

# Pan-London LGBT Youth Council

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# Session Overview

- BYC – About Us
- The Consultation Objectives
- Key Findings
- Key Recommendations
- Over to You - Your thoughts and ideas

# About BYC

**'The British Youth Council is a dynamic body of young people - getting involved in the things that matter to young people. From helping to set up a local youth council to improve community facilities, to pushing our agenda with MPs, BYC shares skills, ideas and information. Our take on training, volunteering and campaigning is fresh and lively and inspires us to speak out and get involved. It doesn't matter who we are or where in the UK we come from: our voices count.'**



# Our work with Local Youth Councils

- Over 600 Local Youth Councils
  - Represent the views of young people at a local level
  - Give young people the opportunity to have a voice, to discuss relevant issues
  - engage with decision-makers
  - contribute to improving the lives of other young people within their community
- We provide support for
  - Setting up a Local Youth Council
  - Development of youth councils
  - Training on a range of different topics
  - Access to resources through our online resource centre and printed publications

To ensure that the LGBT Youth Council becomes a strong and effective agent of change for London's LGBT Youth.

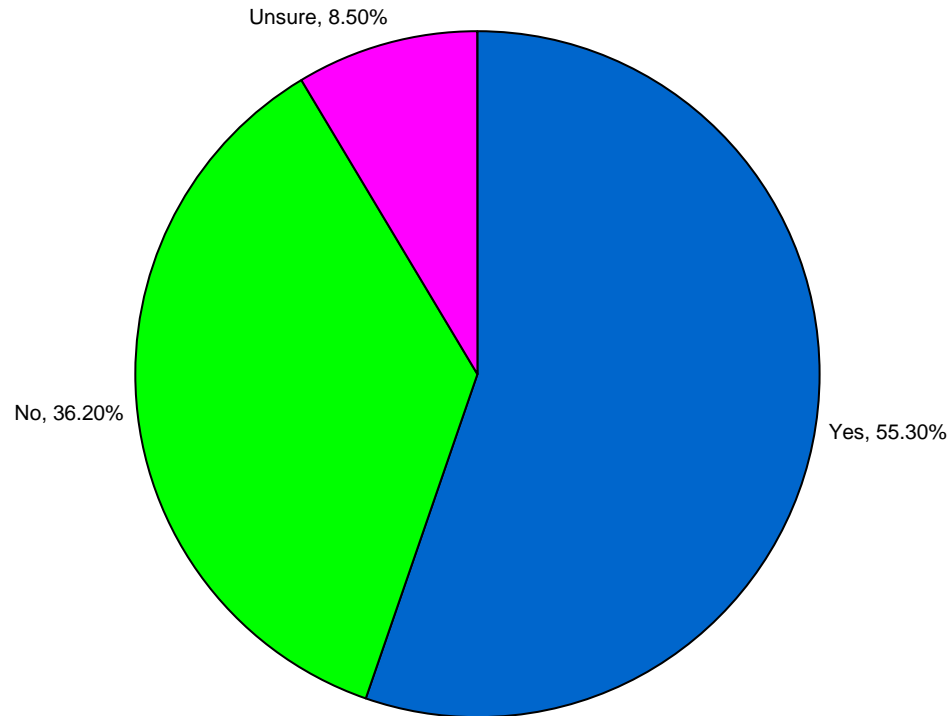


# Our Approach

- Focus Groups
  - Consortium Staff
  - Young People
- Online Questionnaire
- Follow Up Work
  - Focus Groups

# Questionnaire Findings

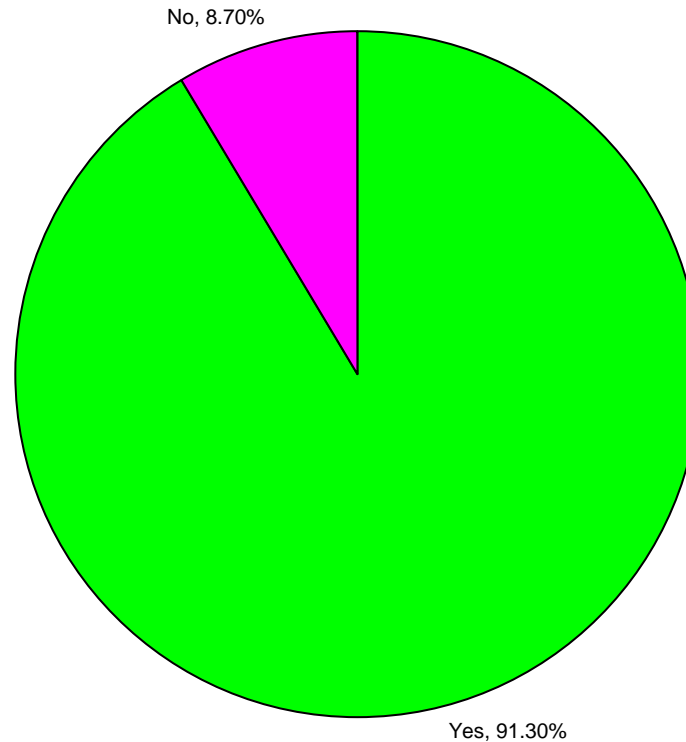
# Before this survey, had your heard of the London's LGBT Youth Council?



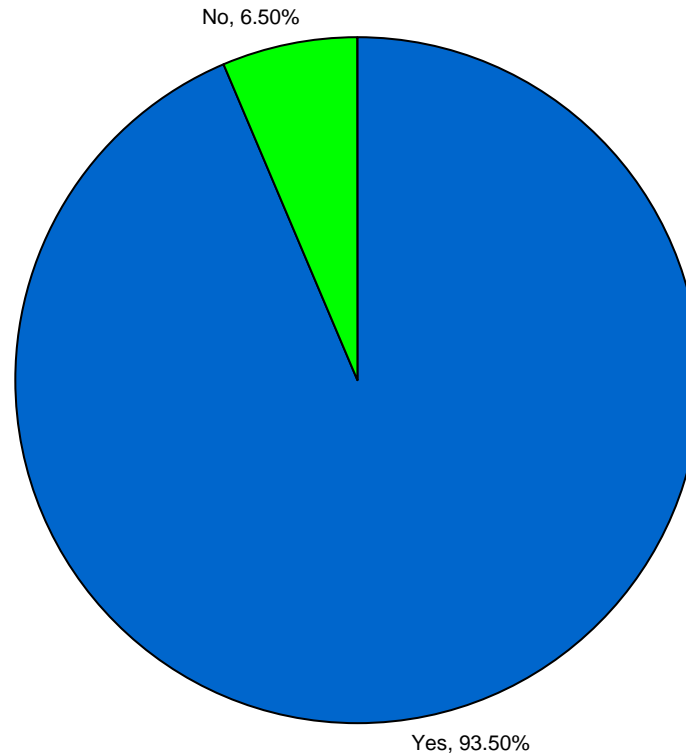
**A Youth Council is a democratic organisation created, run and developed by young people for young people. They exist to represent the views of young people at a regional level giving young people the opportunity to have a voice, to discuss relevant issues, engage with decision-makers and contribute to improving the lives of young people within their community. Based on the statement above, do you believe there should be a London-wide democratic structure that represents young LGBT in London?**



# Do you believe there should be a London-wide democratic structure that represents young LGBT?



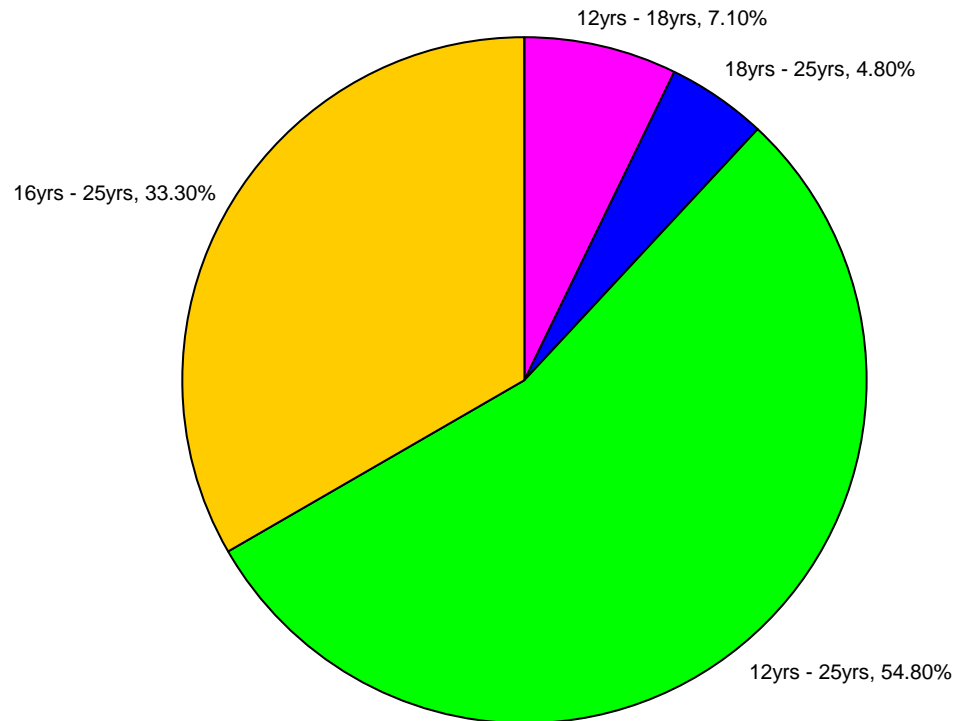
# Do you think there needs to be more opportunities for younger LGBT people to have their voices heard?



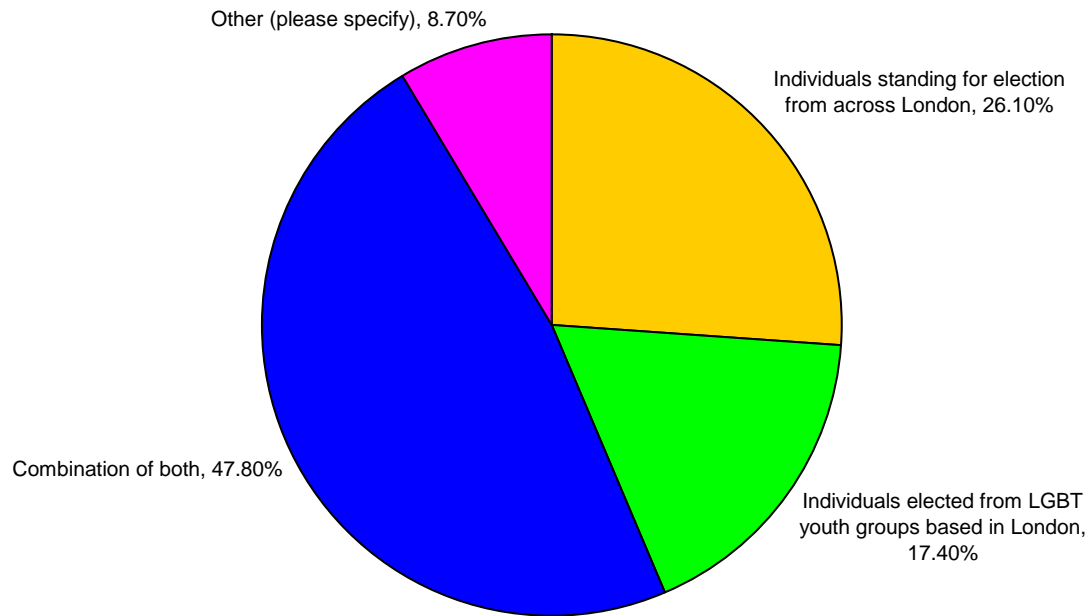
# In order of priority what should such an organisation do?

1 <sup>st</sup> Preference	Provide support services i.e. peer mentoring/befriending
Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Preference <i>and</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Preference	Campaign and lobby Provide training and develop opportunities
4 <sup>th</sup> Preference	Organise social events
5 <sup>th</sup> Preference	Organise volunteering opportunities

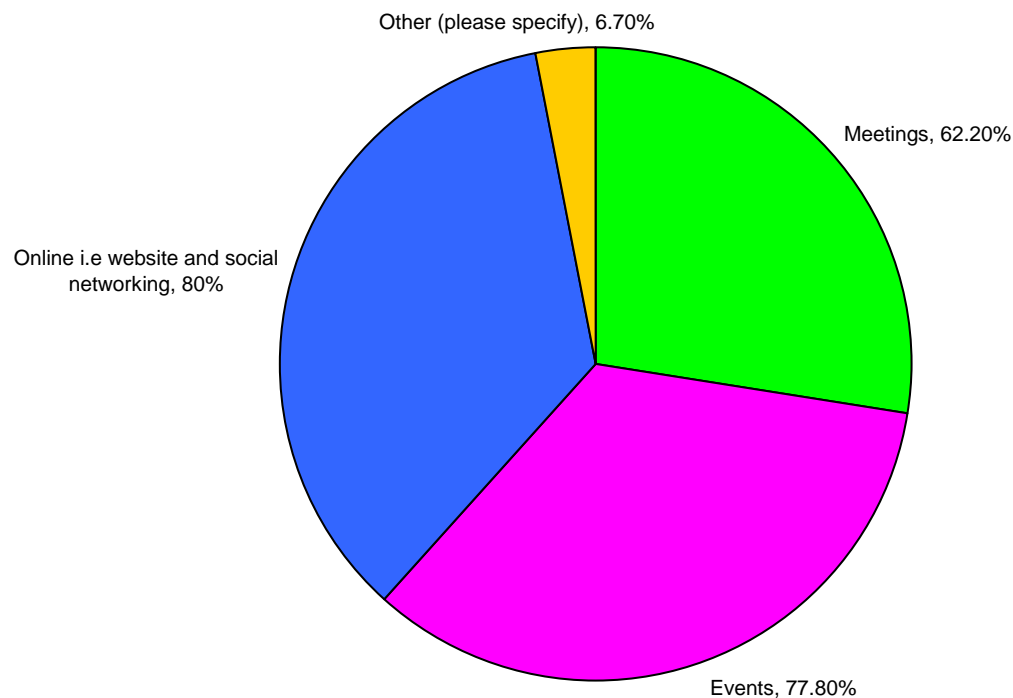
# What age range should such an organisation cover?



# How should members of the LGBT Youth Council be elected?



# How would you like to interact with a London LGBT youth council?



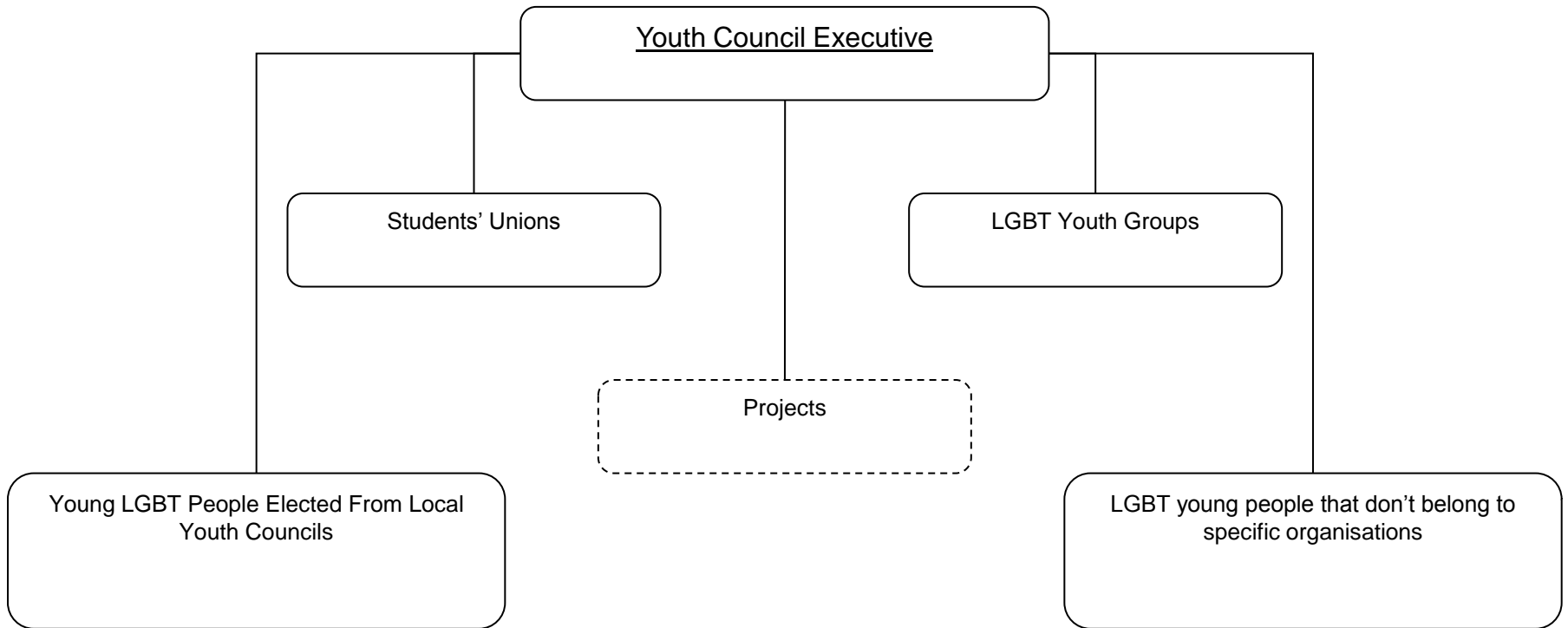
# Key Recommendations

- **There is strong support for a London LGBT Youth Council.**
- **Remit should focus primarily on:**
  - **Providing support services i.e. peer mentoring/befriending;**
  - **Campaigning and lobbying;**
  - **Providing training and development opportunities.**

# Key Recommendations

- **Include a wide representation of LGBT young people from across London.**
  - **Elected From Local Youth Councils**
  - **Students' Unions**
  - **LGBT Youth Groups**
  - **YP that don't belong to specific organisations**
- **Represent young people aged both under and over 18.**
- **A forward facing Youth Council Executive.**

# Proposed London LGBT Youth Council Structure



# Additional Points

- What body should the Youth Council belong to? – The GLA?
- Where do LGBT ‘projects’ belong?
- Primary focus on 12 – 18 year olds – possibly two councils in the long term?

# Questions So Far?

# Your Comments, Suggestions, Ideas!

- Do you agree with the findings? – Any surprises?
- Do you envisage this working? - It's not worked before.
- How would you/your organisation interact?

Any Other Questions /  
Comments?