking to others.

Youth Week Outcomes

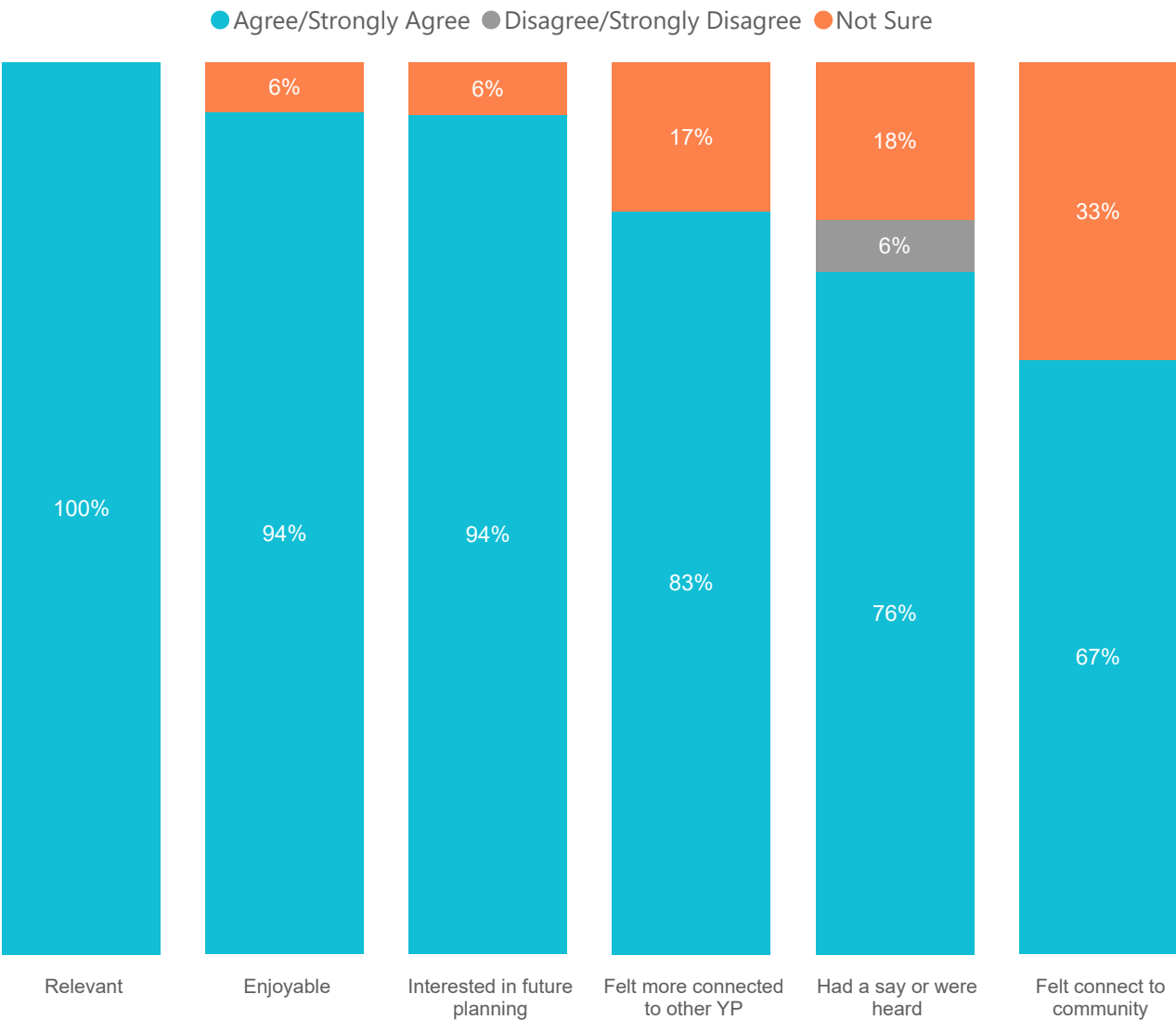
Youth Week results suggest the activities were successful in providing an enjoyable and relevant experience for young people, with strong interest in future participation.

Results also indicate that Youth Week has potential as a youth voice and engagement platform, particularly where young people are invited to contribute ideas, be heard and participate in activities designed for them.

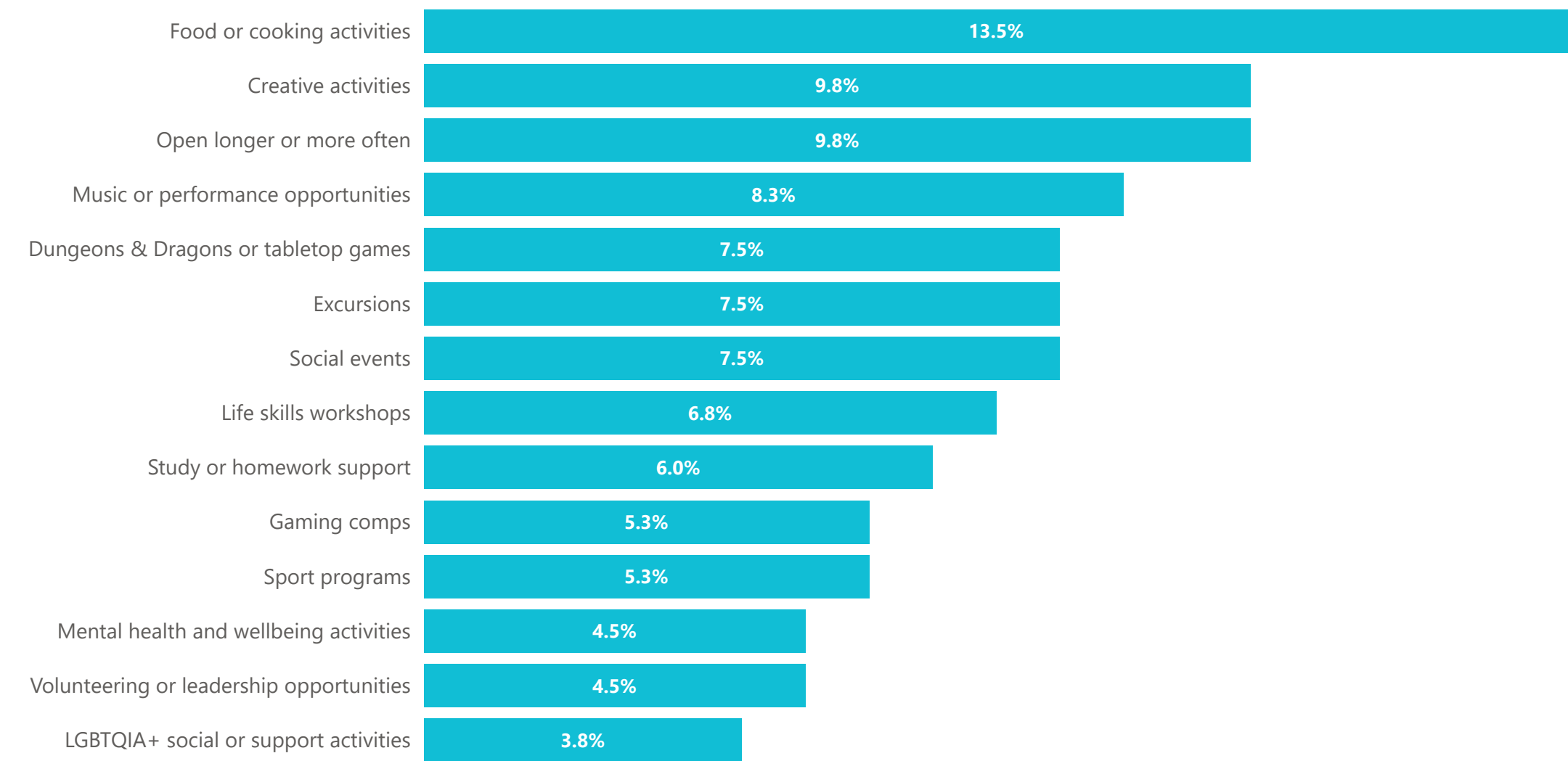
The comparatively lower result for feeling connected to the broader community suggests an opportunity to strengthen future Youth Week planning through more visible youth led elements and activities that connect young people with community spaces and decision makers.

Respondents who attended Youth Week

68%



What Young People Want Next



2026 Attendance Snapshot

7,075

Total Attendance

5,552

Drop In & Weekly Programs

832

School Holidays

691

Events

Daily Average by Year

FY2023 FY2024 FY2025 FY2026

