

Exploring youth civic engagement: a view from England

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Table 1 – summary of participants’ survey responses

Demographics of British youth in the survey				
Gender	Female: 69% ¹ (104)		Male: 29% (44)	Other: 1% (2)
Age profile	16: 46% (31)		17: 50% (75)	18: 19% (29)
Socio-economic status	‘high’: 4% (6)		‘middle’: 77% (115)	‘low’: 16% (24)
Cultural identification	British: 67% (101)		Other: 27% (40)	Undisclosed: 6% (9)
First language	English: 137 (91%)		Other: 13 (9%)	
Personality type ²	Leader: 47% (37)	Friendly: 11% (16)	Outgoing: 22% (33)	Introverted: 31% (47)
Survey responses				
	Yes	No	Unsure	
Citizenship education about govt.	39% (59)	53% (79)	8% (12)	

¹ All percentages are valid percentages, i.e. reflects the number of actual responses to each question, and are rounded to the nearest whole number

² Personality types were described as leader/driven to succeed/competitive; friendly/relaxed/optimistic; likes working with others/outgoing; and likes working with others/organised/introverted. For ease of use they will be referred to as ‘leader’, ‘friendly’, ‘outgoing’ and ‘introverted’

	Knowledgeable	Some knowledge	Lack knowledge
Knowledge of govt. and politics	23% (32)	63% (88)	14% (9)
	Yes	Sometimes	No
Follow the news	61% (91)	37% (55)	3% (4)
	Yes	No	Unsure
Personal experience	22% (32)	73% (109)	5% (8)
Family interest	17% (25)	71% (107)	5% (8)
	Important	Quite important	Not important
Civic engagement	47% (71)	47% (70)	4% (6)
	Active	Occasionally active	Not active
Level of personal engagement	21% (32)	47% (71)	27% (40)
	Effective	Somewhat effective	Ineffective
Ability to influence change	25% (35)	45% (63)	31% (43)

	Supportive	Neutral	Do not care/not supportive
Attitudes towards democracy	65% (88)	22% (30)	13% (17)
Attitude towards govt. system in UK	39% (55)	46% (65)	14% (20)
	Important	Neutral	Not important
Political engagement	54% (75)	39% (55)	7% (10)
Students' civic participation (top 3) (NB voting was 9 th on the list however few of the students surveyed were of voting age)	Yes	No	No response
<i>Donating money to causes</i>	64% (96)	33% (50)	3% (4)
<i>Volunteering</i>	61% (91)	37% (55)	3% (4)
<i>Being a good neighbour</i>	51% (77)	46% (69)	3% (4)