

## Dudley Youth Service Youth Survey 2008.

During February and March young people aged 13-19 years (or up to 25 with disabilities), were asked to feedback on their views and priorities for Dudley Youth Service.

Young Advisors were commissioned to carry out questionnaires, ensuring a geographical and representative spread.

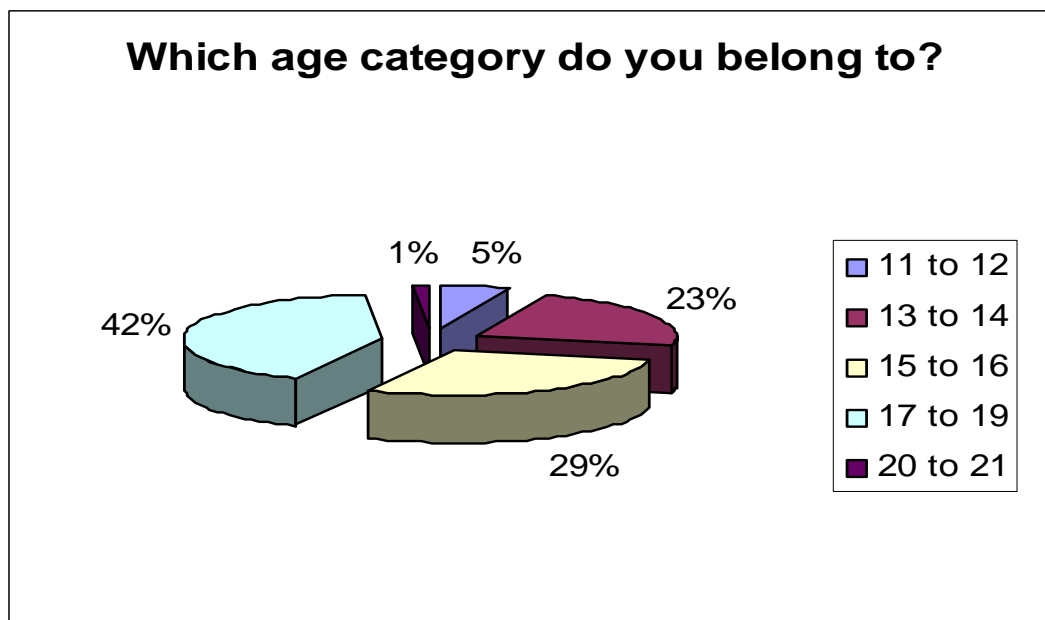
The questionnaire focussed on two main areas, issues facing young people in their communities and secondly, their views on youth service provision.

Feedback has been collated and will inform future service delivery, as well as, additional prioritisation of Youth Opportunity Funds and projects planned through area forums and the Dudley Youth Council.

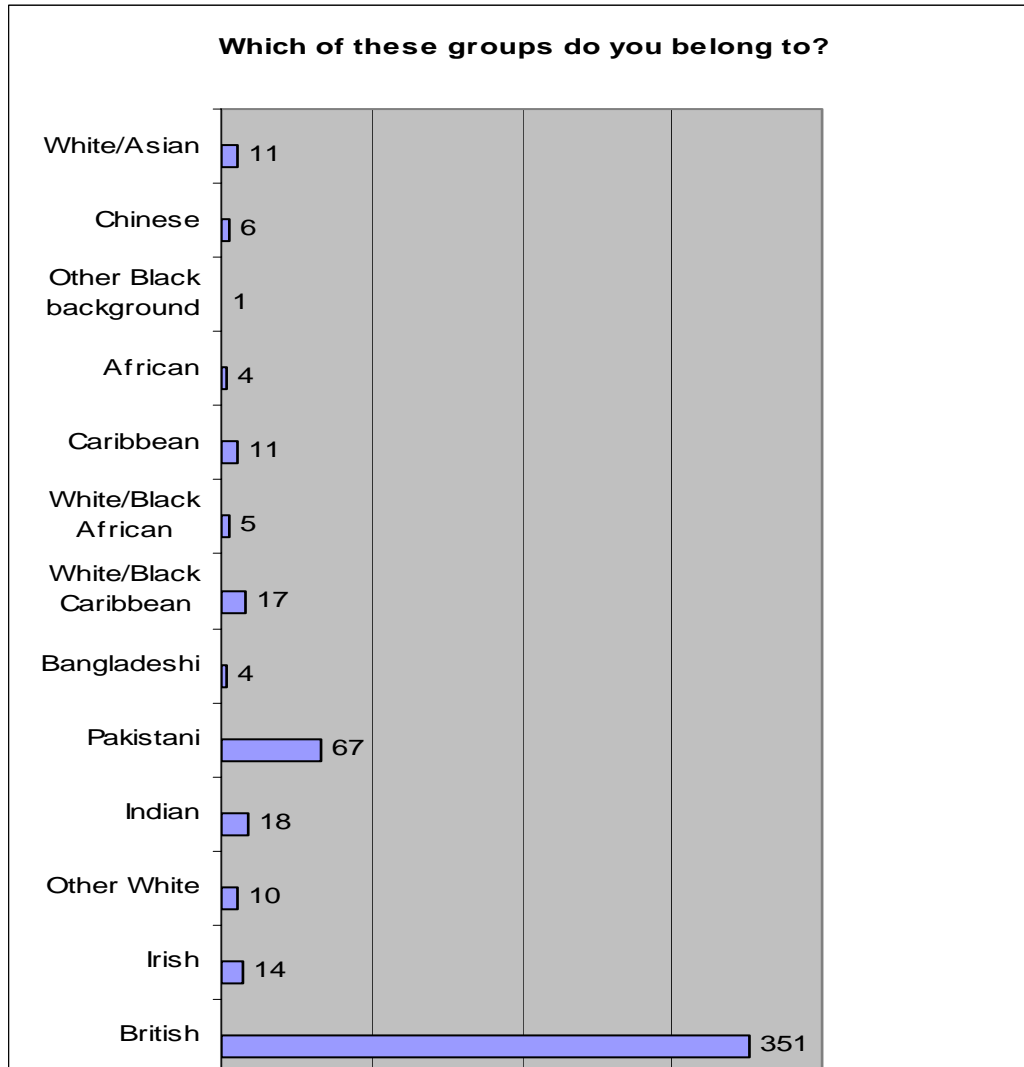
### About the Young Person.

There was a 50/50 split between male and female responses with 30 young people considering themselves to be disabled.

Age responses were broken down as follows –



The following identifies ethnic breakdown –

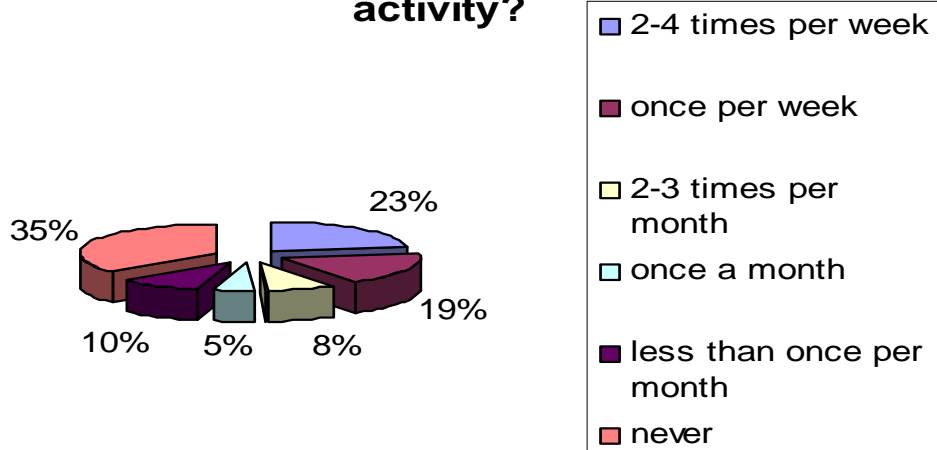


### **Youth Centres, Clubs & Activities**

Young people were firstly asked to give a brief picture as to their present connection with the youth service in order to inform areas such as marketing and promotion.

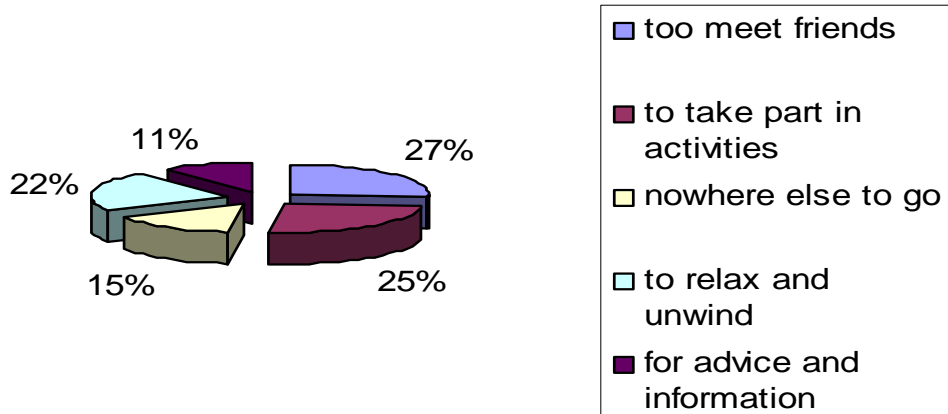
The results were as follows –

### Do you attend a youth centre/club or activity?

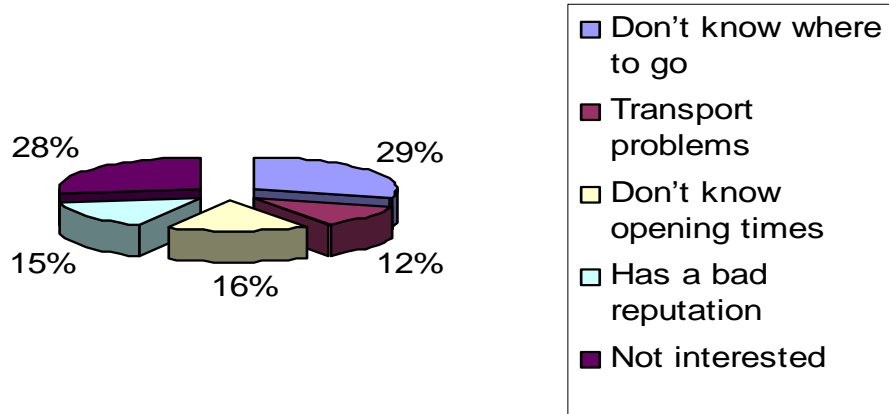


As can be seen from the chart, 65% of young people indicated that they made some use of youth service provision.

### Why do you attend?



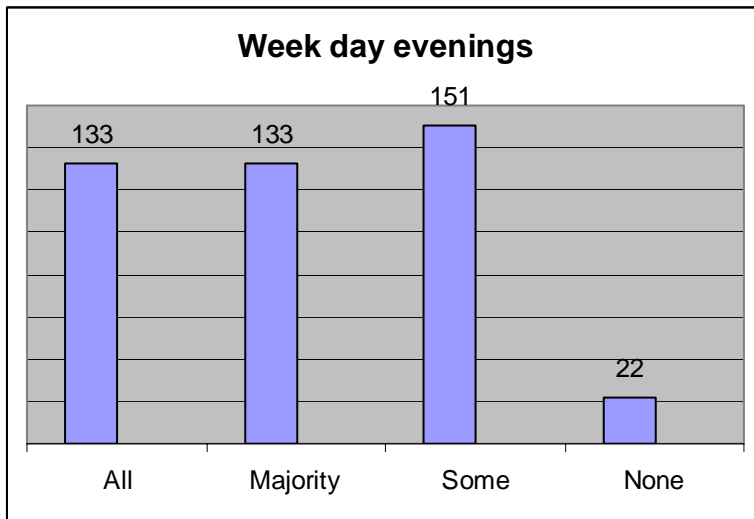
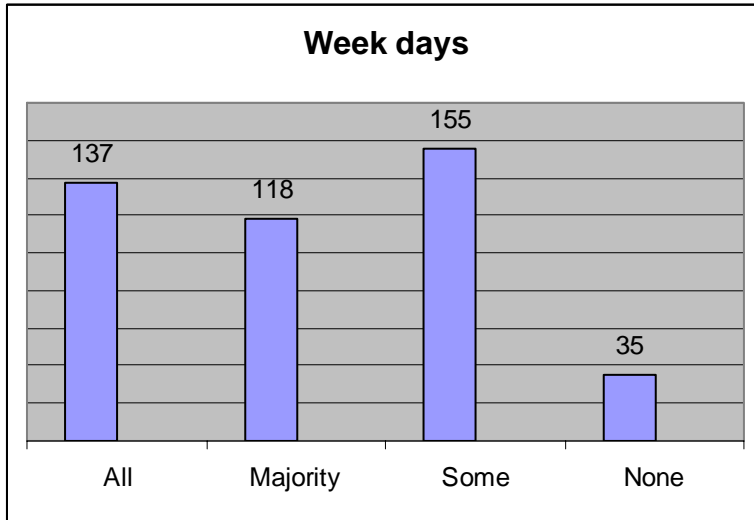
### Why have you never attended?

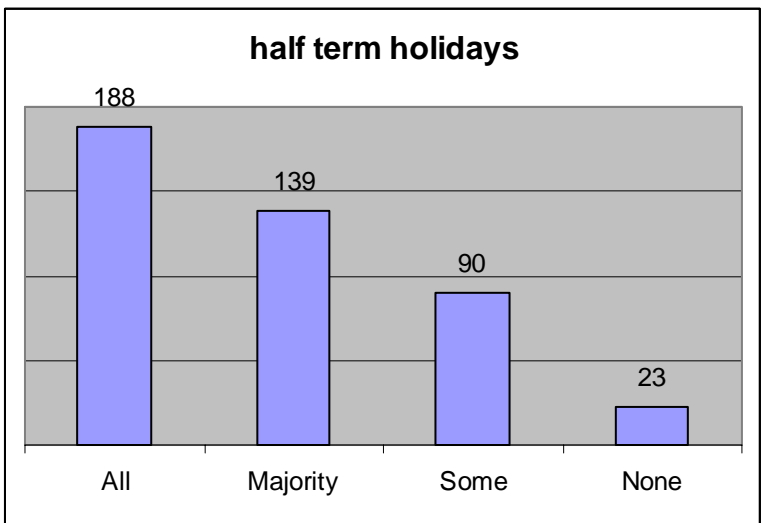
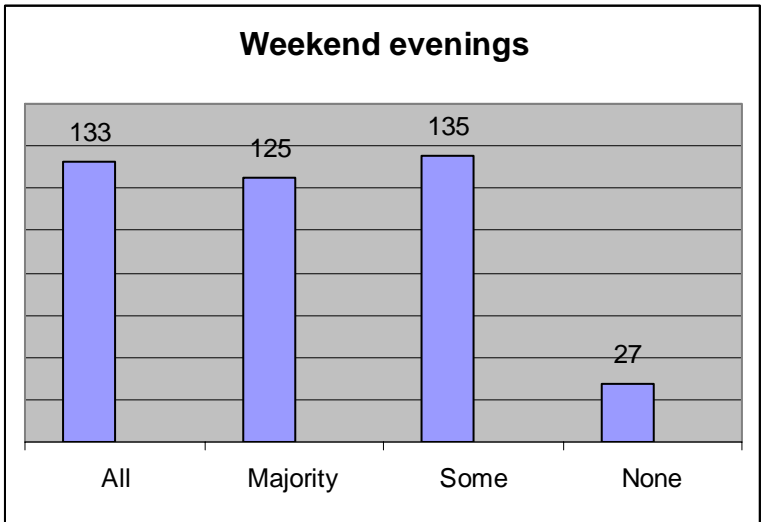
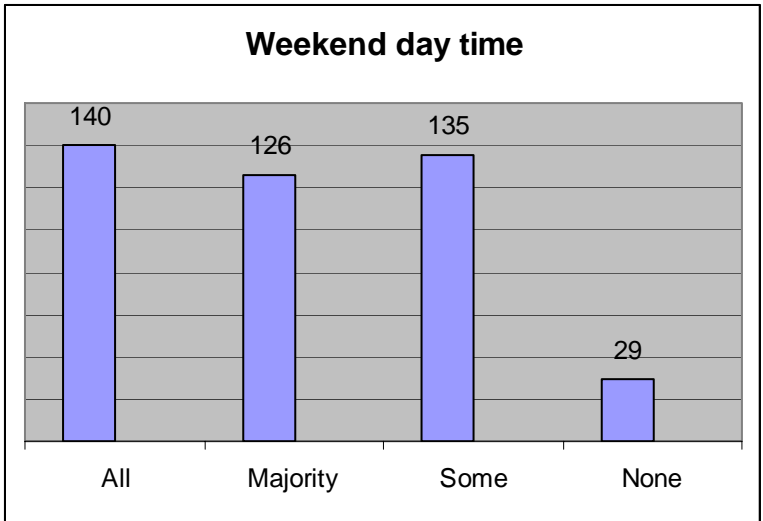


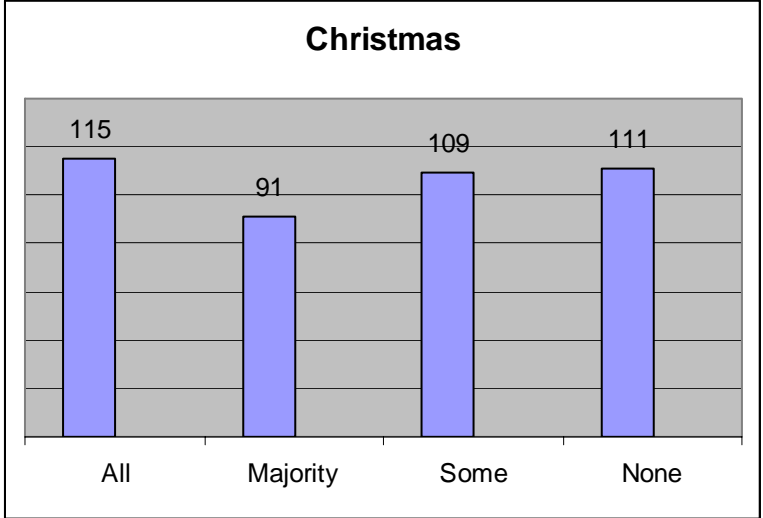
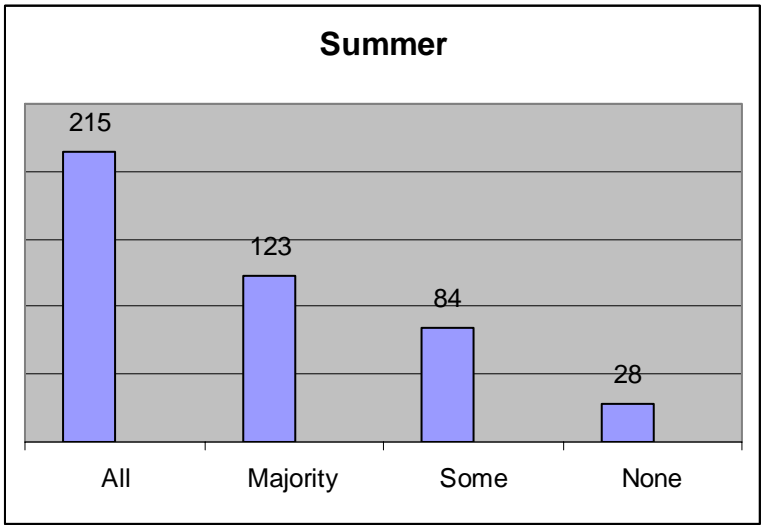
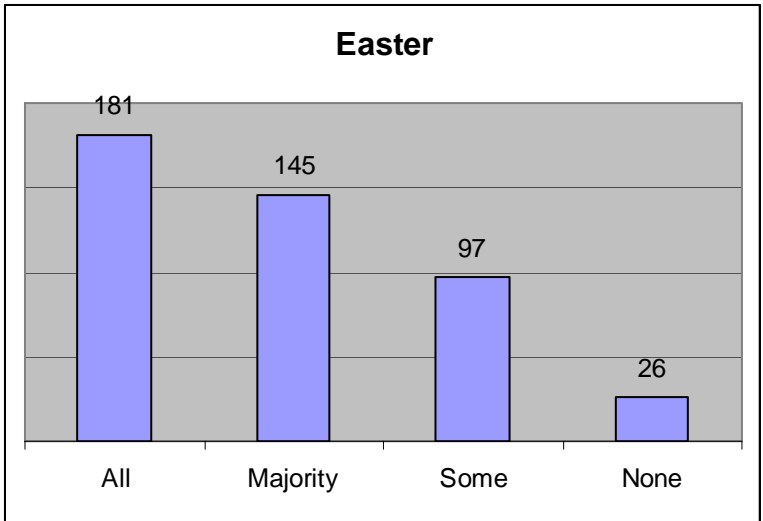
45% of those not attending identified a lack of information as a cause.

## Young people were then asked about open times –

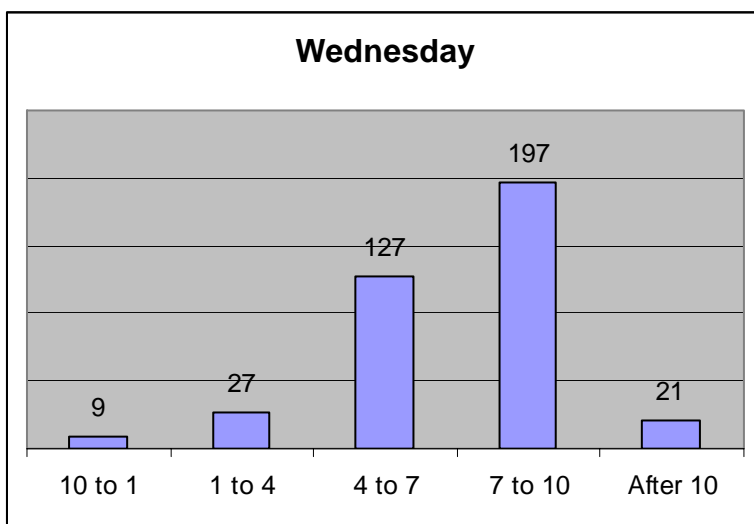
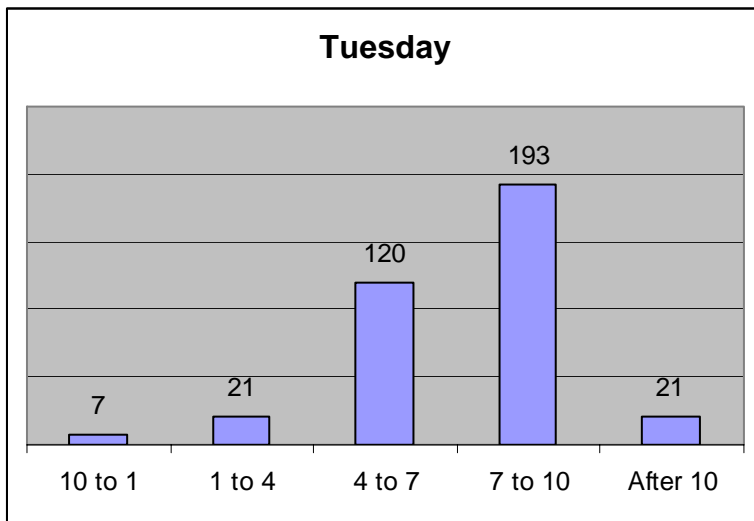
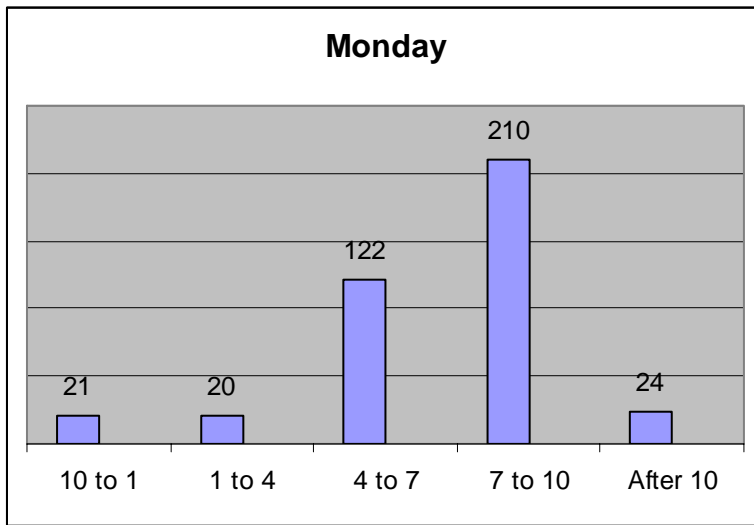
The first set of charts identify preferences for days of the week and holidays. 50.5% of those completing a survey said that they would be interested in taking part in holiday provision.





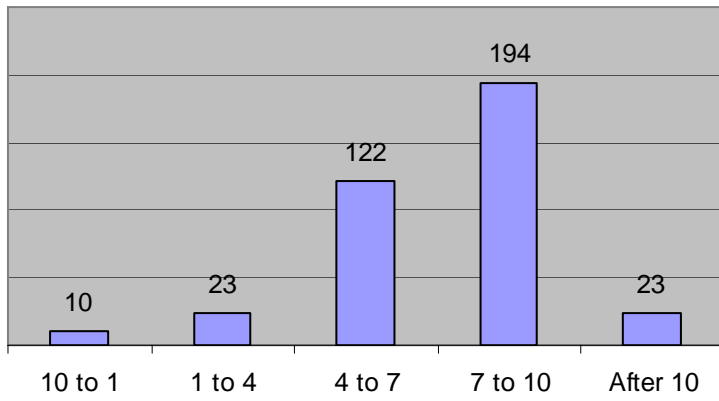


The next set of charts identify which time of day that they would prefer –

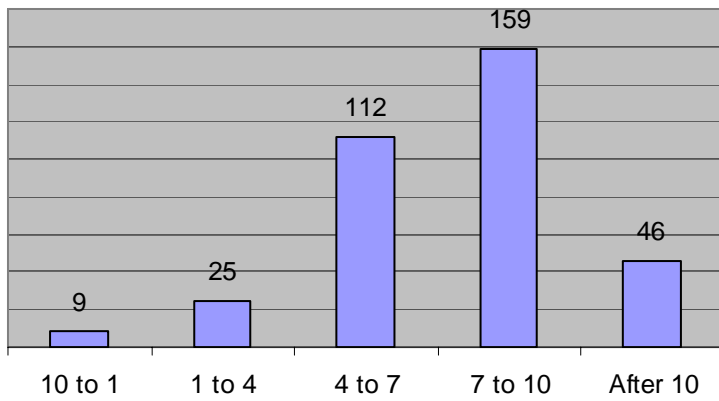




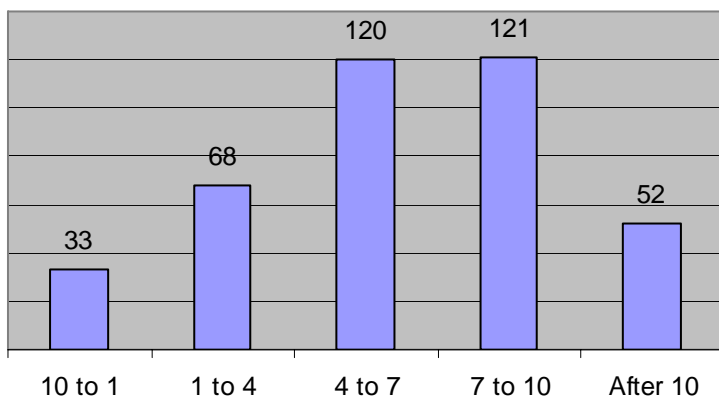
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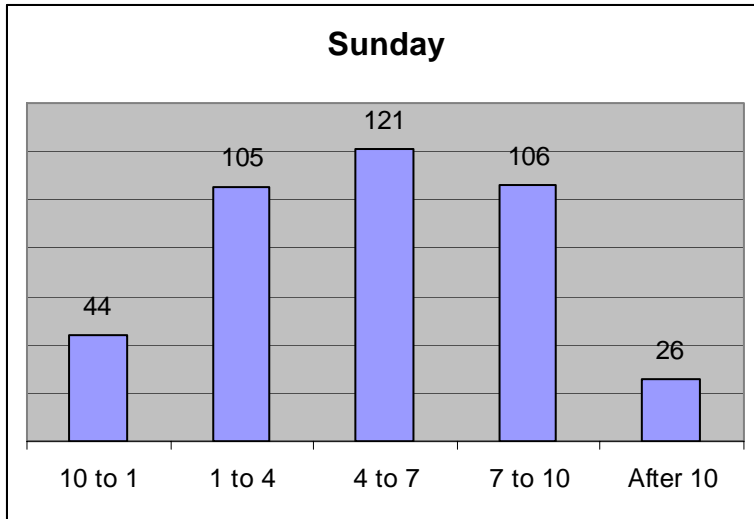


### Friday



### Saturday

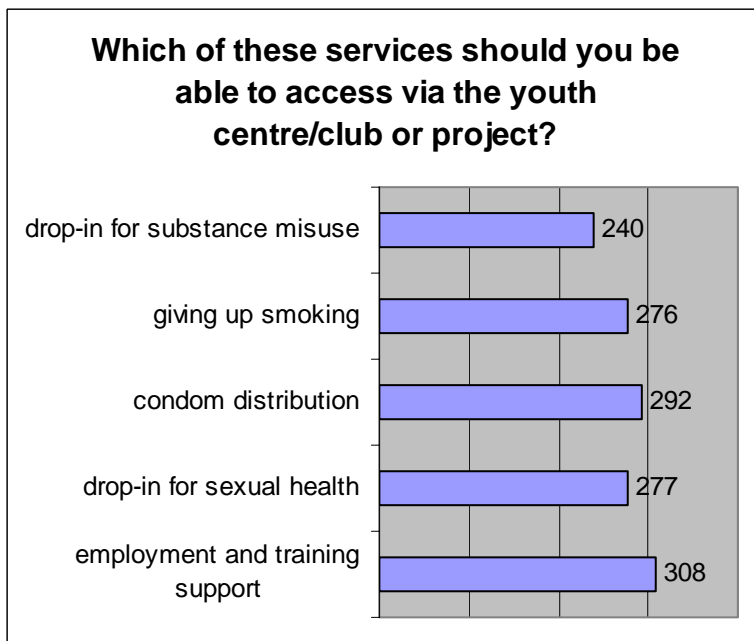




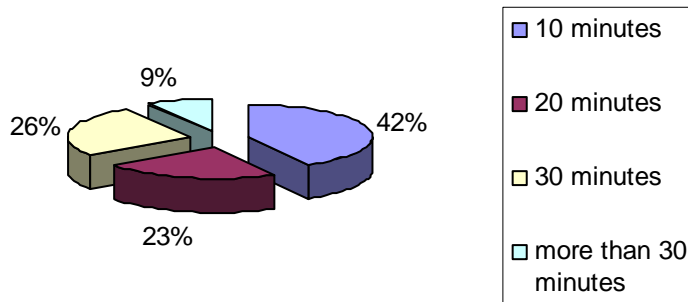
when asked to state a time if a service should be open after 10pm we received the following –

- 10.30pm x 25 young people
- 11.00pm x 69
- 11.30pm x 9
- 12.00pm x 75
- 12.30pm x 1
- 1.00am x 18
- Definitely no later x 10

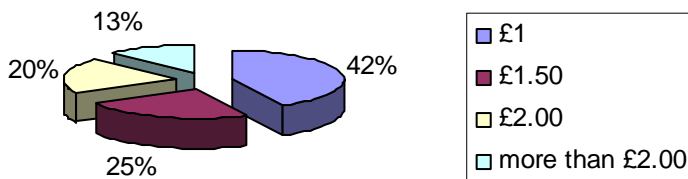
**Additional comments about the service received are as follows –**



**For how long would you be willing to travel in order to attend?**



**How much would you be willing to pay?**

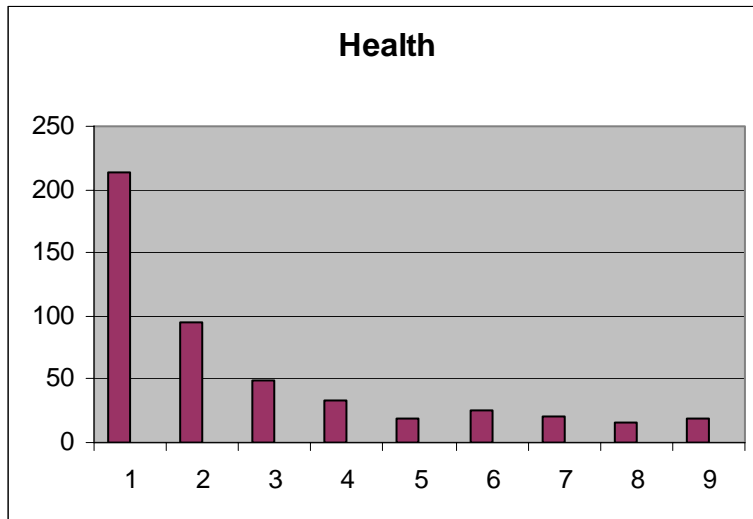


## Your Community

This section of the report asked young people to rate issues in relation to their own concerns.

1 is the most important 9 the least important.

These results will inform YOF and youth involvement priorities.



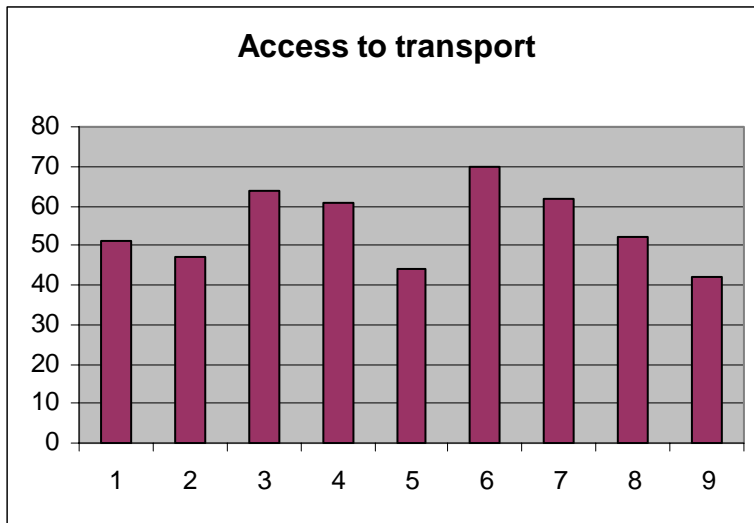
Concerns are:- obesity, smoking, healthy eating, alcohol and drugs

Improvements are:- cheaper health clubs, free prescriptions, more information available, smoking cessation and healthy eating options.



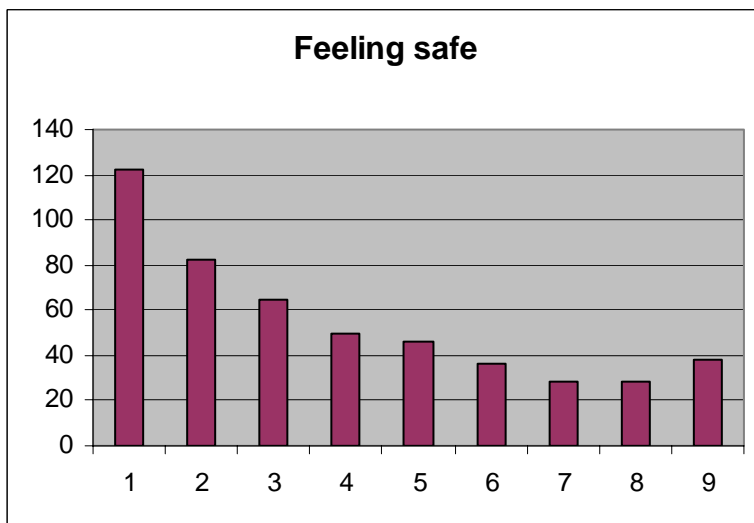
Concerns are:- not enough available, too expensive, accessibility and lack of skate parks.

Improvements are:- lower cost, more options, more specifically for under 18's, more youth clubs and more skate parks.



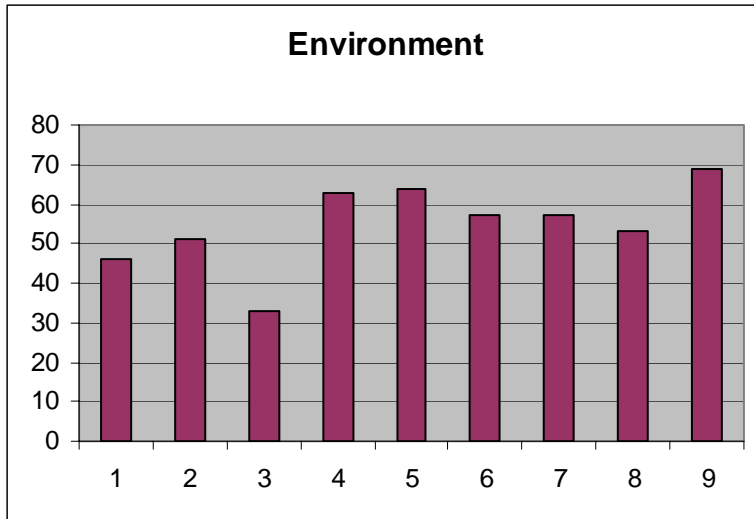
Concerns are:- cost, reliability of buses, not enough buses and the lack of a train station.

Improvements are:- cheaper, more routes, a train station in Dudley, address reliability, cleaner and free transport if not employed.



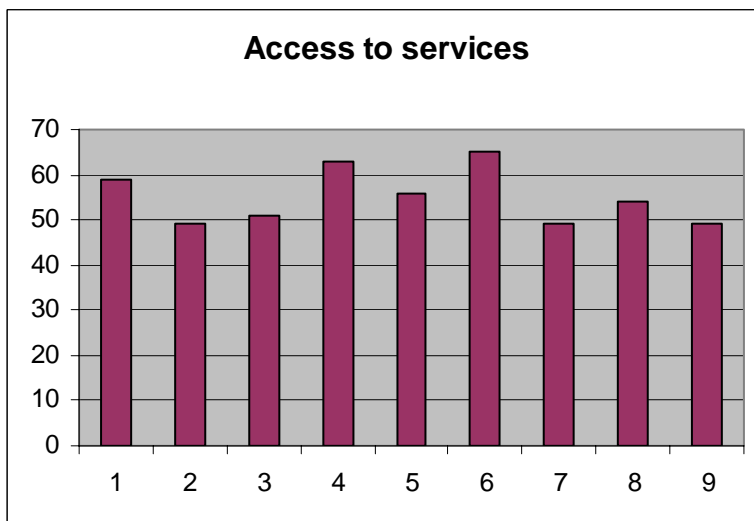
Concerns are:- knives, lack of police, gangs, drugs, bullying and vandalism

Improvements are: - better street lighting, more police, more CCTV and ban alcohol on the streets.



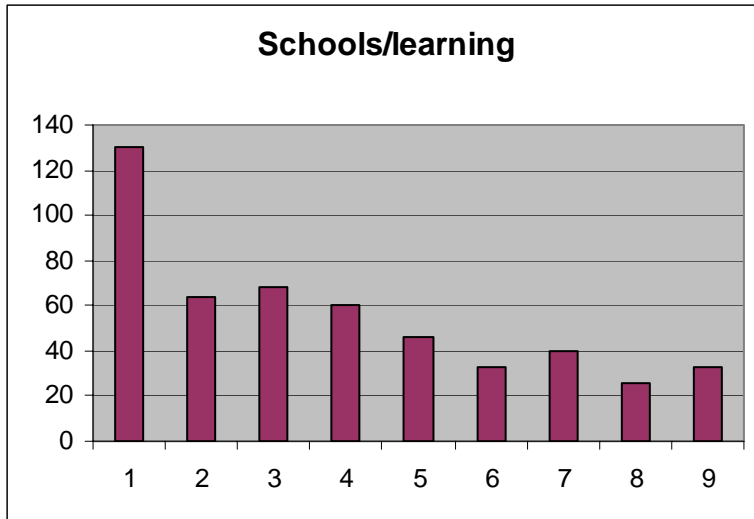
Concerns are: - litter and graffiti

Improvements are: - more recycling, more bins, less cars, graffiti walls and clean up dog mess.



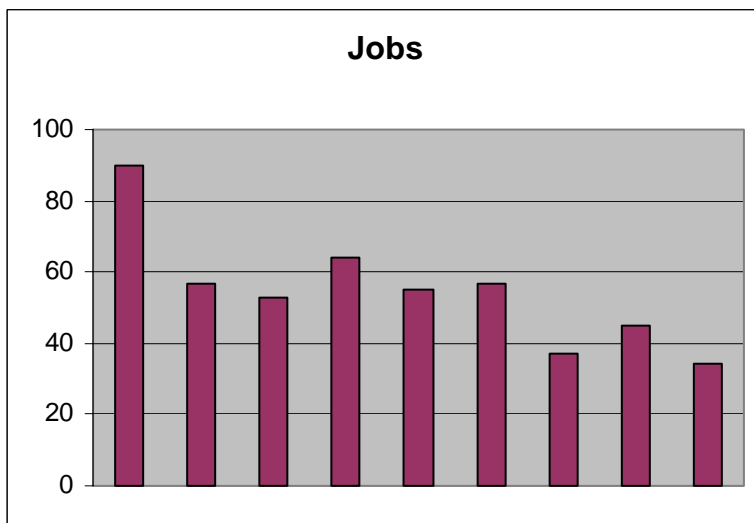
Concerns are: - DDA and closer to home for easier access.

Improvements are: - more services available, open longer hours (doctors and dentists) and free internet places.



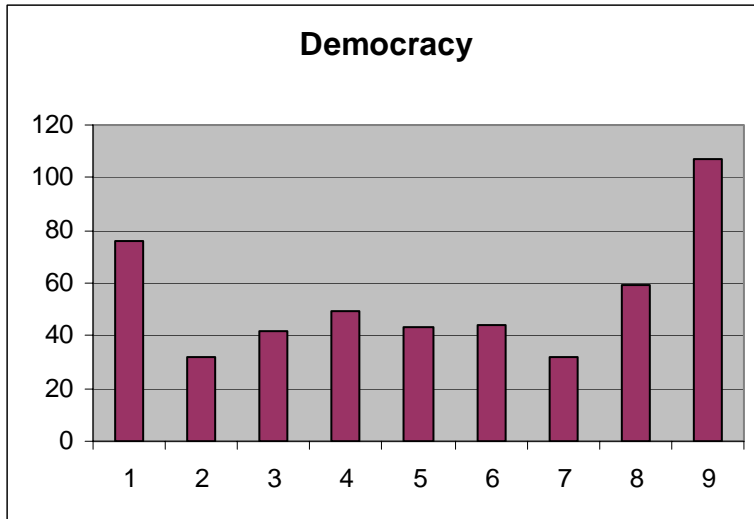
Concerns are: - bullying and feeling put down by teachers.

Improvements are: - less supply teachers, more student discount opportunities and higher teaching standards.



Concerns are: - not enough specifically for young people.

Improvements are: - more job centres, more advice, increase the minimum wage and same pay for 16's as for 18's.



Concerns are: - not enough say and not listened to.

Improvements are: - ask young people more, vote at 16, publicise opportunities more.