

Viewpoint – Summer Survey Results

In July we carried out our summer viewpoint survey and we're pleased to say we had a good response. 326 of the 706 members returned the survey, giving us a 46% response rate. The results have now been analysed, key results are as follows:

Community Safety

Feeling Safe

- 96% of respondents feel safe walking in their area during the day
- 66% feel safe walking in their area after dark

Alcohol Ban

- 52% are aware that there was a pilot alcohol ban within Gateshead Town Centre
- Of those who did know about this, 77% felt it has had a positive effect



Adult Learning

Learners

- 36% currently attend an adult learning course or learn with another provider.
- 21% undertake their course at college. 18% use a community centre and 16% use a school.
- 31% found the biggest difficulty to be available time to attend a course, 17% thought improvements could be made to car parking facilities.

Non-learners

- 57% of respondents

who don't currently undertake an adult learning course feel if they had more time they would take up further education. 53% would like to see courses of interest. 31% would like more information.

Employers

- 43% are offered learning opportunities by their employers.
- 2% are offered non-work related opportunities from their employers.
- 12% are not offered learning opportunities from their employer.
- 43% are not in employment.

Information

- 65% gain information on adult learning through the council news.
- 64% get adult learning information from leaflets through the door.
- 57% go to libraries and find out information about adult learning courses.

Future

- 40% of respondents are very likely or fairly likely to undertake some form of adult learning
- 22% of respondents who are likely to undertake a learning activity would like to learn about computers.

- 12% would like to learn about digital photography.
- 86% disagree they are too old to start new opportunities.
- 87% disagree they had enough of learning activities at school.
- 67% agree there are enough learning opportunities in their area.

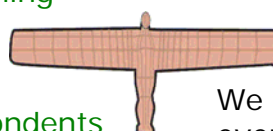
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Local Government

- 36% of respondents feel the future role of local government should stay the same.
- 46% would like to see local government given extra powers to influence partners.

Council Tax

- 24% feel council tax is unfair and needs to be replaced.
- 16% would like it kept as it is.
- 34% do not know that the future of council tax should be.



We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete this survey. We look forward to hearing your views on Budget Priorities and swimming pool facilities in our Winter Survey. Please fill it in and return it in the pre-paid envelope.