

Our Area 2035

Results of the Public Engagement Exercise

(February – June 2022)

Bro Dysynni.



1 Introduction

- 1.1 The aim of the Our Area 2035 Project is to hold a discussion with local communities in order to identify what is important to residents and how they would like to see their area develop over the next 10 – 15 years.
- 1.2 Our aim is to work together and develop solutions with organisations, groups and individuals. At the end of the project 13 specialised regeneration plans will be created to reflect the priorities and aspirations of local communities.
- 1.3 The first step to the project involved holding conversations with Councillors, Community and Town Councils and local regeneration groups in order to establish:
 - **What is good about** the area?
 - **What is not so good about** the area?
 - **What changes would you like to see happen** in the area in the next 15 years, that would make the area a better place to live?
- 1.4 **15** Community/Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members in Bro Dysynni presented their ideas regarding what should be the local priorities for the area in the period up to 2035. These responses were used as a basis for the second stage of wider public engagement.
- 1.5 In February 2022 a public engagement exercise was launched for each of the 13 areas, with local people being invited to contribute to the shaping of the Our Area 2035 project by filling in a simple survey online or on paper.
- 1.6 In order to encourage as many people as possible to participate, a comprehensive engagement campaign was organised, which included:
 - Press releases and a radio item;
 - Advertisements in the local papers;
 - Information leaflets;
 - Messages and videos through social media;
 - Prominent messages on the Cyngor Gwynedd website home page;
 - Attending the North Wales Pride event in Bangor.

1.7 In addition, a series of visits and face to face meetings were organised to hear the voices of groups and individuals that are seldom heard. These included:

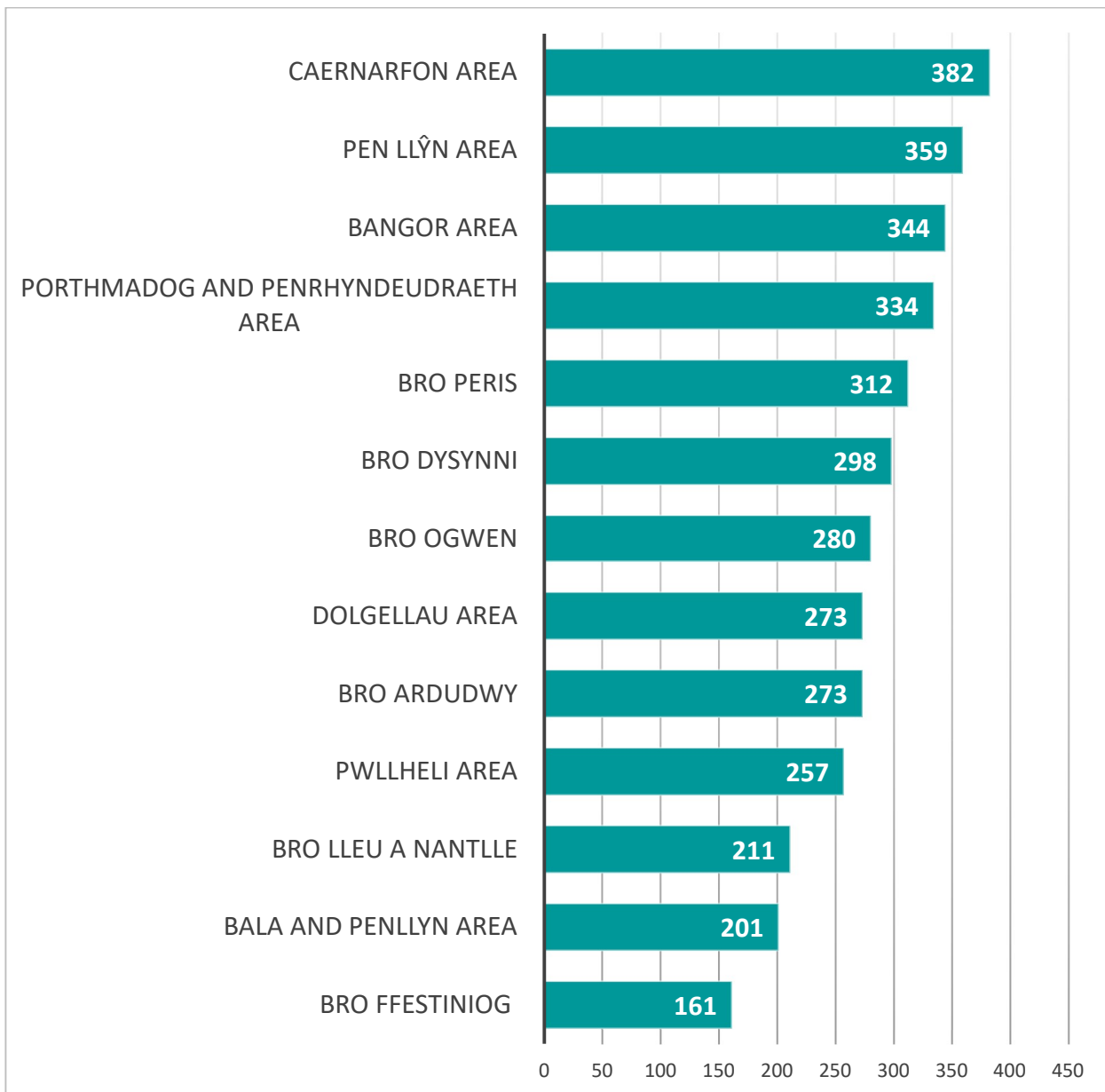
- GISDA Blaenau Ffestiniog – A discussion session with members of the Young People Board and a session with members of the GISDA LGBT+ Club.
- GISDA Caernarfon – A discussion session with members of the GISDA LGBT+ Club.
- GISDA Pwllheli - A discussion session with members of the GISDA LGBT+ Club.
- Dementia Actif Gwynedd, Barmouth - A discussion session after the physical exercises.
- Dementia Actif Gwynedd, Dolgellau - A discussion session after the physical exercises.
- Dementia Actif, Nefyn - A discussion session after playing Boccia at Tafarn yr Heliwr.
- Dementia Actif, Caernarfon - A discussion session after the physical exercises.

2 County Overview

3,776 individuals across Gwynedd took the opportunity to have their say:

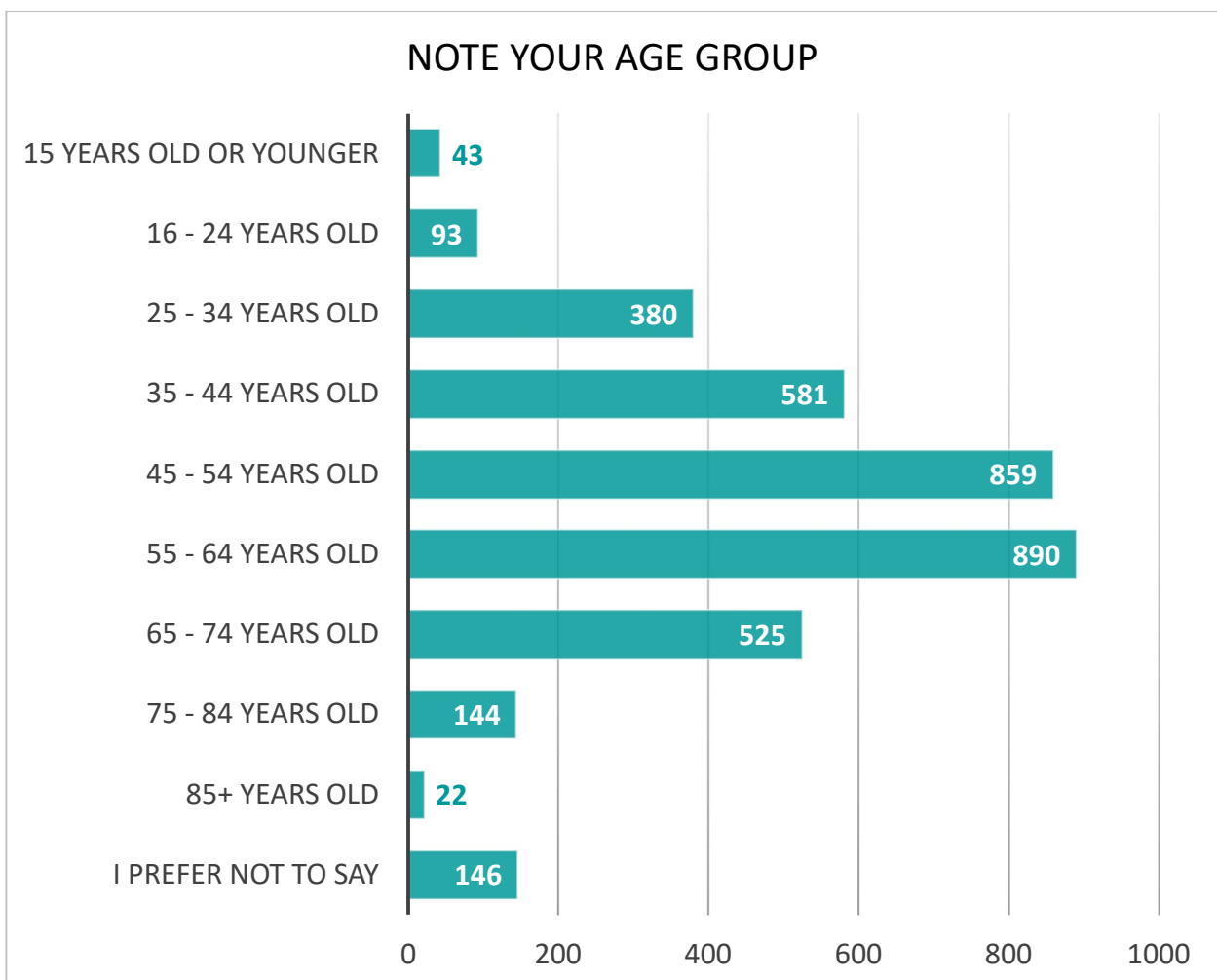
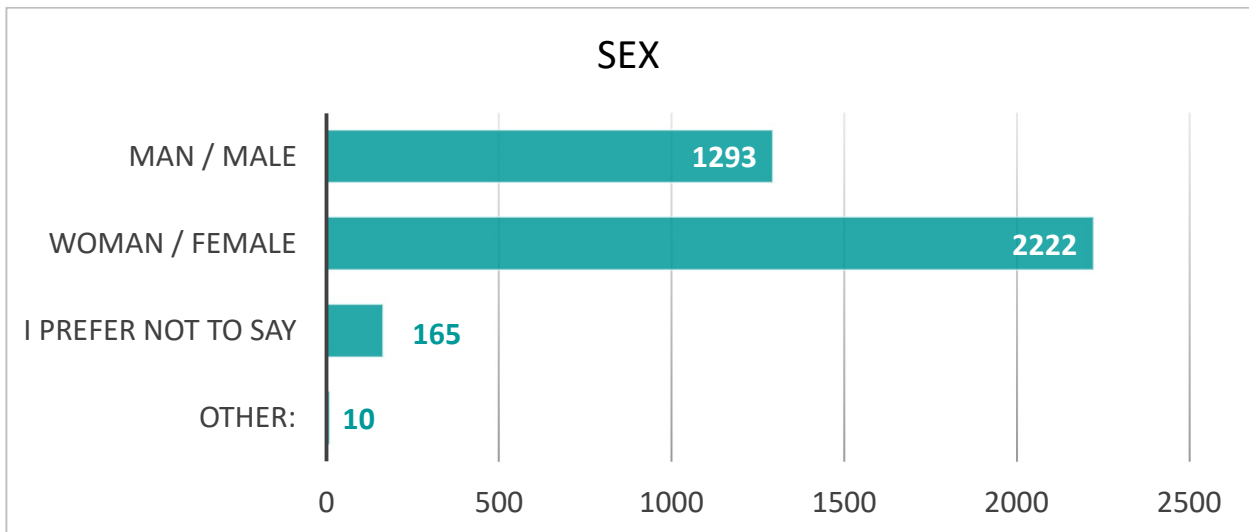
- **3,675** of these completed the online survey.
- **10** completed the paper survey that was available in libraries, 'Siop Gwynedd' or by phone request.
- **6** completed the 'Easy read' version of the survey.
- **85** people attended face to face sessions for **young people, young people in the LGBT+ community, older people and people living with dementia.**

2.1 Number of respondents per area*

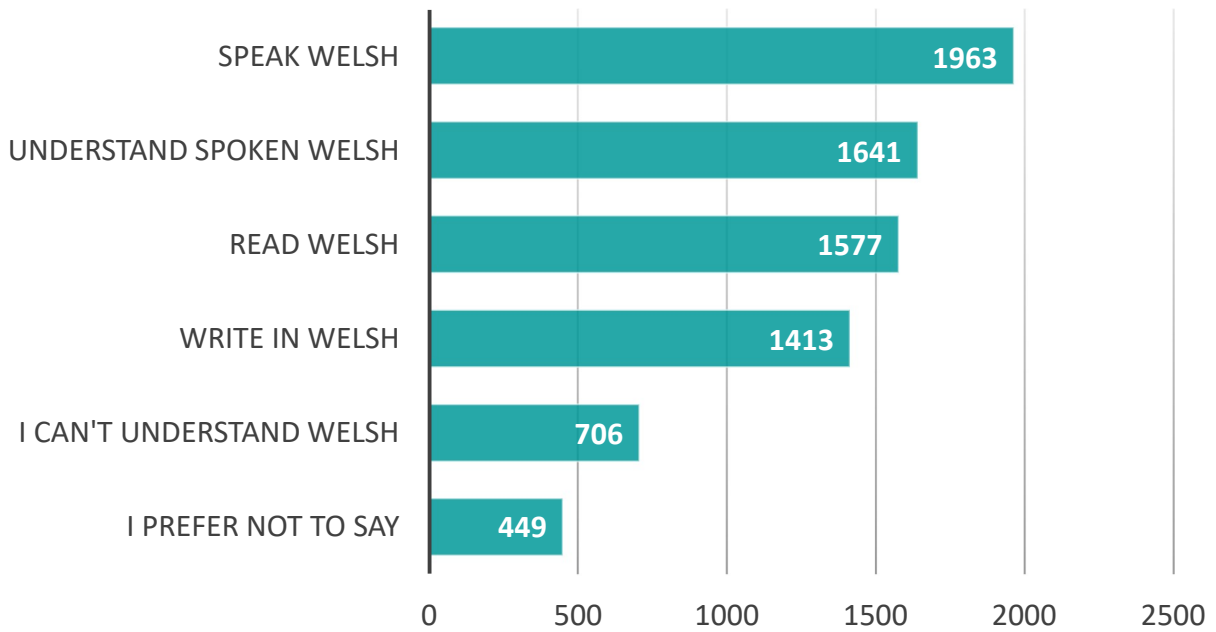


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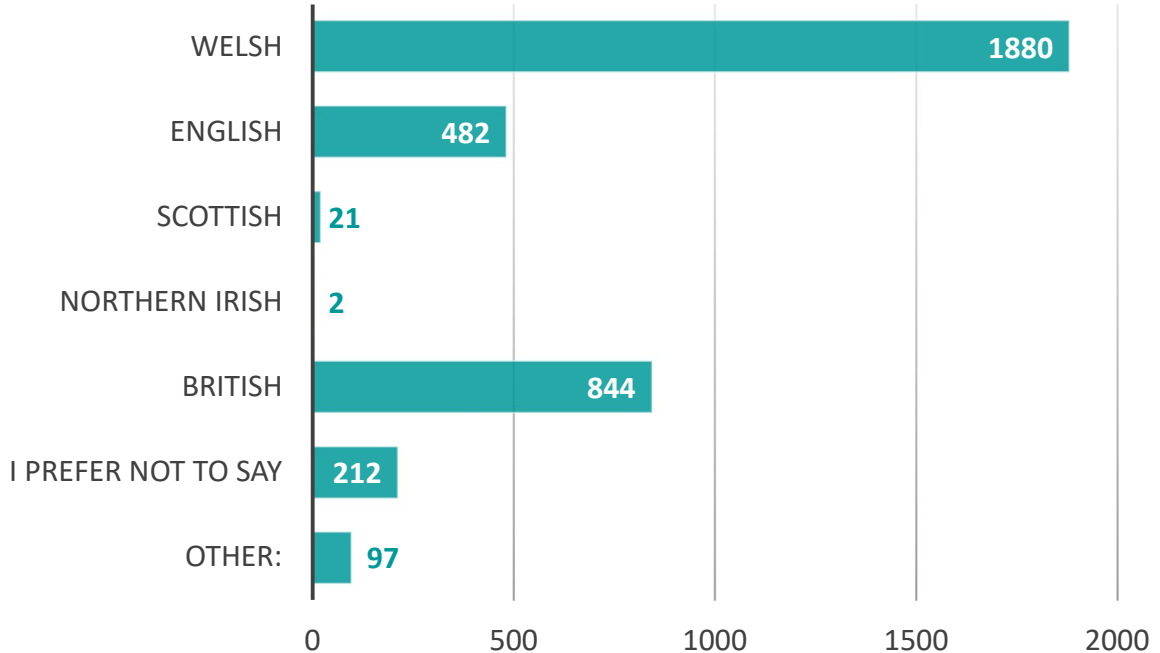
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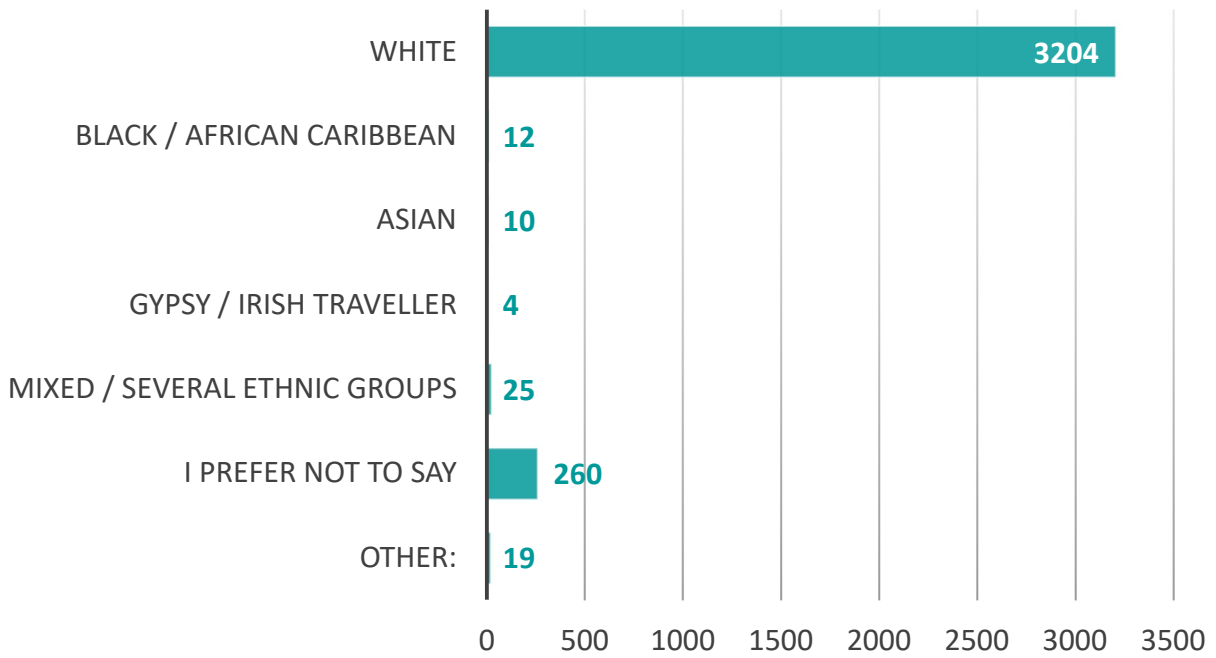
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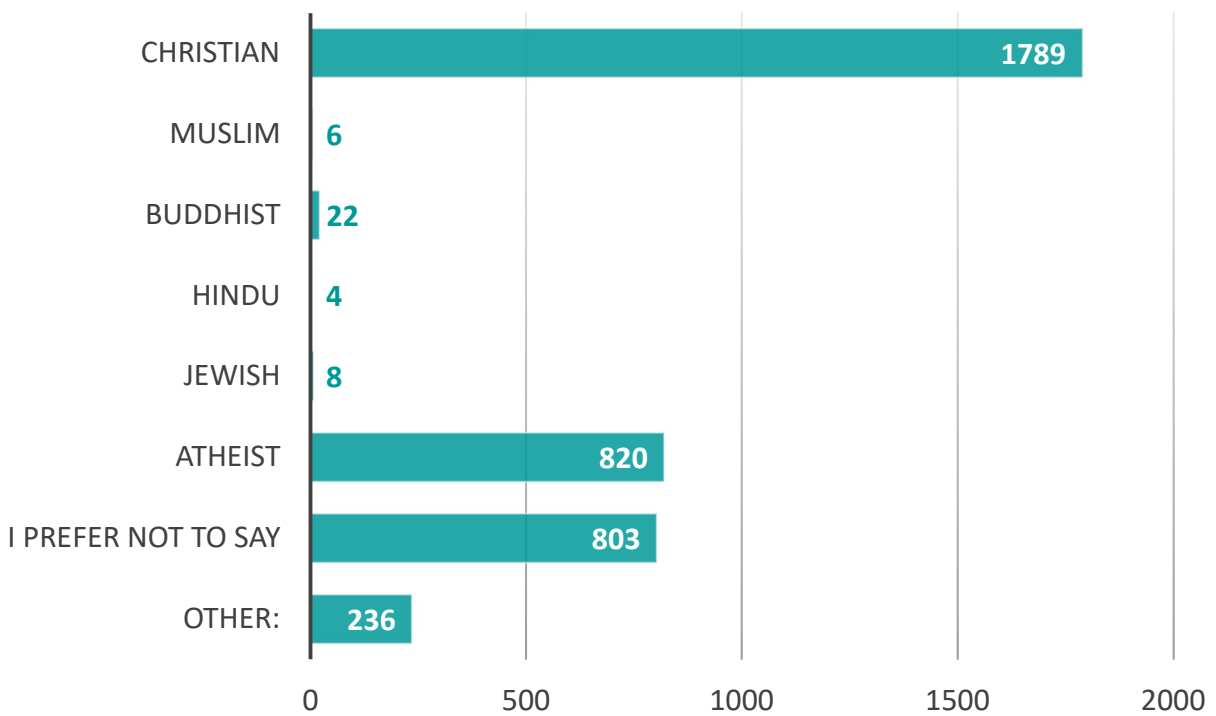
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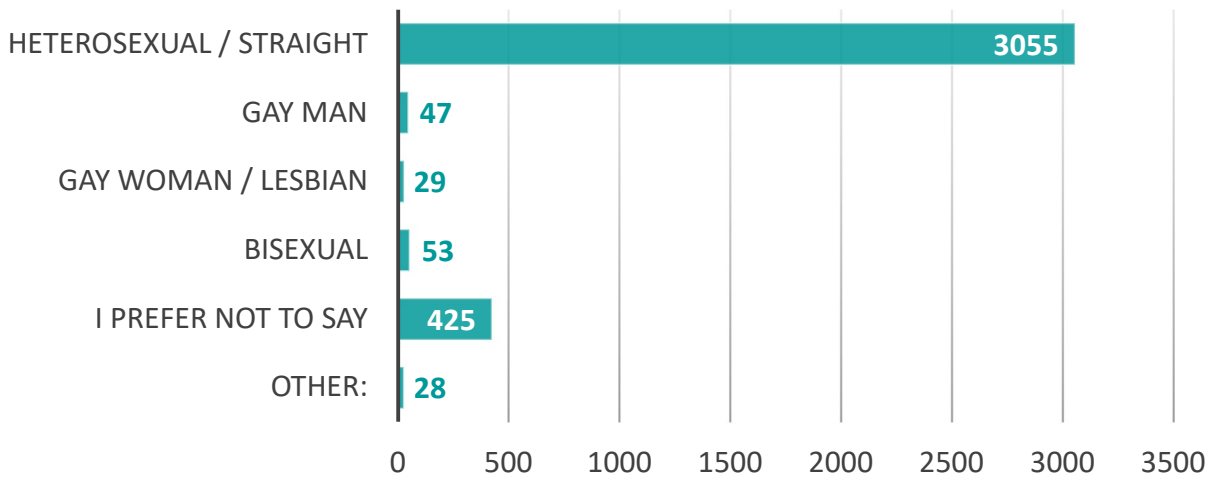
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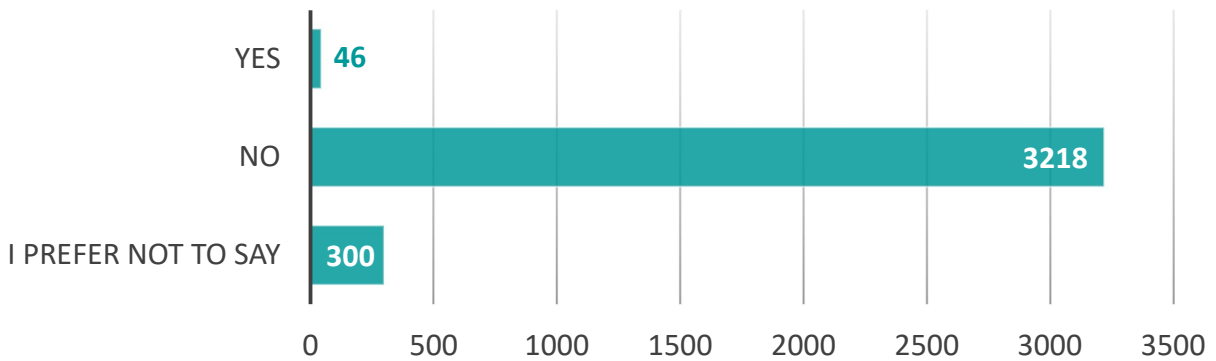
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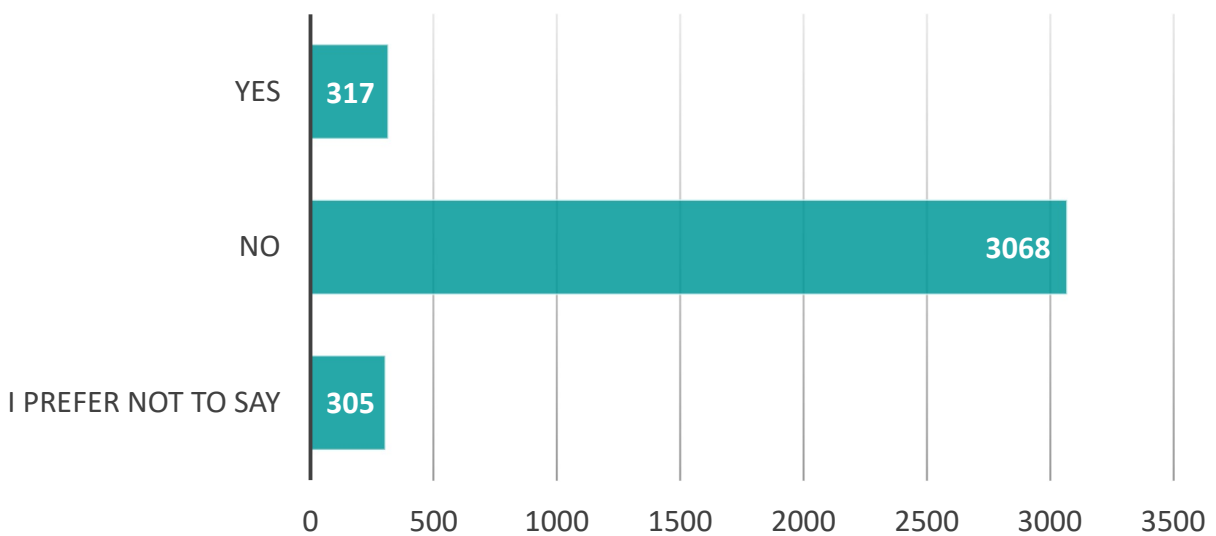
WHICH OF THESE BEST DESCRIBES YOU?



HAS YOUR GENDER IDENTIFICATION CHANGED FROM WHEN YOU WERE BORN?



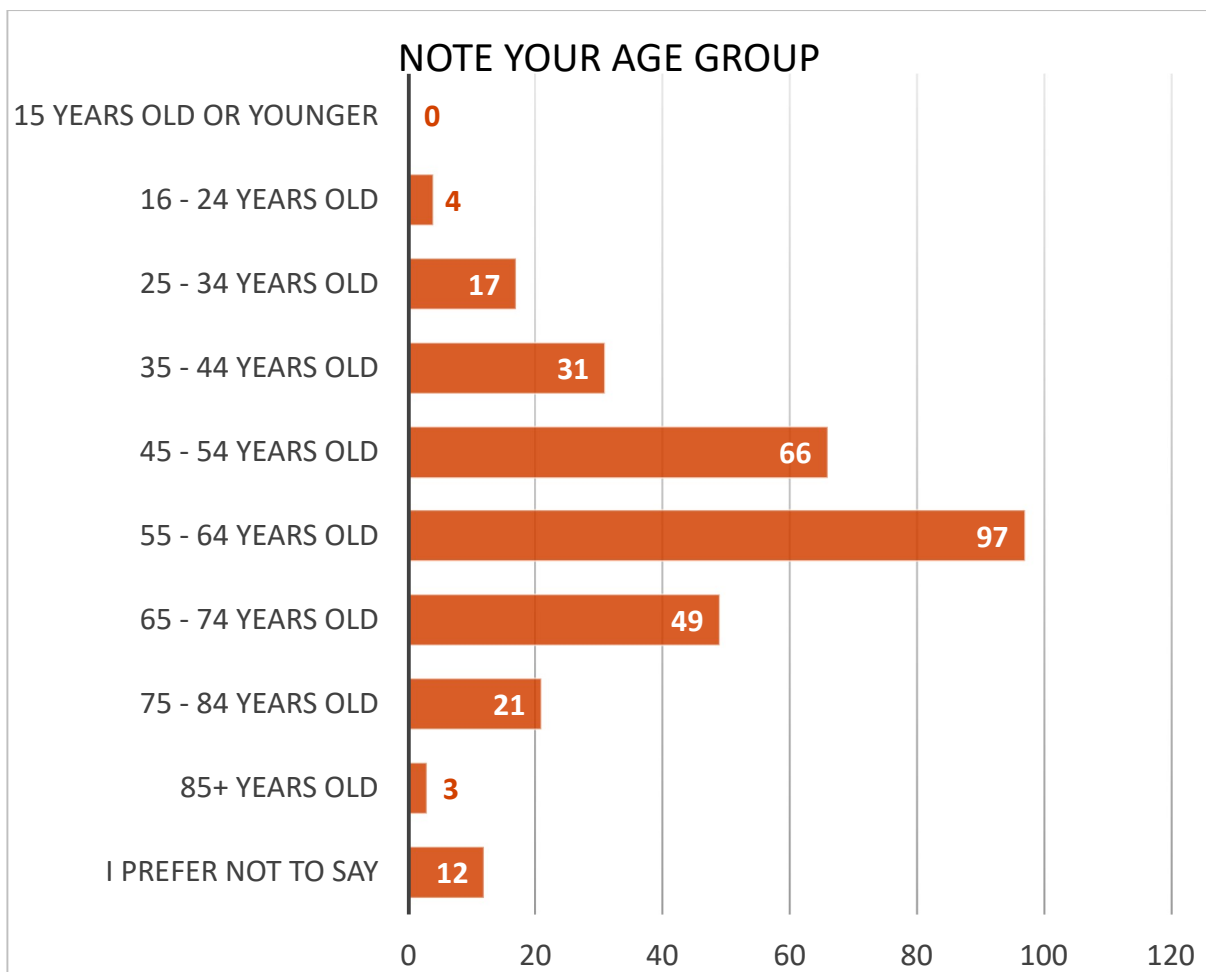
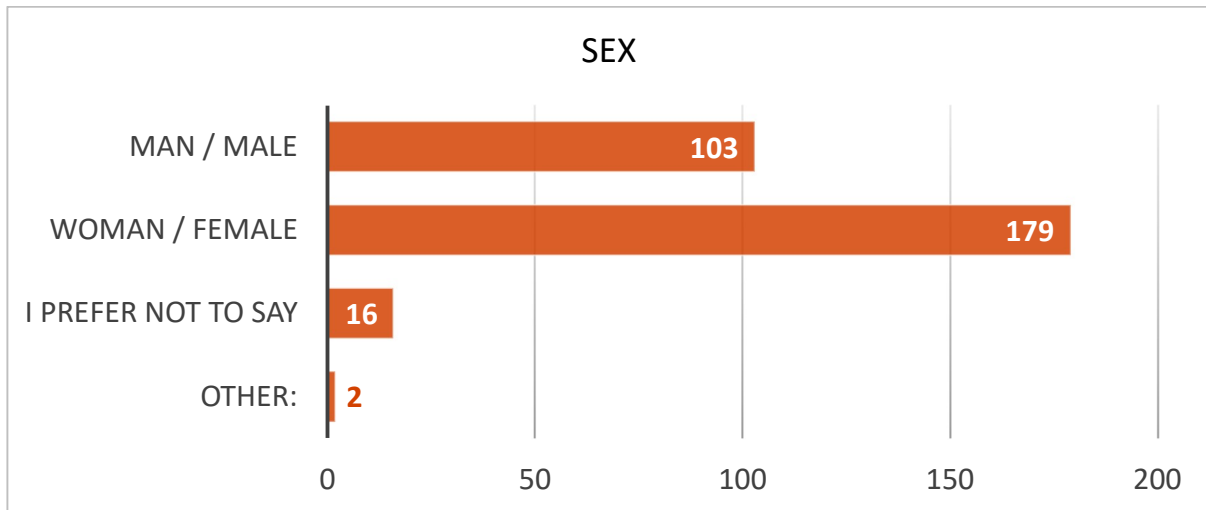
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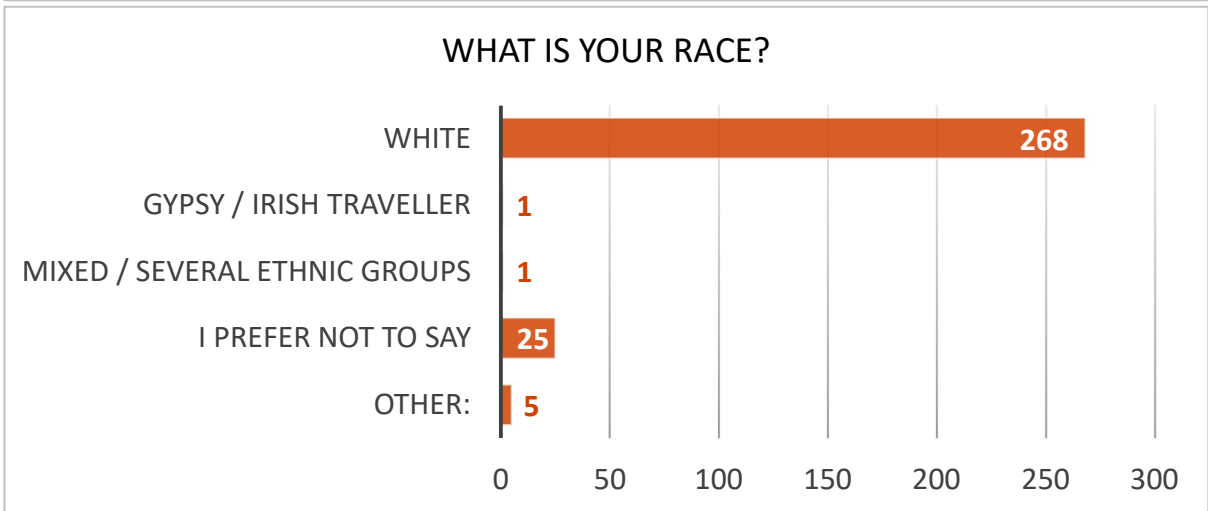
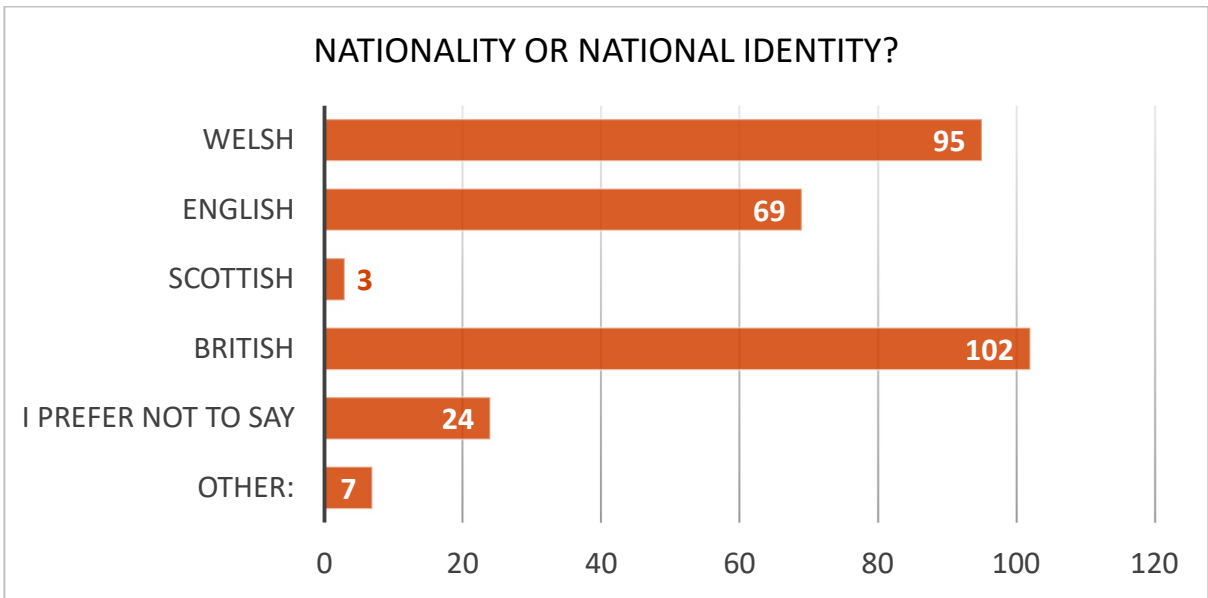
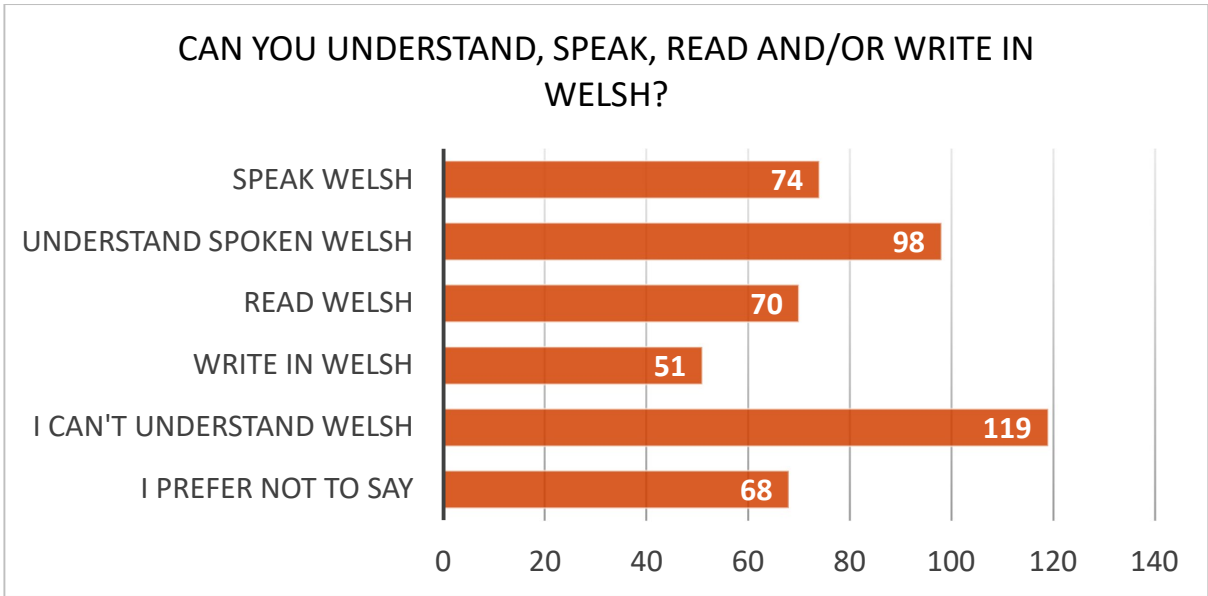


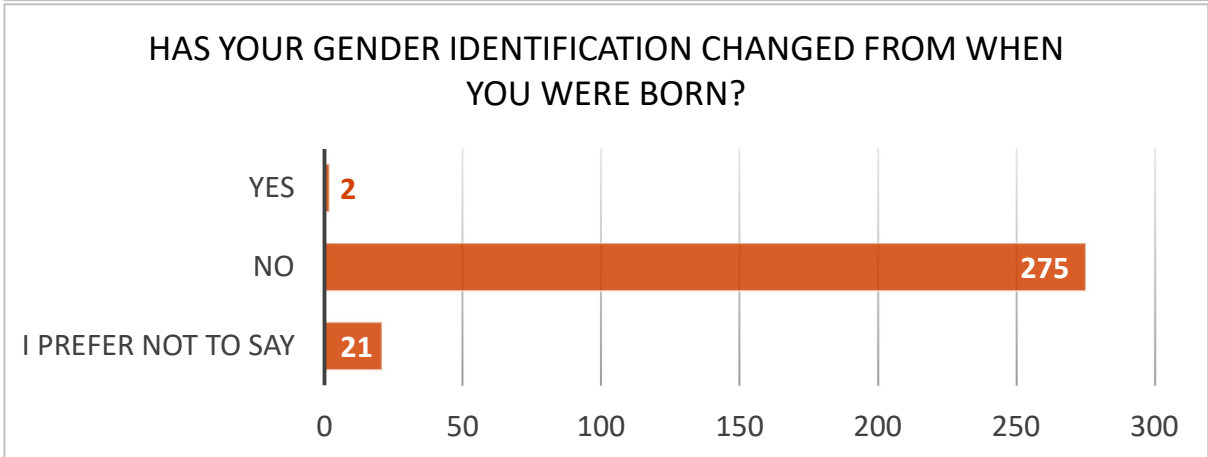
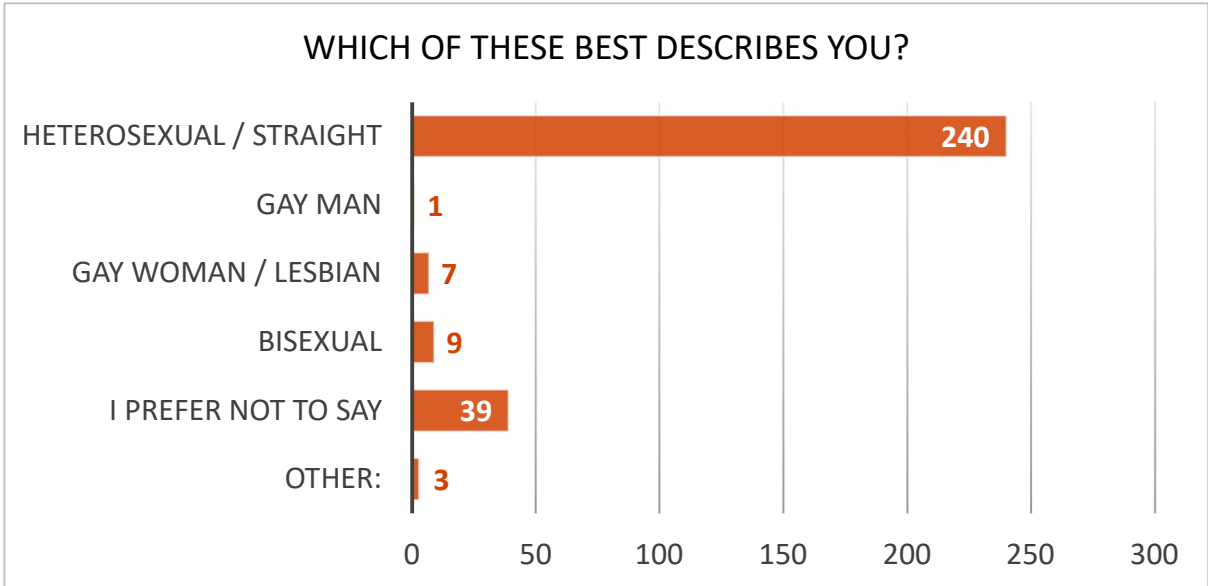
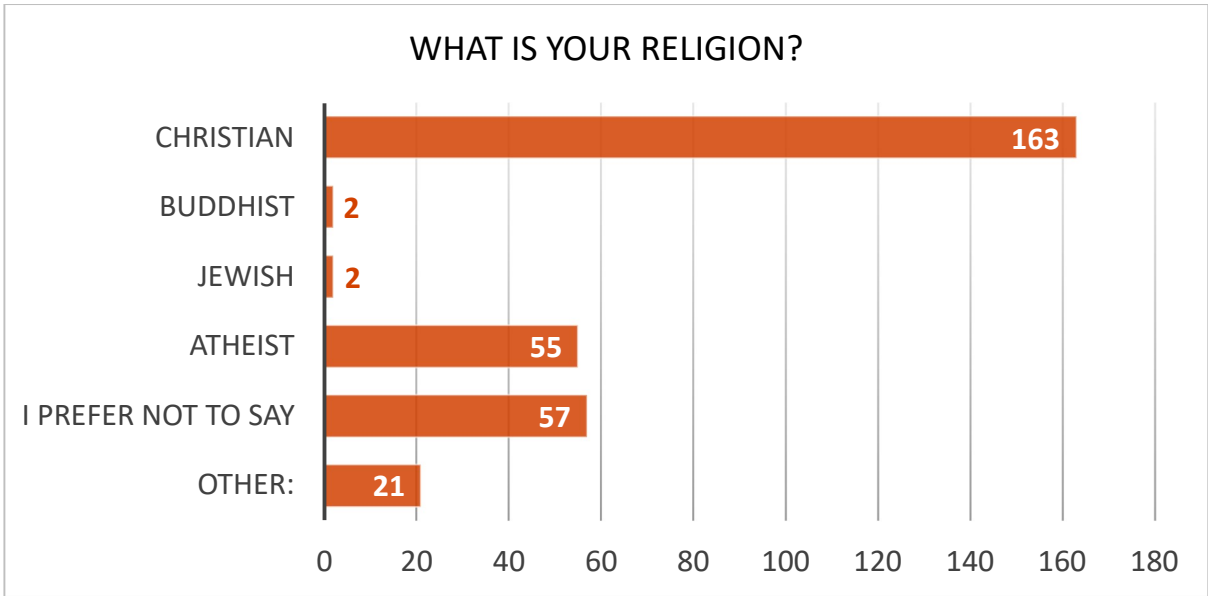
3. Bro Dysynni Results

3.1 Overview of the Respondents to the Public Survey for Bro Dysynni.

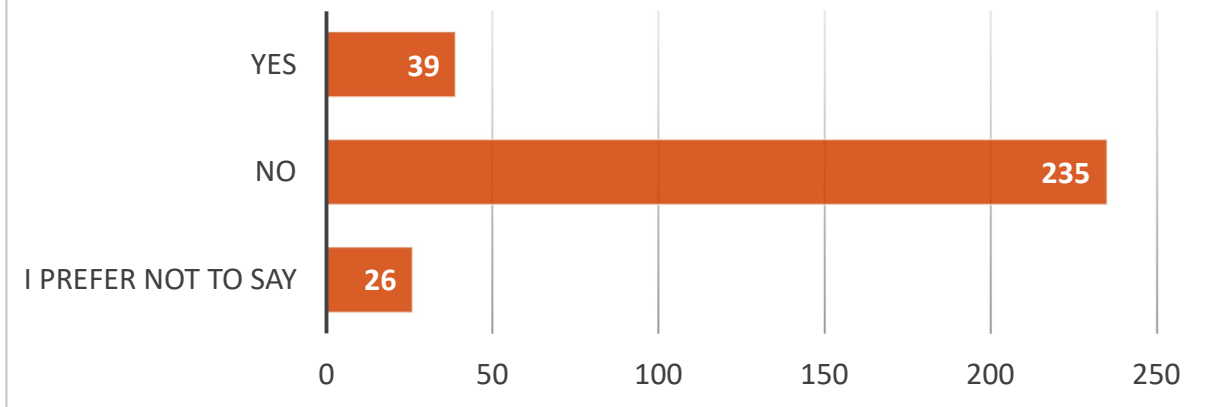
3.2 The Our Area 2035 survey for Bro Dysynni received **298** responses.







DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A DISABLED PERSON?



4 Number of respondents per town or village in Bro Dysynni

4.1 The table below shows the number of respondents per town or village in Bro Dysynni.

Town/village	Number of respondents
• Tywyn	146
• Aberdyfi	46
• Llwyngwrlil	34
• Brynchrug	24
• Abergynolwyn	20
• Llanegryn	11
• Pennal	7
• Rhoslefain	3
• Aberllefenni	2
• Other:	2
• Llanfihangel-y-Pennant	1
• Tal-y-Llyn	1

5 What is good about Bro Dysynni?

5.1 The table below lists the themes prioritised by Community/ Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members of Bro Dysynni. As part of the public engagement consultation, the residents of Bro Dysynni were invited to choose up to 5 themes that they agreed with the most.

What <u>is good</u> about Bro Dysynni?	Number of times the theme was prioritised
• The natural environment and proximity to mountains, the seaside and the countryside	259
• The area's environment - Clean air, no pollution etc	193
• It's a safe area	188
• The community spirit and community friendliness	130
• A good place to raise a family	112
• Heritage and history of the area	110
• Leisure facilities, e.g. Leisure Centre, Cinema, Library	102
• The area's ability to attract tourism for economic benefit	97
• The standard of roads in the area is good	60
• Education provision and good schools	55
• The area's public transport is good	24

5.2 In response to the **question 'Note anything else that is good about the Bro Dysynni area that isn't mentioned above'**, 51 additional comments were received from the residents of Bro Dysynni. A number of the additional responses offered further comments about the above themes e.g. The natural environment (n=9); The community spirit and community friendliness (n=7); It's a safe area (n=3); A good place to raise a family (n=3).

Of the comments that noted something else that is good about the area, the most popular themes were:

Theme	Number of respondents who noted this
• A variety of independent shops and places to eat	4

5.3 All additional comments received will be considered as part of the work to develop plans for the area.

6 What is not so good about Bro Dysynni?

6.1 The table below lists the themes prioritised by Community/ Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members of Bro Dysynni. As part of the public engagement consultation, the residents of Bro Dysynni were invited to choose up to 5 themes that they agreed with the most.

What is <u>not so good</u> about Bro Dysynni?	Number of times the theme was prioritised
• Concern about the area's health, well-being and care provision	174
• The area is not considered a priority - Gwynedd Council has forgotten about the area or has no awareness of the local needs of the area	154
• The lack of suitable and affordable housing for local people to buy or rent	134
• The high number of second homes and holiday homes in the area	122
• The lack of high salary and full-time jobs	116
• There is no recycling centre in the area	111
• The local economy is fragile, there is not enough support for businesses and shops are closing	108
• The public transport network in the area is inadequate	102
• Poverty and high living costs are a problem in the area	65
• Litter, untidiness and the general look of the area is a problem	44
• Housing policies and the Local Development plan	43
• The Welsh Language and culture is losing ground and there is a lack of opportunities for Welsh learners	36
• The lack of sustainable tourism in the area	34
• The lack of activities and care provision for older people	34
• There is concern about the condition of roads and traffic in a number of locations	33
• The impact of flooding on the area and communities	24
• The lack of volunteers to join local committees and organisations	8

6.2 In response to the question ‘**Note anything else that is not so good about the Bro Dysynni area that isn’t mentioned above**’, **133** additional comments were received from the residents of Bro Dysynni. A number of these additional responses offered further comments about the themes above e.g. Concern about the area’s health, well-being and care provision (n=17); Litter, untidiness and the general look of the area is a problem (n=15); The lack of high salary and full-time jobs (n=7); The lack of sustainable tourism in the area (n=5); The area is not considered a priority - Gwynedd Council has forgotten about the area or has no awareness of the local needs of the area (n=4); There is concern about the condition of roads and traffic in a number of locations (n=6).

Of the comments that noted something else that is not so good about the area, the most popular themes were:

Theme	Number of respondents who noted this
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of activities and provision for children and young people in the area 	13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments regarding the use of the Welsh Language 	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of walking/cycling paths in some places e.g. Llwyngwriil and between Tywyn and Aberdyfi. 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of shops including having to travel long distances to larger supermarkets 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters regarding Council Tax 	4

6.3 All additional comments received will be considered as part of the work to develop plans for the area.

7 What changes would you like to see happen in the Bro Dysynni area in the next 15 years, that would make the area a better place to live?

7.1 The table below lists the themes prioritised by Community/ Town Councils, organisations, groups and local Members of Bro Dysynni. As part of the public engagement consultation, the residents of Bro Dysynni were invited to choose up to 5 themes that they agreed with the most.

What changes would you like to see happen in the Bro Dysynni area in the next 15 years, that would make the area a better place to live?	Number of times the theme was prioritised
• Plans to strengthen local health and care resources	186
• Plans to resolve the issue of the Corbett Hotel in Tywyn	142
• Schemes to ensure suitable housing for the needs of local people	118
• Tywyn needs a Recycling Centre	110
• Plans to develop a public transport network that is accessible, integrated and suitable for the local needs of the area	98
• Schemes to support local businesses and enterprises and promote local produce which would also attract more businesses that will create high value jobs for the area	93
• Plans to provide activities and to support young people	86
• Schemes to secure high value work and jobs	86
• Introduce legislation to effectively manage holiday homes and second homes	82
• A greener area – more renewable energy schemes, reducing plastic use, setting up car charging points, tree planting schemes etc	69
• Plans to strengthen care provision for older and vulnerable people	63
• Upgrade the broadband infrastructure	58
• A plan is needed to modernise the public toilets	56
• An effective Sustainable Tourism Scheme to better control tourism and maximise the economic potential for local people	46
• Need for better communication between the Local Authority and strategic and community partners for the benefit of communities	39

• Plans to improve local community facilities and resources to bring people together	28
• Plans to invest to improve the area's roads	19
• Support for the agricultural sector	19

7.2 In response to the question **‘Note anything else you think isn’t mentioned above’**, **90** additional comments were received from Bro Dysynni residents. A number of the additional responses offered further comments about the above themes e.g. Plans to strengthen local health and care resources (n=9); A greener area – more renewable energy schemes, reducing plastic use, setting up car charging points, tree planting schemes etc (n=6); Plans to resolve the issue of the Corbett Hotel in Tywyn (n=5); Schemes to ensure suitable housing for the needs of local people (n=3).

Of the comments that noted something else about the area, the most popular were:

Theme	Number of respondents who noted this
• Comments regarding Council Tax Premium	8
• Plans to complete/create a safe cycle path between Tywyn and Aberdyfi	6
• Plans to look at parking issues in some locations	5
• Plans to tackle the problem of dog mess in some locations	3

7.3 All additional comments received will be considered as part of the work to develop plans for the area.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1 During the autumn, all the feedback we have received from the residents and organisations of Bro Dysynni area will be considered during workshops with local organisation as part of work to develop Local Action Plans.
- 8.2 The Action Plan will seek to incorporate the projects and activities of a wider range of organisations that contribute to the improvement and regeneration of the Bro Dysynni area.
- 8.3 As part of the Regeneration Framework, arrangements will be set in place to monitor and co-ordinate the implementation of the Action Plan, taking into account existing working arrangements and partnerships.
- 8.4 The timetable for the next steps are:
- Workshops with Local organisations : October / November 2022
 - Draft Action Plans prepared : March 2023
 - Comments and additions received to the draft document : April 2023
 - Revised Action Plans prepared : April / May 2023
 - Monitoring and co-ordination arrangements in place : May 2023
- 8.5 Details of the Local Action Plans will be available on Cyngor Gwynedd's website (www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru).
- 8.6 We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who have taken the time to give their opinion and to contribute to the work of improving and strengthening our communities.



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