



YOUTH CLIMATE VOICES

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JUSTICE SURVEY '23

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Introduction

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) the climate has been changing since pre-industrial times, human activities have caused approximately 1°C of global warming; at current rates, this could reach or exceed 1.5°C between 2030 and 2050. The world is already seeing consequences for people, nature and livelihoods. The impact of climate change is being felt in different ways by different people and these profound and drastic changes raise several questions for climate justice.

In late 2023 as part of the 'Youth Climate Advocate Programme', ECO-UNESCO in conjunction with SpunOut.ie, conducted an online survey with young people. The purpose of the survey is to highlight how young people of Ireland feel about climate change and climate justice, how they want to be involved in solving climate issues, the barriers faced when getting involved, areas they feel are most important to tackle climate change, areas they are interested in learning more about and what support organisations like ECO-UNESCO can give them. The survey took place between 30th October 2023 and 12 Jan 2024 to reach the desired number of respondents. The survey included a range of multiple-choice questions alongside open-ended questions allowing for personalised responses.

This survey saw a significant response rate with over 1,196 participants. 95% of the participants were aged 16-25 years and more than 82% were students. 65% of participants were female, 30% male, 2.5% non-binary and 2.5% participants categorise themselves through self-identity and others. This survey was part of a larger project called 'The Youth Climate Advocate Programme', funded by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. This project involved additional partners: Feachtas, The No Name Club; and the Young Irish Filmmakers.

This report provides an analysis of the survey findings, highlighting how young people of Ireland feel about climate change and climate justice issues.

Answers to multiple-choice questions can be found in the appendix.

**SINCE PRE-INDUSTRIAL TIMES,
HUMAN ACTIVITIES HAVE
CAUSED APPROXIMATELY
1°C OF GLOBAL
WARMING**””

Who responded?

SURVEY RESPONSES

1,196
PARTICIPANTS



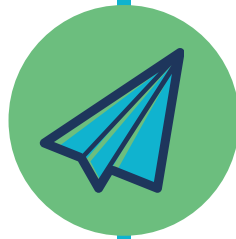
GENDER



LOCATION



51%
ARE MAINLY
URBAN RESIDENTS



49%
ARE MAINLY
RURAL RESIDENTS

OCCUPATION

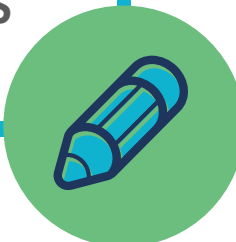
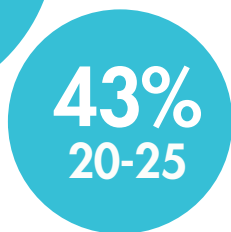
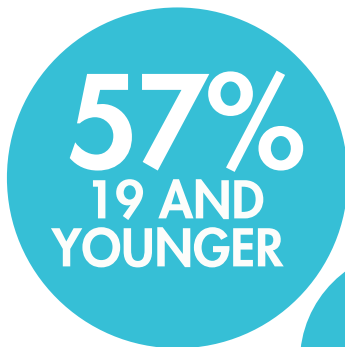


80%
STUDENTS



20%
WORKERS

AGE



MODE OF TRANSPORT



Key Findings



GROWING CONCERN

Young people are very concerned about climate change highlighting extreme weather events and environmental damage as areas of impact (96% of young people who responded are concerned about climate change). There was a high number of responses highlighting anxiety, stress and negative mental health as an impact of climate change and a sense of fear and hopelessness for their future. Young people reported that they are feeling anxious (65%), fearful (53%) and sad (47%).



TACKLING THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

When asked if there is enough being done to tackle climate change in Ireland in the past year, the majority of young people (75%) felt there was not enough being done. Young people believed that changes in big business practices would have the second biggest impact on tackling the climate crisis (waste being the top priority). Young people felt that Changes in Government Policies was the fourth biggest area that needed to be tackled.



BARRIERS TO ACTION

There are several barriers that young people face in taking climate action. 46% feel there are no protests or events in their area, 42% feel they don't have the skills e.g., public speaking, organising, etc. 38% feel they don't have enough knowledge on climate change. More than a third of respondents, 37%, feel their friends aren't interested in climate issues. As many as 39% of respondents feel like they're not listened to when they try to engage on this issue. This highlighted the importance of young people feeling empowered to take action in ways that feel tangible, where they feel they are having an impact at local, national and global levels.



TAKING ACTION

The majority of young people (85%) are either involved or want to get involved with climate actions. Many identified a range of actions they have taken including reducing plastic waste, buying second-hand clothes, actively campaigning, taking part in local action projects and raising awareness. To get more involved in climate action, 59% of respondents wanted more local opportunities to get involved in climate issues, 51% wanted more information on climate change and climate action and 49% wanted training in how to get involved in climate issues.



MANAGING ECO-ANXIETY

Although 8% of young people still haven't yet found a way to manage their eco-anxiety, the majority of respondents (63%) find hearing about positive climate news from around the world most helpful. Other high ranking answers included spending time in nature (47%) and learning about the solutions to climate change (46%).

Key Findings

65%

of young people are feeling **anxious** about climate change

46%

feel there are no **protests** or **events** in their area

59%

want **more local opportunities** to get involved in climate issues

51%

want **more information** on climate change and climate action

96%

of young people are concerned about climate change

85%

of young people are either **involved** or **want to get involved** with climate actions

75%

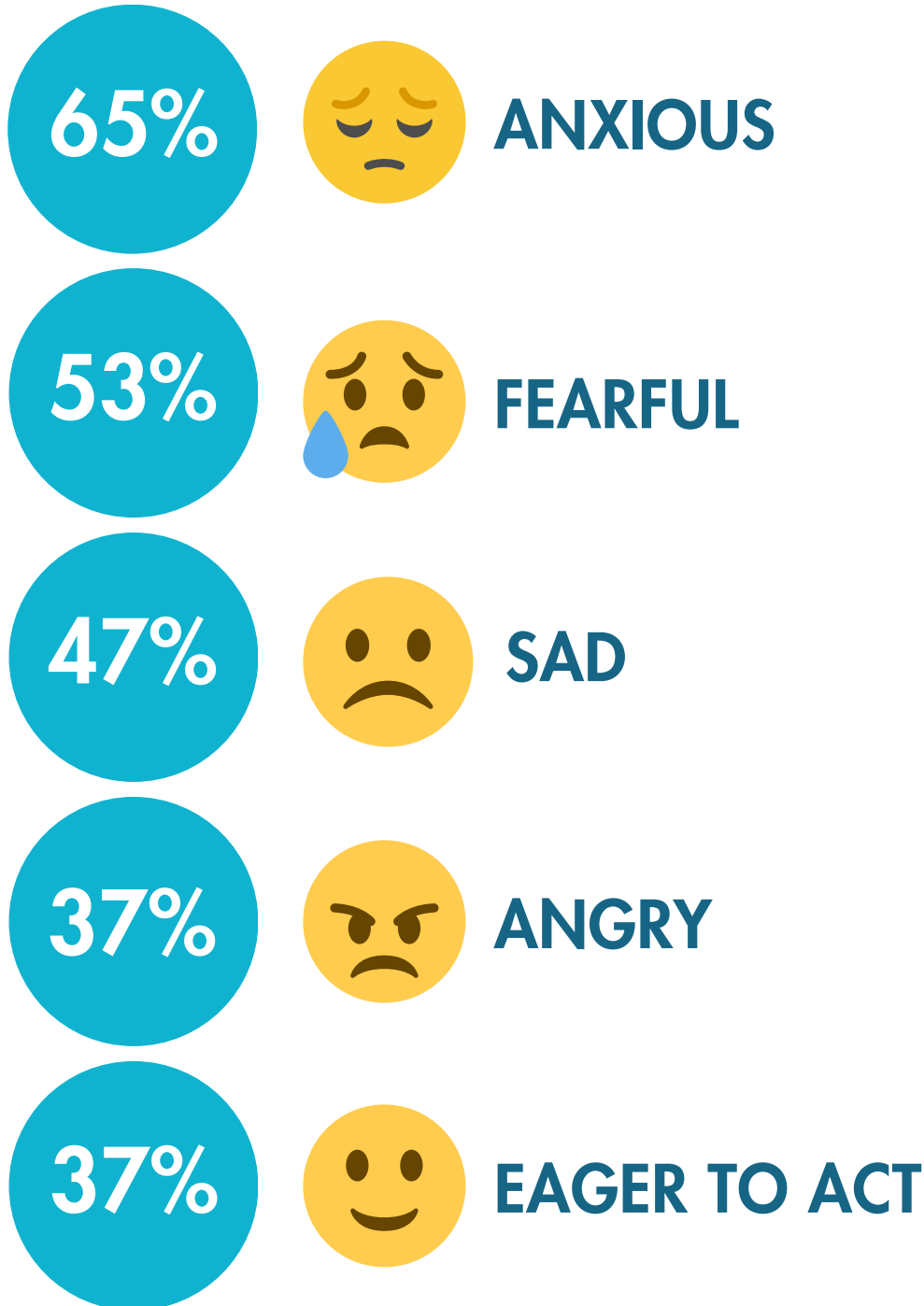
felt there was **not enough** being done to tackle climate change in Ireland in the past year

62%

of young people choose **public transport**, **cycling** or **walking** as their main mode of transport

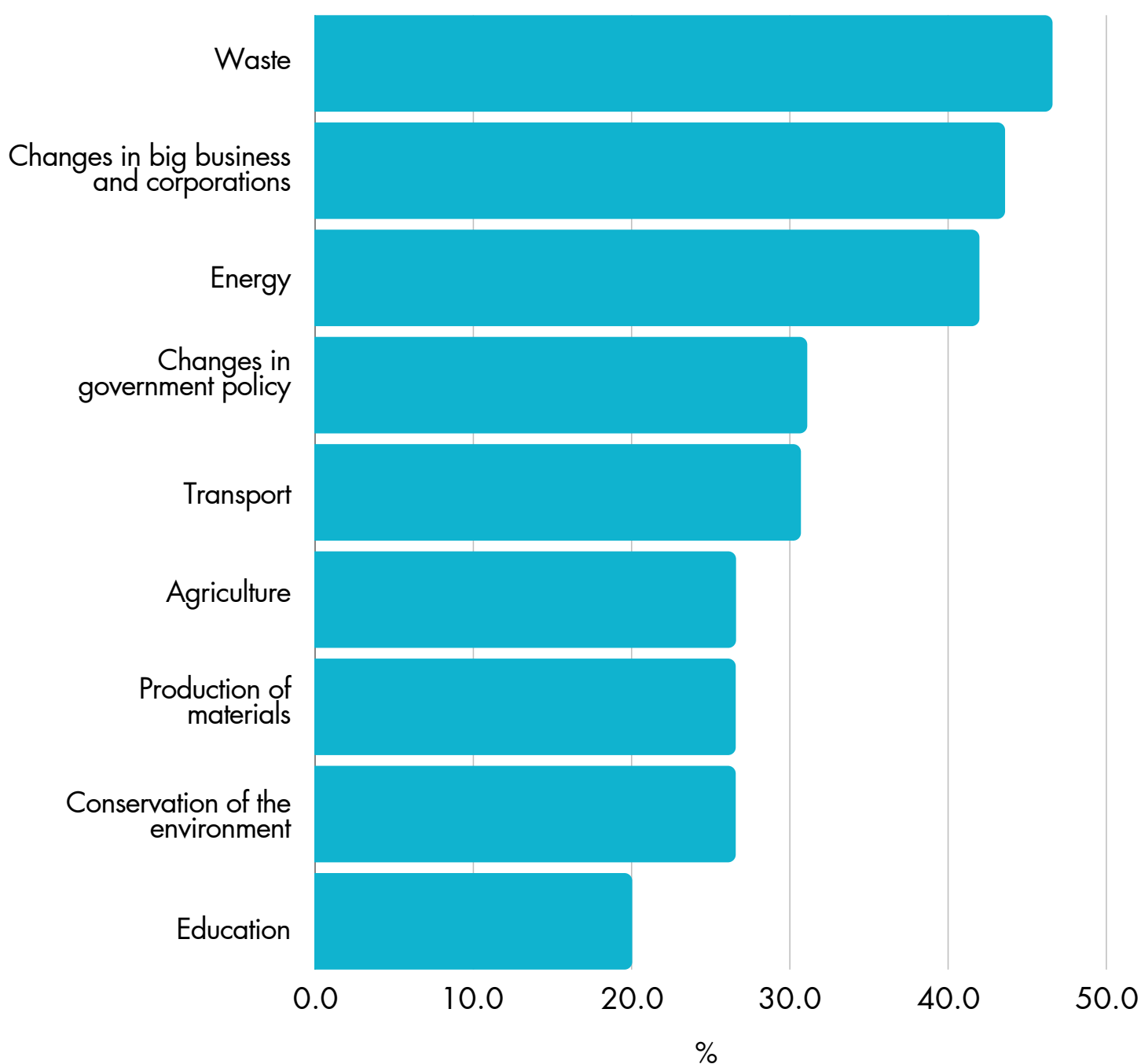
Thinking about climate change

When young people were asked how do they feel when thinking about climate change, they feel mostly anxious, sad, angry, fearful but also eager to act.



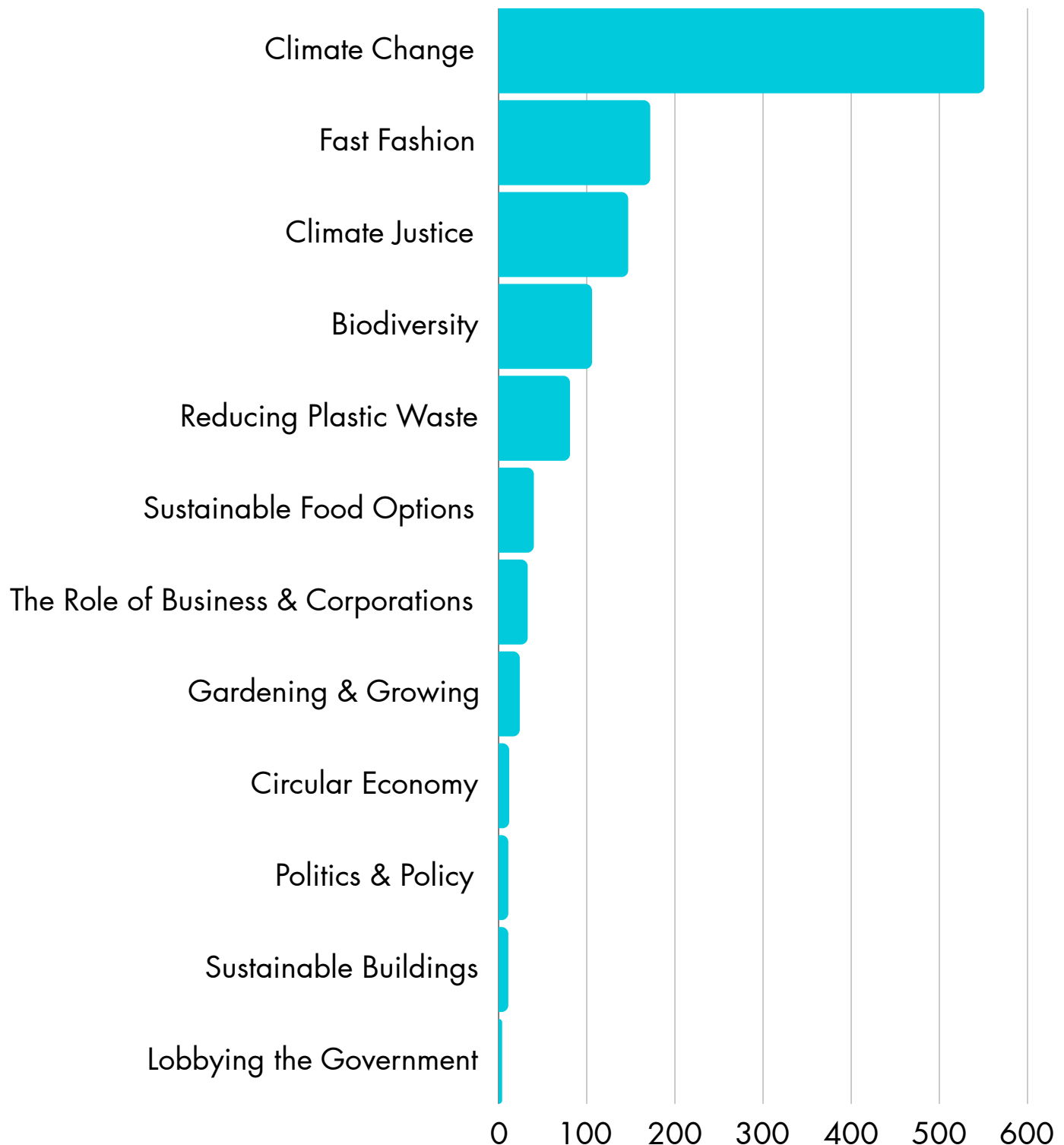
Top areas young people feel are most important when it comes to tackling climate change

When young people were asked to select top three areas that they think are most important when it comes to tackling climate change, 47% of respondents thought 'Waste' was most important, 'Changes in big business and Corporations' ranked second (44%) and 'Energy' third (42%). 20% selected 'Education', 15% 'A bigger focus on climate issues in the education system' and 14% selected 'Research and Innovation'.



Top areas young people are most knowledgeable about

Young people feel they have the highest level of knowledge on topics of 'Climate Change', 'Fast Fashion', 'Climate Justice', 'Biodiversity' and 'Reducing Plastic Waste'. In contrast, 'Politics and Policy' as well as 'Circular Economy' ranked the lowest.



What barriers do young people see with taking action on climate issues?

Young people taking the survey identified a number of barriers to taking action on climate issues. They included a lack of protests or events in young people's locality (46%), a lack of skills (42%), the feeling that no one listens (39%), a lack of knowledge on climate change (38%), a lack of interest from friends (37%) and not enough information on how to get involved (36%).

46%

There are no protests or events in my area

42%

I feel like I don't have the skills e.g public speaking, organising etc

39%

I feel like no one listens

38%

I feel I don't have enough knowledge on climate change

37%

My friends aren't interested in climate issues

36%

There's not enough info on how to get involved

29%

I don't know how to get in touch with politicians

10%

My family don't support me

7%

I have a disability which makes it difficult to get involved

6%

There are no barriers preventing me from taking action

5%

Others (please specify)

If there were no barriers, what would young people do/what change would they make?

When asked what they would do or change if there were no barriers, young people highlighted the following areas:

Lobby the government to outline their strategies

Buses more frequent, better electric car chargers, cheaper electric cars tax on petrol and fossil fuels

A ban on e-cigarettes and vapes

Get rid of single use plastic completely, have everything run on solar power

I would make a climate change group in my area, to discuss what we could do about climate change issues in our area

If there were no barriers, what would young people do/what change would they make?



Hold discussions about young people's concerns with local politicians.

Protesting and activism can make you seem unhinged and I fear things like that can be held against me in the future during job search and such with all these modern technology everything is kept forever online.

I honestly feel overwhelmed, it seems to me that the government is the only body able to put measures into place that physically prevent people from causing more harm.

There is huge rural discrimination and lack of inclusion of rural people in the matter. Discussion always focuses on urban young people and it's always neglected that rural people do not have any access to public transport. We are penalised continuously with carbon taxes, where there is no option but to drive your car, because the bus route is removed from your town. Debate never focuses on companies in urban areas destroying rural areas with exorbitant waste or pollutants or the fact most urban people use planes-biggest contributors to climate change. There is never an understanding of rural life and urban people and our politicians assume we are stupid and silence any opinions.

Legislative change to force corporations into compliance e.g. addressing fast fashion companies who keep modern-day slavery and needless climate harm occurring, addressing food waste from large restaurant chains, addressing the fossil fuel industry, etc. I would love to be able to be involved in getting legislation through quickly so that the time frames involved are short because setting goals decades in the future is too late - the damage will be done by then.

If there were no barriers I would reduce the unnecessary packaging used in stores to only what's necessary. I would provide more options for refill stores in the local area.

Campaign about it. As bad as it sounds I feel personally that many people don't care about what is happening to our planet. I feel that people aren't getting involved because it isn't affecting them right now so why should they care. My point is I would make people somewhat benefit from acting against climate change maybe something like a game where if you collect 5 pieces of rubbish off the floor you get rewards in the app such as coupons. Only an idea but i think it could help.

In all honesty, I have every possibility to get involved. It's the fear however that is holding me back. Fear of judgement.



How does climate change impact young people personally?

When asked how climate change impacts young people personally, they shared the following:

Stress in life as I feel there is not enough I can do

It upsets me that our planet is being destroyed and it feels like no one is listening

Mentally it is draining and scary to know what is to come

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I worry about my future and the world my kids will live in

Local temperatures rising, my area is expected to be underwater in about 20 years.

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How does climate change impact young people personally?

This question was answered by **879** young people. Here is what they said:



The world as I know it is changing and failing and nothing I do is helping.

The rising sea levels are a major cause of concern for me as I live near the coast.

I have not experienced many detrimental affects of climate change, however when the weather takes a turn for the worst I usually experience power cuts and sometimes isolation because I live in a somewhat remote area.

I suffer terribly from allergies and the more pollution in the air the less clean air there is.

I worry for the future of my life and that of the world around me. I'm terrified for the people living in poverty who will lose everything due to climate disasters.

Mentally it is draining and scary to know what is to come. It's exhausting doing a bunch of little things to make a difference when there are billionaires having space competitions and harming the climate further when they could use their money to solve it

As a young person I feel an immense amount of anxiety surrounding the topic. We are not being listened to and it seems like everyday a choice is made that directly affects our futures.

My family are farmers and the government are putting a lot of pressure on them to help climate change but it's very expensive.

It makes me feel guilty for consuming resources e.g. taking flights, buying plastic etc.

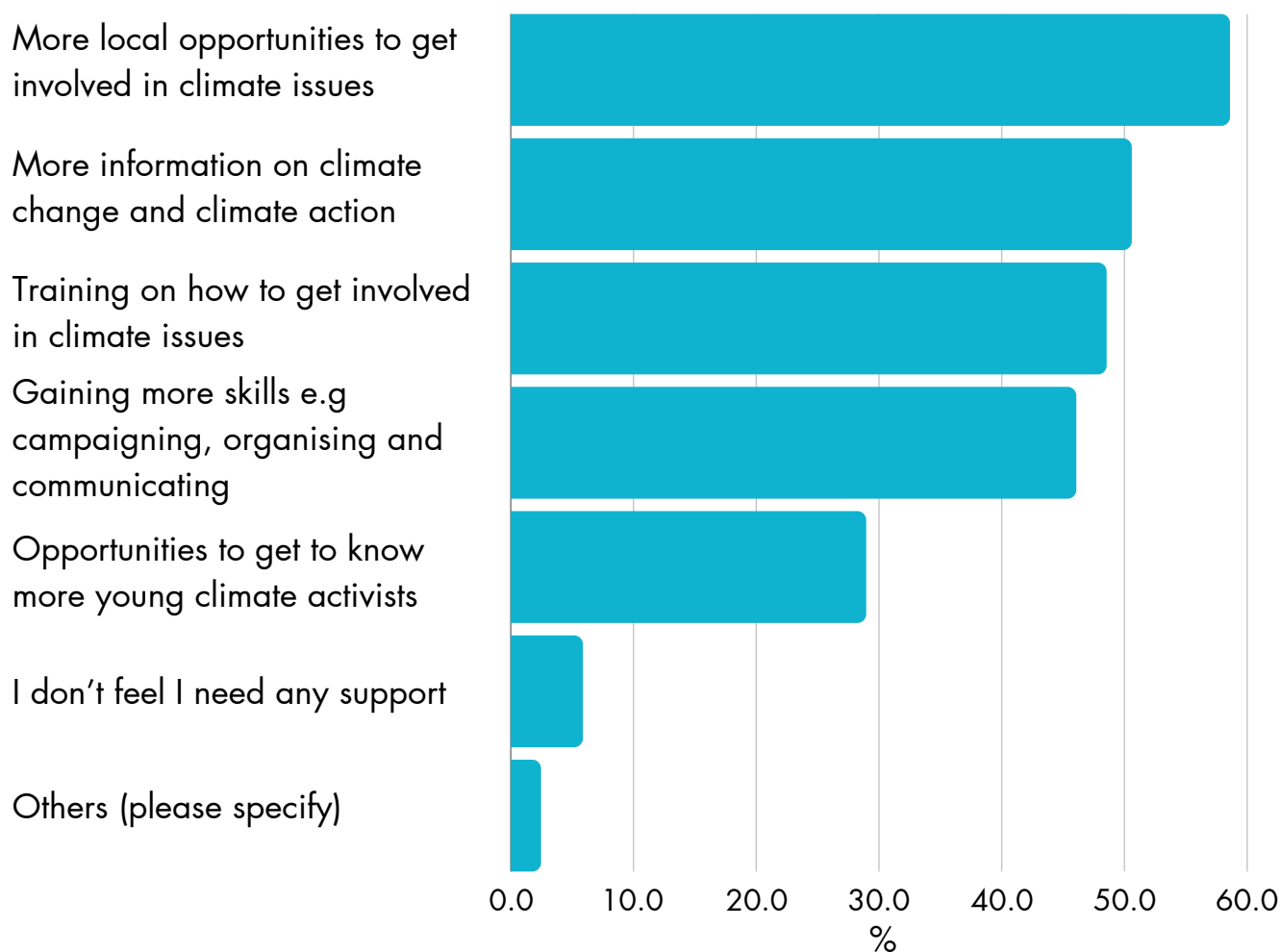
Extreme weather conditions have caused flooding in my area - caused great upset and damage.

I'm afraid to have children because of the lives they may have - at no fault of their own. It's stressful coming of age and into adulthood with the state of things currently, it's hard to imagine improvement by the time my kids would be grown up. We have not been done justice despite warning signs in the past and calls for preserving the future generations. At this point I've lost hope!



What supports do young people need to get more involved in climate action?

When young people were asked what supports they needed more than half (59%) said more local opportunities to get involved in climate issues. Just over half of respondents (51%) wish to get more information on climate change and climate action. Nearly half (49%) would like to get training on how to get involved in climate issues and learn skills such as campaigning, organising and communicating (46%).



Here is what young people said when they selected 'Other':

"Information campaigns on social media that are informative and easily digestible eg TikTok shorts"

"I think there should be sustainability/climate officers in all organisations. In my life this would mean a climate officer in my sports club, the cafe at which I work and my university."

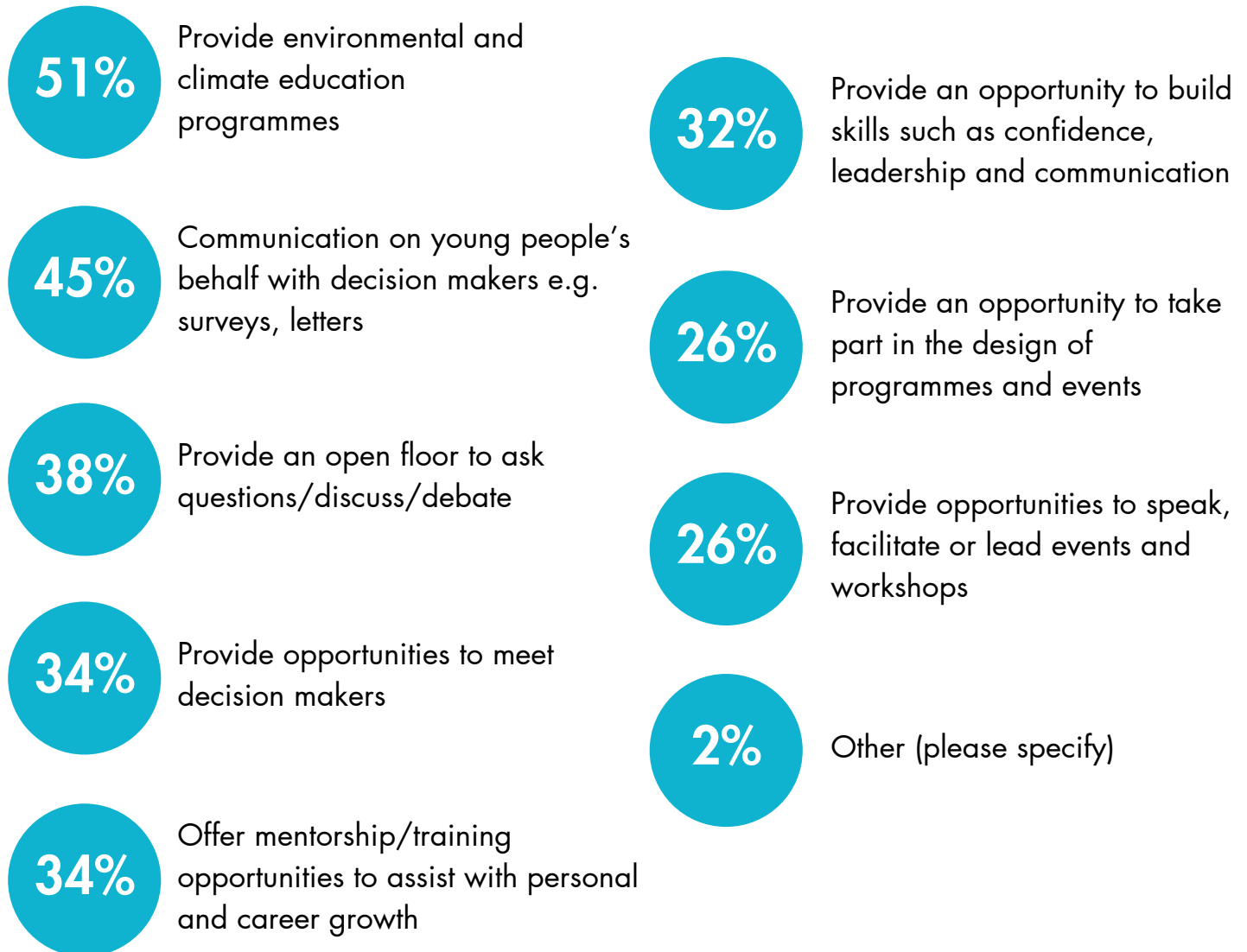
"Why aren't we taught in school how to physically make small changes, changes aren't even encouraged in schools, we don't even have a bin in our school. What do they expect us to do with our plastic? They shouldn't be educating us about "effects" and "contributors" to climate change. They need to educate and teach us in a professional manner to make a change together."

"How to emotionally regulate yourself and not get burnt out with the feelings of powerlessness".

"Funding for youth climate actions, funding is desperately needed to address climate change in many communities".

What can youth organisations like ECO-UNESCO do to support young people in climate action?

Young people were asked what youth organisations like ECO-UNESCO can do and they highlighted the provision of environmental and climate education programmes as their top support. Communication with decision makers on young people's behalf ranked second highest.



Here is what young people said when they selected 'Other':

"Provide more support to rural areas for people who want to get involved"

"Funding for youth led solutions."

"Pressure UN bodies to enforce climate justice, hold UN officials accountable for inactivity"

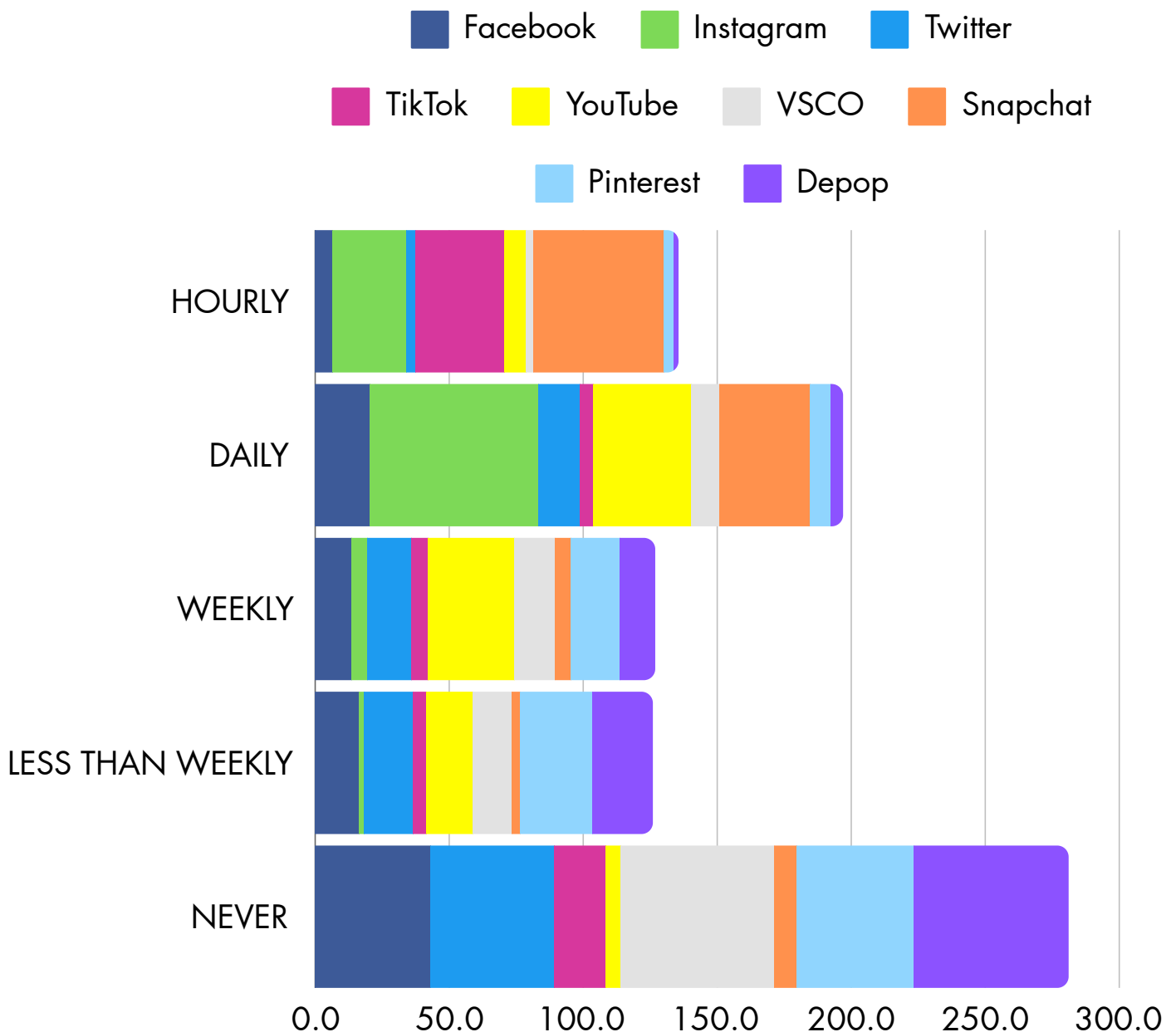
"Petition and protest companies and government"

"I'd love to learn skills to help me with my climate anxiety. I find it very difficult to calm down when talking about climate change and I never hear any positive news about it."

"Opportunities to restore local habitats and environments."

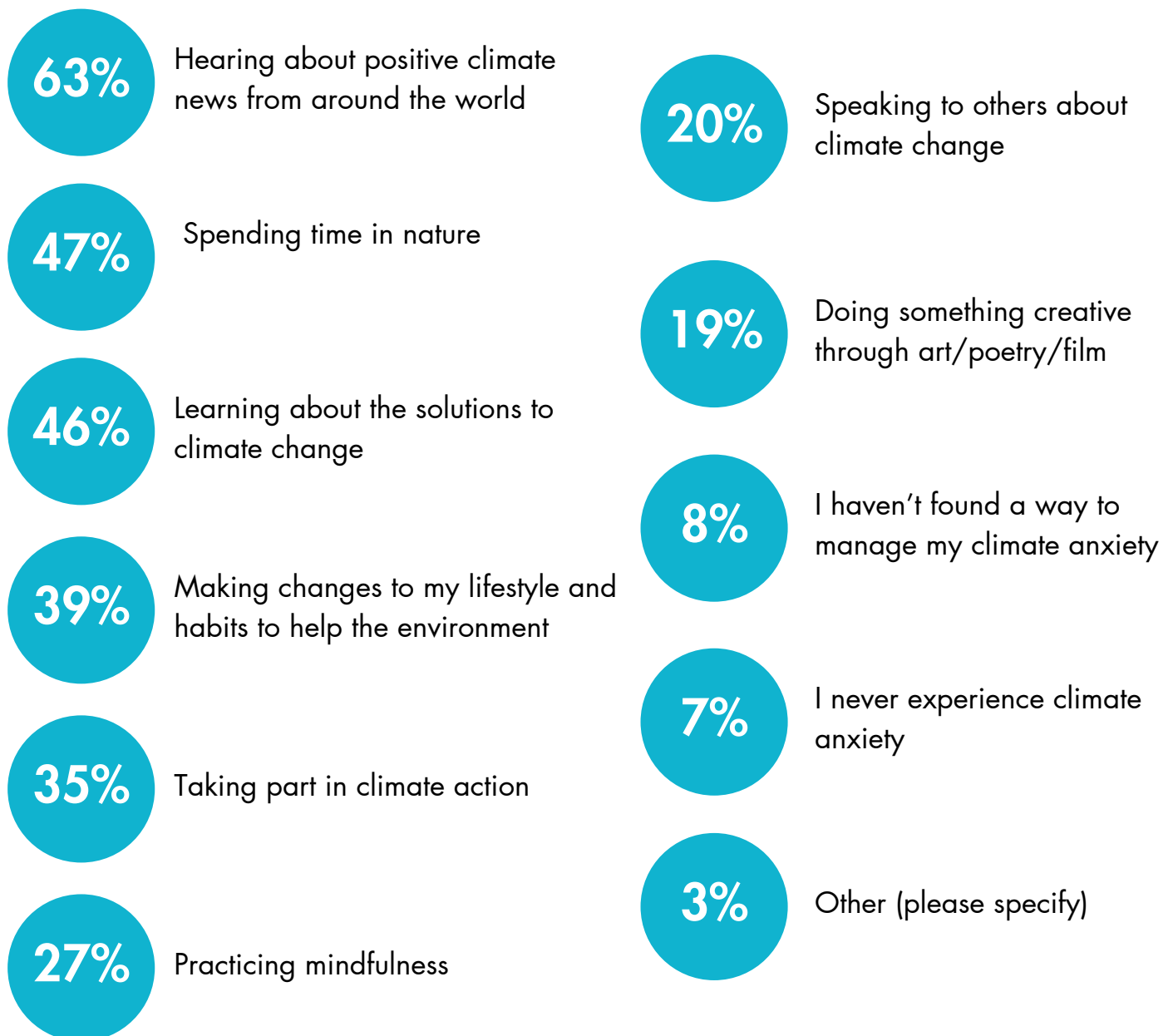
How frequently do young people use the following social media platforms?

Nearly half of young people who responded to the survey use Snapchat (49%) and one of all young people opt for TikTok (33%) on an hourly basis. Instagram was the most popular for daily browsing (63%) and YouTube (32%) for weekly watching. The majority of respondents use Pinterest (27%) sparingly and never use Depop (58%) and VSCO (57%). Almost half of respondents (46%) answered they never use Twitter.



What do young people find helpful when it comes to managing their climate anxiety or eco-anxiety?

Climate anxiety or eco-anxiety can be experienced when people worry about the threats facing the earth as a result of climate change and environmental damage. When asked what is helpful to manage climate or eco-anxiety the majority of young people stated that hearing positive climate news (63%), followed by spending time in nature (47%), learning about solutions to climate change (46%), making changes in lifestyle (39%) and taking part in climate action (35%) were most helpful.



Here is what young people said when they selected 'Other':

"I find when I ignore it makes me less anxious about it. The more I find out the more I get stressed."

"Doing little actions so I know I am doing my part e.g. walking instead of driving/reusing packaging of products that I buy"

What gives young people hope?

When we asked young people what gives them hope, here are some of the responses we received:

Younger generation who won't take no for answer

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Increasing awareness among young people

Seeing activists speak out against governments for allowing this climate change crisis to continue

The progress in relation to renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and electric cars

Wildflower areas in public places

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What gives young people hope?

this question was answered by **883 young people**. Here is what young people said:



There is definitely a growing awareness about the detrimental effects of climate change. I have participated in a number of youth programs and have met so many like-minded people. It's incredibly reassuring to talk about work you've been involved in, share your hopes, and brainstorm about future steps with fellow activists, and know that you're not alone with your concerns.

People speaking out more and more every day about climate change.

The fact governments will be rewarded with money etc. for acting to do something about climate change.

What gives me hope is seeing all the young people across the world campaigning for a better climate change plan in their individual countries such as limiting the use of fossil fuels and campaigns about planting trees e.g., for every one euro donated = one tree planted I think that's a brilliant idea to help save our beautiful fantastic world. It gives me hope that my children and my grandchildren will get to experience beautiful nature in their lifetime.

When I see a human being going out of their way to do something so kind for any species that need desperate help. So many things are happening in the world right now and it makes me feel like humans have lost their humanity but here and there I do see kind-hearted people doing things that I don't see many people do. For example, cleaning beaches for free that were covered with trash, helping animals that were affected by trash, cleaning rivers that were highly contaminated. I also have hope that God will help us.

Young climate activists in Ireland and abroad.

Improved awareness of the topic and education in schools.

Humanity has already overcome all previous challenges.

Seeing so many young people advocating for change and lobbying and the shift in mindset of climate change being something to tackle now not later.

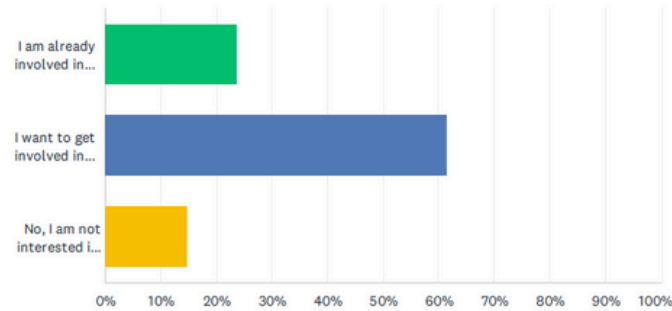
That the government are putting measures in place to help combat climate change
e.g .plastic bag levy



Appendices

Q1 Are you interested in getting involved in climate action?

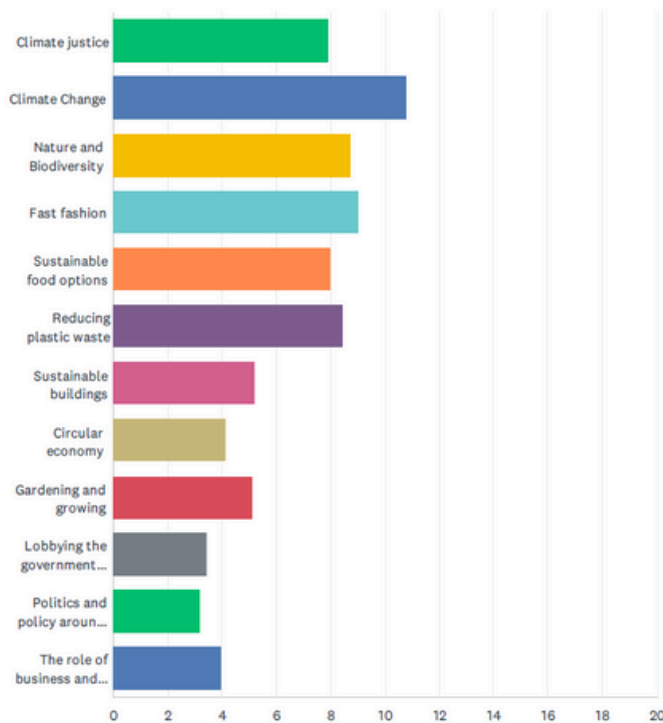
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am already involved in climate action	23.75%	280
I want to get involved in climate action	61.49%	725
No, I am not interested in getting involved in climate action	14.76%	174
TOTAL		1,179

Q2 Rate your current knowledge on the following areas from highest to lowest

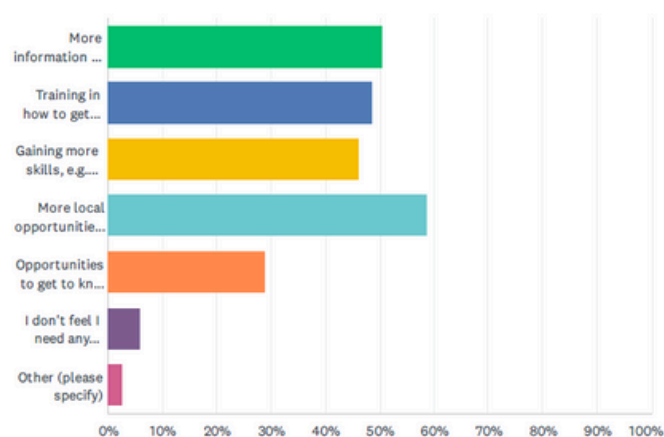
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Climate justice	12.33% 147	14.18% 169	11.33% 135	9.65% 115	10.32% 123	9.31% 111	10.65% 127	8.14% 97	4.78% 57	3.61% 43	2.85% 34
Climate Change	46.22% 551	25.08% 299	10.82% 129	7.30% 87	5.20% 62	2.77% 33	1.68% 20	0.42% 5	0.17% 2	0.08% 1	0.08% 1
Nature and Biodiversity	8.89% 106	15.18% 181	21.06% 251	16.36% 195	12.16% 145	9.40% 112	6.46% 77	4.45% 53	2.68% 32	1.59% 19	1.09% 13
Fast fashion	14.43% 172	17.70% 211	17.70% 211	18.88% 225	9.73% 116	6.96% 83	4.87% 58	2.68% 32	2.27% 27	1.01% 12	1.93% 23
Sustainable food options	3.36% 40	7.72% 92	11.74% 140	16.53% 197	26.68% 318	13.84% 165	9.06% 108	4.95% 59	3.02% 36	1.93% 23	0.84% 10
Reducing plastic waste	6.80% 81	11.74% 140	15.44% 184	14.09% 168	14.85% 177	22.82% 272	7.05% 84	3.69% 44	2.01% 24	1.09% 13	0.08% 1
Sustainable buildings	0.92% 11	1.01% 12	1.34% 16	2.85% 34	4.70% 56	10.07% 120	27.85% 332	17.53% 209	12.58% 150	8.31% 99	6.88% 82
Circular economy	1.01% 12	1.34% 16	1.26% 15	2.18% 26	1.43% 17	4.78% 57	7.47% 89	25.17% 300	16.44% 196	11.24% 134	10.91% 130
Gardening and growing	2.01% 24	1.93% 23	4.19% 50	4.78% 57	5.79% 69	7.05% 84	10.82% 129	12.75% 152	25.08% 299	12.16% 145	7.30% 87
Lobbying the government about climate change	0.34% 4	0.59% 7	0.84% 10	1.68% 20	2.10% 25	3.10% 37	4.61% 55	6.12% 73	14.18% 169	36.74% 438	18.88% 225
Politics and policy around climate change	0.92% 11	0.67% 8	1.17% 14	2.01% 24	2.52% 30	3.86% 46	4.19% 50	6.63% 79	8.72% 104	13.26% 158	36.07% 430
The role of business and corporations in climate change	2.77% 33	2.85% 34	3.10% 37	3.69% 44	4.53% 54	6.04% 72	5.29% 63	7.47% 89	8.05% 96	8.98% 107	13.09% 156

Q3 What supports do you need to get more involved in climate action?

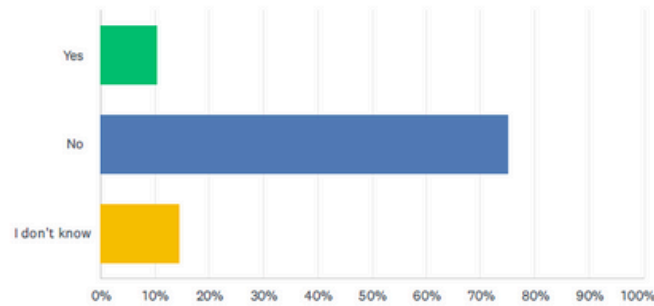
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More information on climate change and climate action	50.60% 594
Training in how to get involved in climate issues	48.55% 570
Gaining more skills, e.g., campaigning, organising, communicating, etc.	46.08% 541
More local opportunities to get involved in climate issues	58.60% 688
Opportunities to get to know more young climate activists	28.96% 340
I don't feel I need any support	5.88% 69
Other (please specify)	2.47% 29
Total Respondents: 1,174	

Q4 Do you think there is enough being done to tackle climate change in Ireland in the past year?

Answered: 1,177 Skipped: 19



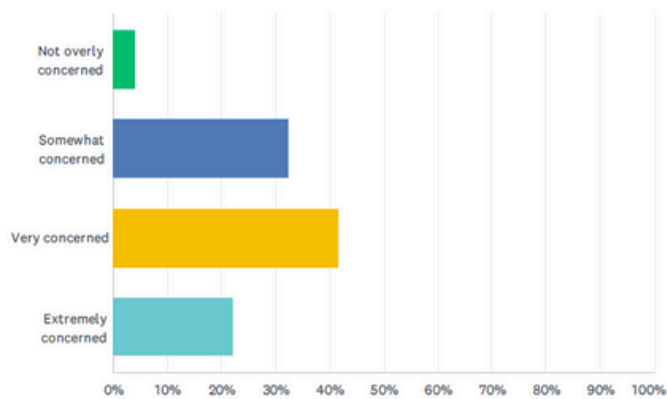
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	10.37%	122
No	75.11%	884
I don't know	14.53%	171
TOTAL		1,177

Q5 How does climate change impact you personally?

Answered: 879 Skipped: 317

Q6 How concerned do you feel about climate change?

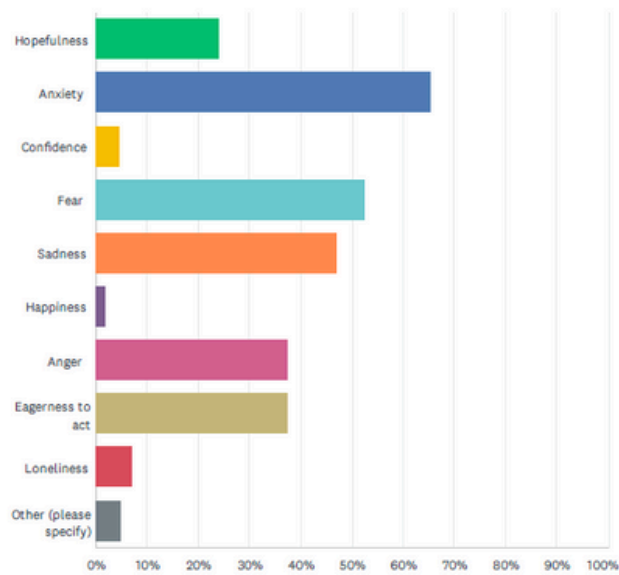
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not overly concerned	4.05%	42
Somewhat concerned	32.34%	335
Very concerned	41.51%	430
Extremely concerned	22.10%	229
TOTAL		1,036

Q7 What feelings do you relate with the most when you think about climate change?(Select up to three)

Answered: 1,038 Skipped: 158



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Hopefulness	23.99% 249
Anxiety	65.41% 679
Confidence	4.53% 47
Fear	52.50% 545
Sadness	46.82% 486
Happiness	1.83% 19
Anger	37.28% 387
Eagerness to act	37.28% 387
Loneliness	7.03% 73
Other (please specify)	5.01% 52

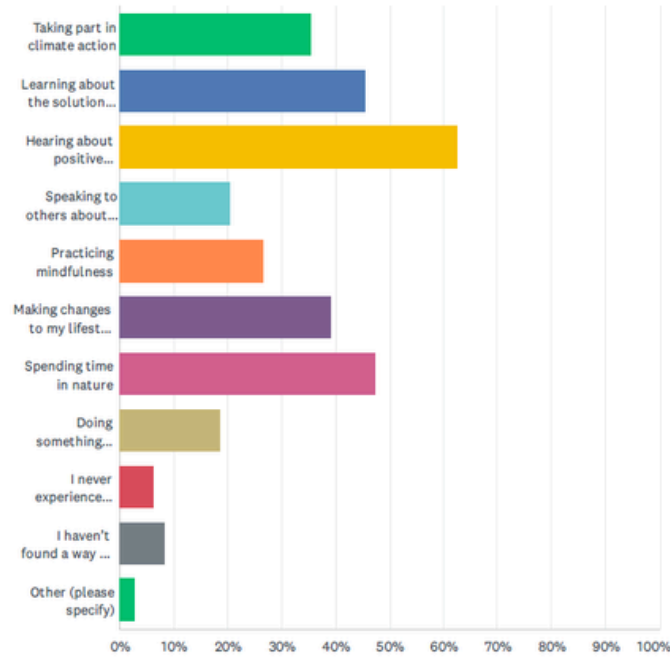
Q8 What gives you hope?

Answered: 883 Skipped: 313

Free Text Answers

Q9 Climate anxiety or eco-anxiety can be experienced when you worry about the threats facing the earth as a result of climate change and environmental damage. What do you find helpful when it comes to managing your climate anxiety or eco-anxiety? Select as many options as you want.

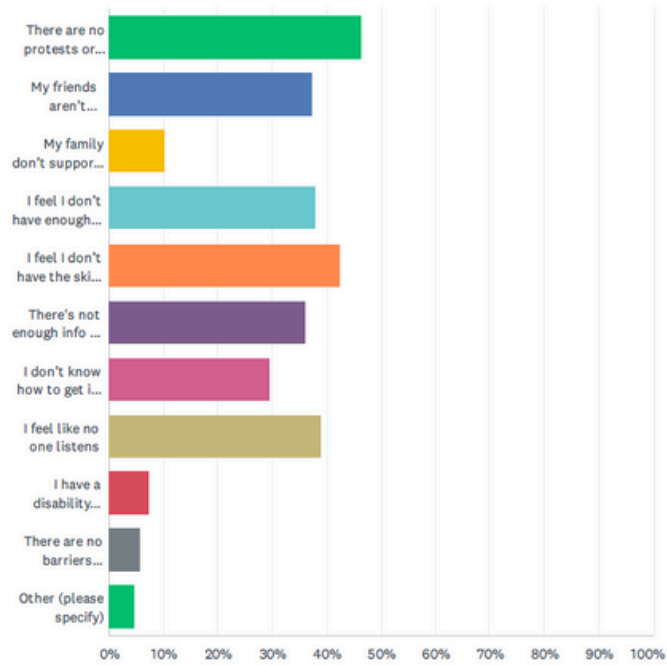
Answered: 1,031 Skipped: 165



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Taking part in climate action	35.40% 365
Learning about the solutions to climate change	45.59% 470
Hearing about positive climate news from around the world	62.75% 647
Speaking to others about climate change	20.47% 211
Practicing mindfulness	26.58% 274
Making changes to my lifestyle and habits to help the environment	39.19% 404
Spending time in nature	47.43% 489
Doing something creative through art/poetry/film	18.53% 191
I never experience climate anxiety	6.50% 67
I haven't found a way to manage my climate anxiety	8.24% 85
Other (please specify)	2.72% 28
Total Respondents: 1,031	

Q10 What barriers do you see with taking action on climate issues?

Answered: 949 Skipped: 247



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
There are no protests or events in my area	46.26%	439
My friends aren't interested in climate issues,	37.30%	354
My family don't support me	10.22%	97
I feel I don't have enough knowledge on climate change	37.93%	360
I feel I don't have the skills e.g., public speaking, organising, etc.	42.36%	402
There's not enough info on how to get involved	36.04%	342
I don't know how to get in touch with politicians	29.40%	279
I feel like no one listens	38.99%	370
I have a disability which makes it difficult to get involved	7.17%	68
There are no barriers preventing me from taking action	5.80%	55
Other (please specify)	4.74%	45
Total Respondents: 949		

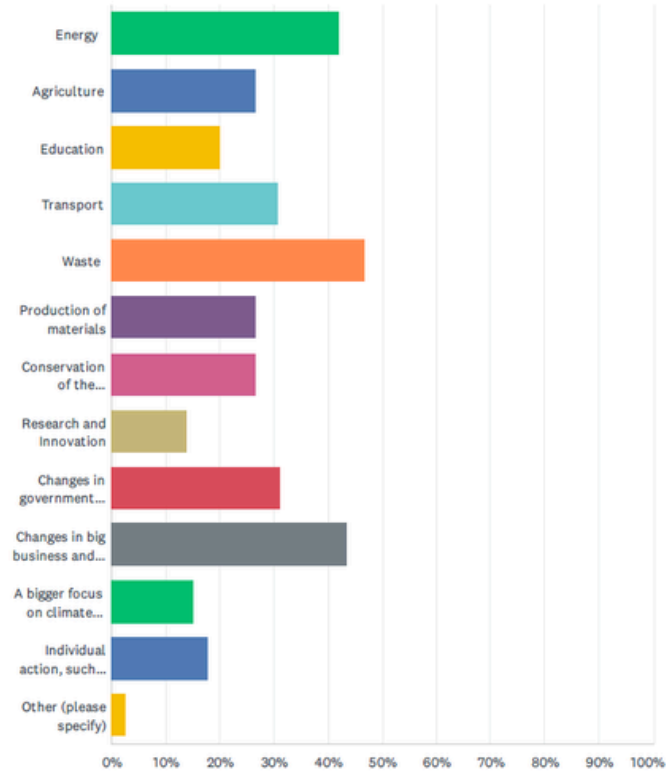
Q11 If there were no barriers, what would you do/what change would you make?

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Free Text Answers

Q12 Please select top three areas do you feel are most important when it comes to tackling climate change?

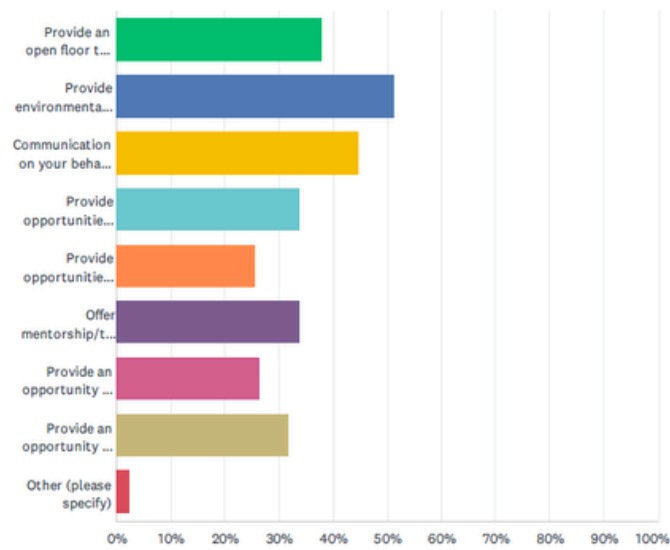
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Energy	41.98%	398
Agriculture	26.58%	252
Education	20.04%	190
Transport	30.70%	291
Waste	46.62%	442
Production of materials	26.58%	252
Conservation of the environment	26.58%	252
Research and Innovation	13.82%	131
Changes in government policy	31.12%	295
Changes in big business and corporations	43.57%	413
A bigger focus on climate issues in the education system	15.08%	143
Individual action, such as reducing waste and changing habit	17.83%	169
Other (please specify)	2.53%	24
Total Respondents: 948		

Q13 What can youth organisations like ECO-UNESCO do to support you in your climate action?(Select your top three)

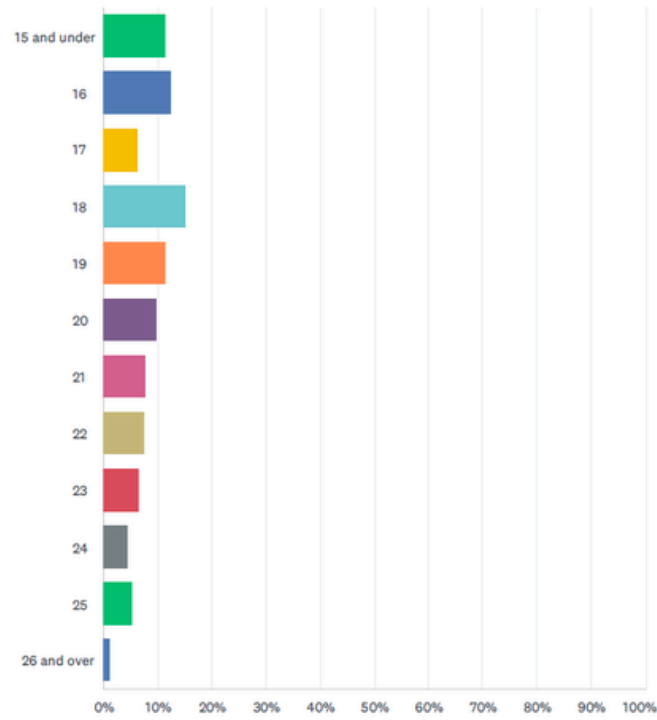
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Provide an open floor to ask questions/discuss/debate	37.99%	356
Provide environmental and climate education programmes	51.33%	481
Communication on your behalf with decision makers (e.g., surveys, letters)	44.72%	419
Provide opportunities to meet decision makers	33.94%	318
Provide opportunities to speak, facilitate or lead events and workshops	25.51%	239
Offer mentorship/training opportunities to assist with person and career growth	33.83%	317
Provide an opportunity to take part in the design of programmes and events	26.36%	247
Provide an opportunity to build skills such as confidence, leadership and communication	31.80%	298
Other (please specify)	2.35%	22
Total Respondents: 937		

Q14 What age are you?

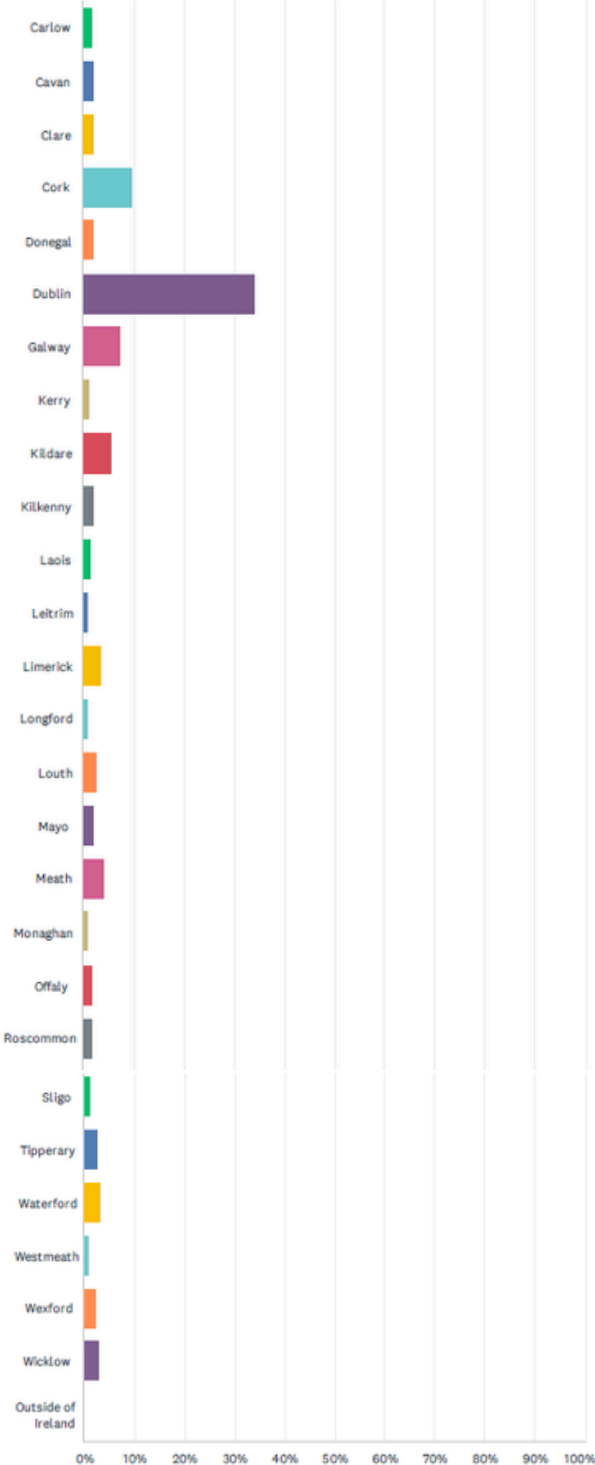
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
15 and under	11.51%	105
16	12.61%	115
17	6.47%	59
18	15.24%	139
19	11.51%	105
20	9.76%	89
21	7.68%	70
22	7.46%	68
23	6.69%	61
24	4.50%	41
25	5.37%	49
26 and over	1.21%	11
TOTAL		912

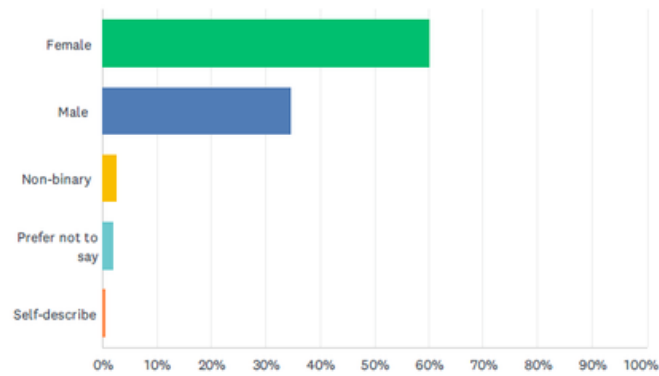
Q15 Where do you live?

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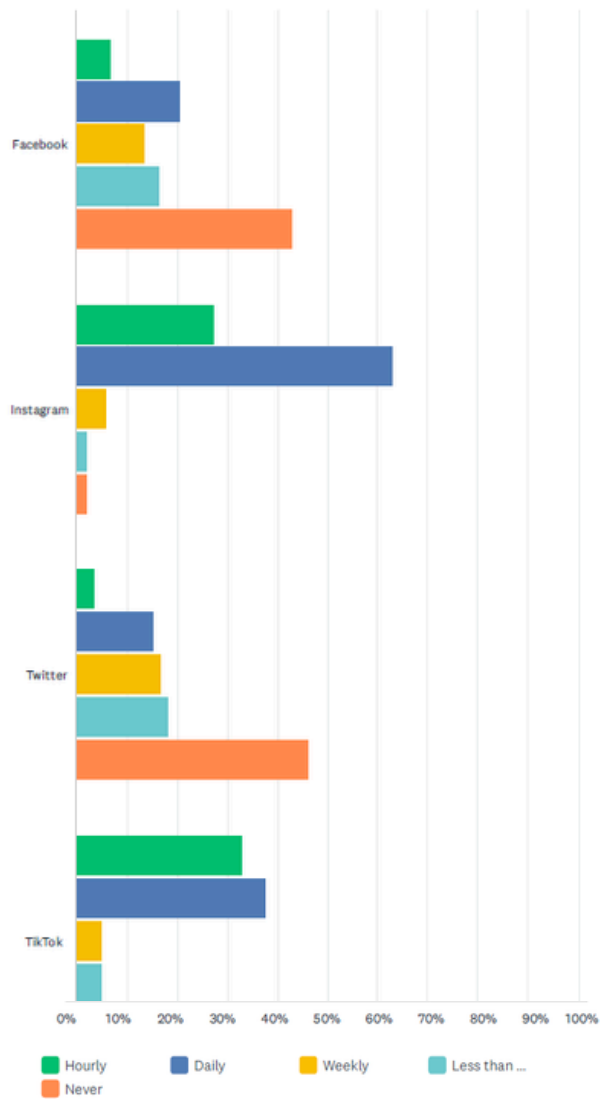
Q16 What is your gender?

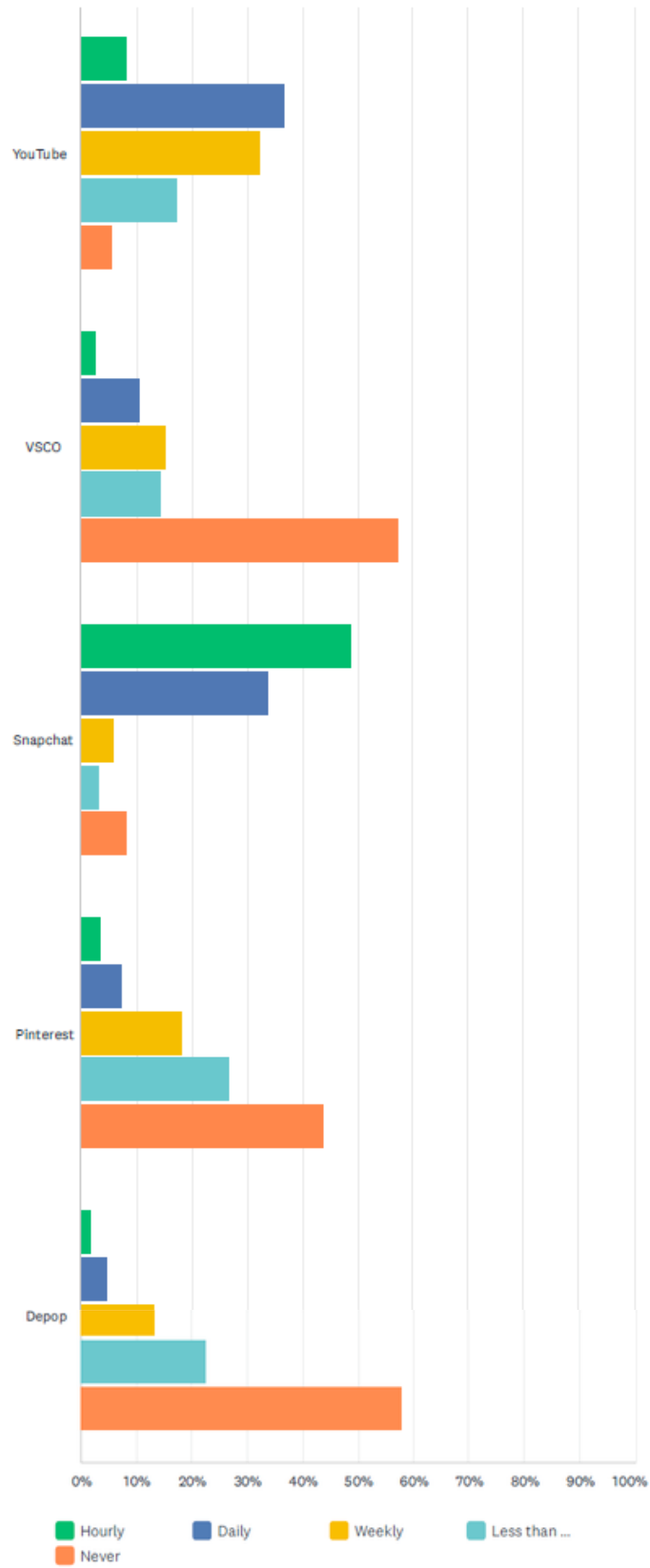
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Q17 How frequently do you use the following social media platforms?

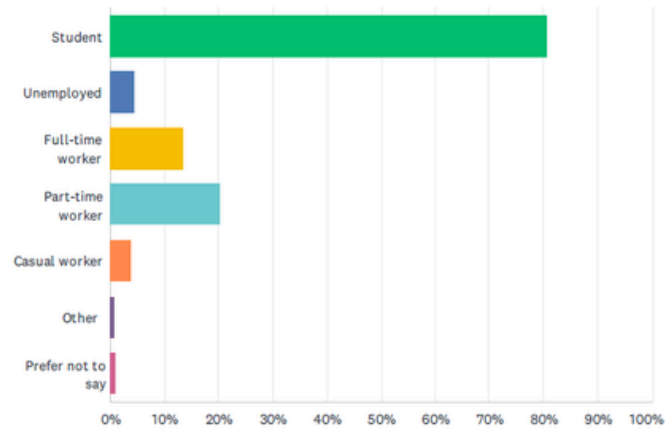
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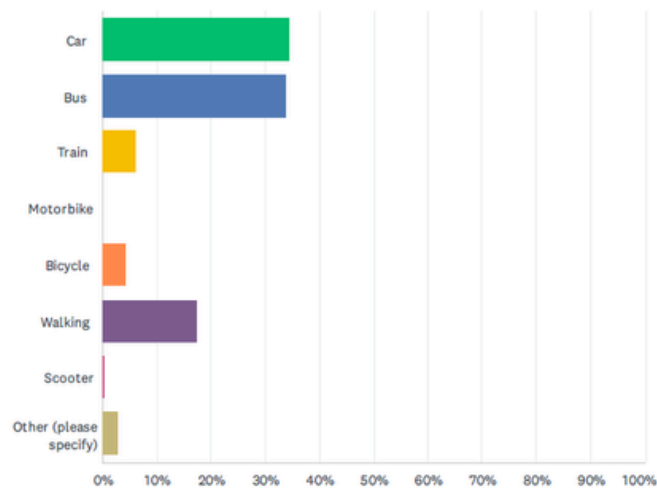
Q18 Which of these options best describes your current occupation?
You can select multiple answers

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Q19 In a typical week, what is your main mode of transport?

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BECOME A YOUTH CLIMATE ADVOCATE WITH ECO-UNESCO

The Youth Climate Advocate programme is a fantastic opportunity for 14-21 year olds, to become inspirational leaders and advocates in the areas of Climate Justice and Climate Action. Each participant is provided with amazing opportunities to practice new skills and grow as a leader, in a safe and supportive environment.

MEET OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR PASSION

We meet after school, online and in-person, from September to December, where young people share their experiences, learn from one another, and develop interpersonal skills. There are also be opportunities to build networks with other organisations.

LEARN CLIMATE ADVOCACY SKILLS

Young people receive a series of workshops on Climate Justice topics, solutions and stories from Ireland and around the world as well as skills-focused training sessions including but not limited to advocacy and leadership, filmmaking, and campaigning.

TAKE CLIMATE ACTION

Young people lead local actions and take part in a campaign, to inspire and empower others to take Climate Action or/and increase awareness about Climate Justice. Toward the end of the programme, young people have the chance to present their projects in front of policymakers and changemakers.





ABOUT ECO-UNESCO

ECO-UNESCO is Ireland's environmental education and youth organisation that works to empower young people and conserve the environment. We are a key partner of UNESCO's Global Action Programme on ESD, a Sustainable Development Goal Champion and a QQI accredited training centre.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

ECO-UNESCO works with young people, educators and youth leaders on environmental projects across Ireland, helping to protect and conserve the environment. Each year our programmes, workshops, events and training programmes inspire environmental action at a local level amongst young people, their peer groups, communities and beyond.

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

Through our innovative peer education programmes and youth-led events, ECO-UNESCO continuously strives to better achieve our mission of using environmental education as a means of empowering young people and supporting positive personal development.

To support our work and make a donation, please visit www.ecounesco.ie/donate or if you would like to discuss partnership opportunities get in touch with us today at info@ecounesco.ie

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