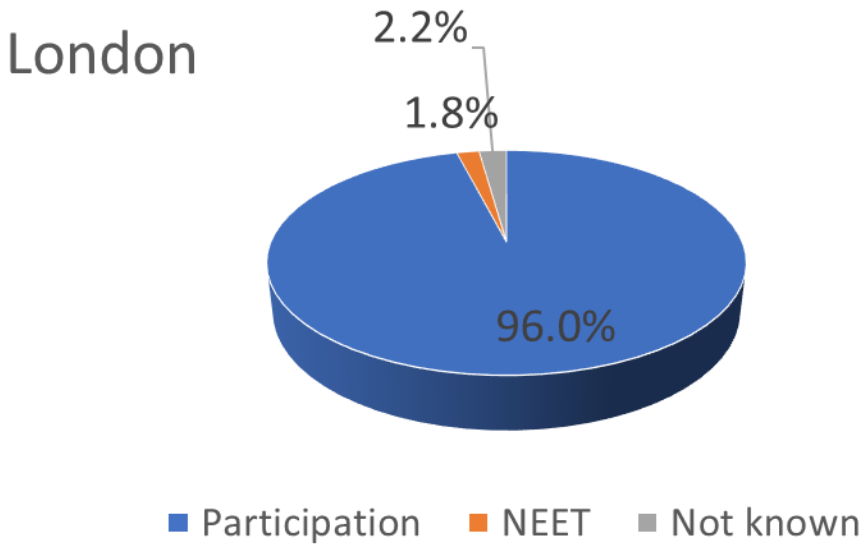
NEETs in London and England

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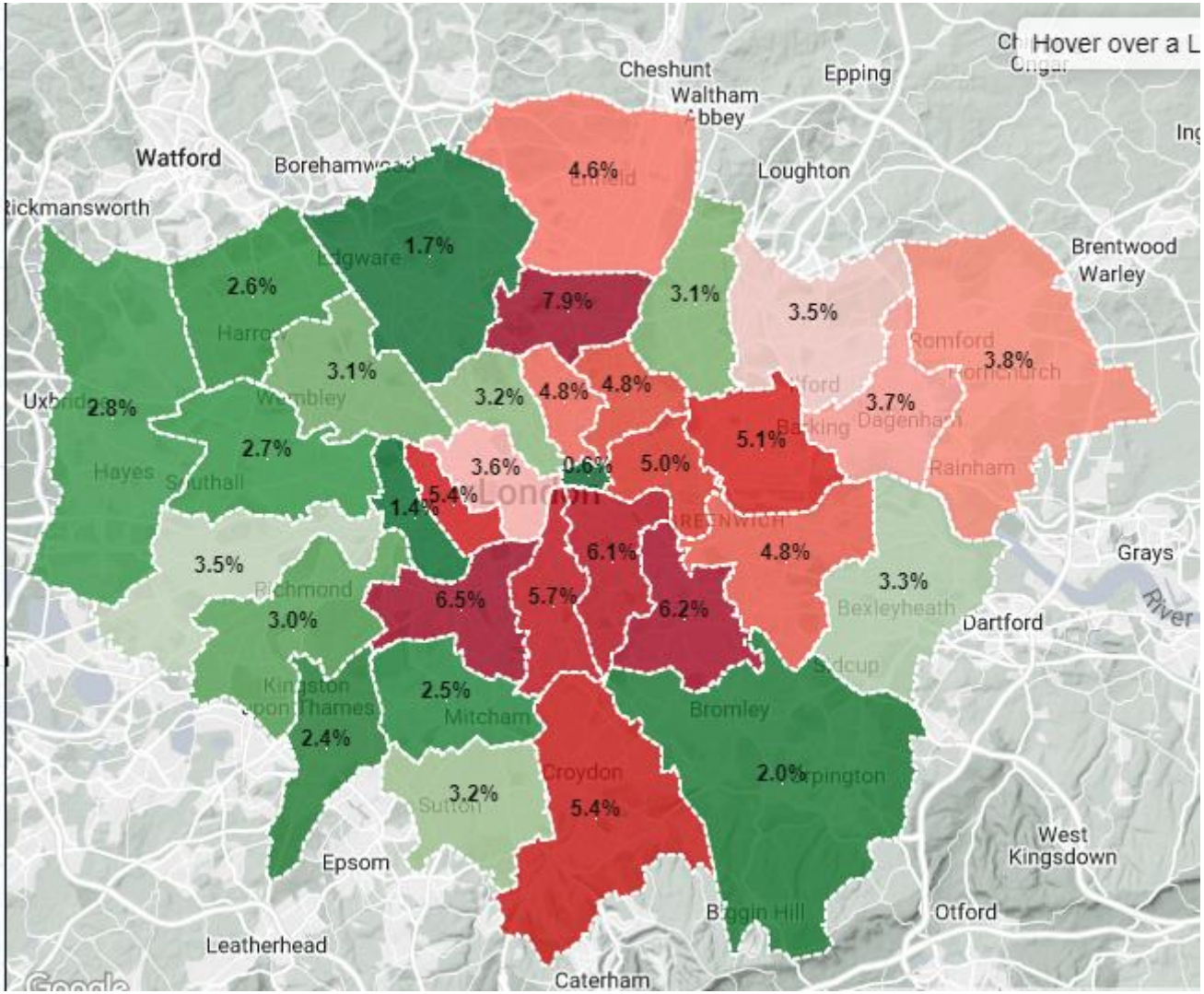
Participation of 16-17 yr olds: London & England

	No of 16-17 year olds	Participation		NEET		Not known	
		No	%	No	%	No	%
England	1,182,880	1,105,240	93.4%	33,120	2.8%	31,930	2.7%
London	182,710	175,400	96.0%	3,290	1.8%	4,020	2.2%



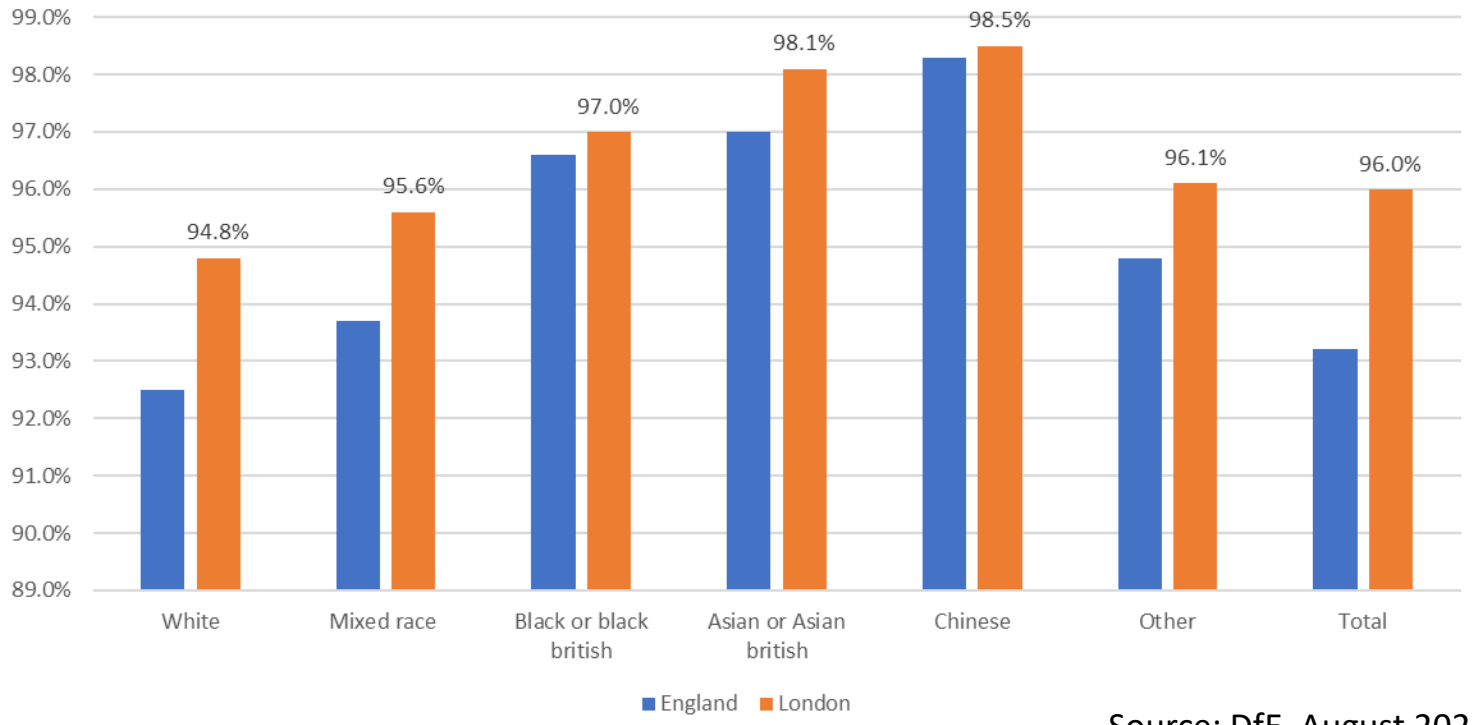
Source: DfE, March 2022

NEET: 16-17 yr olds %



Source: DfE, 2021

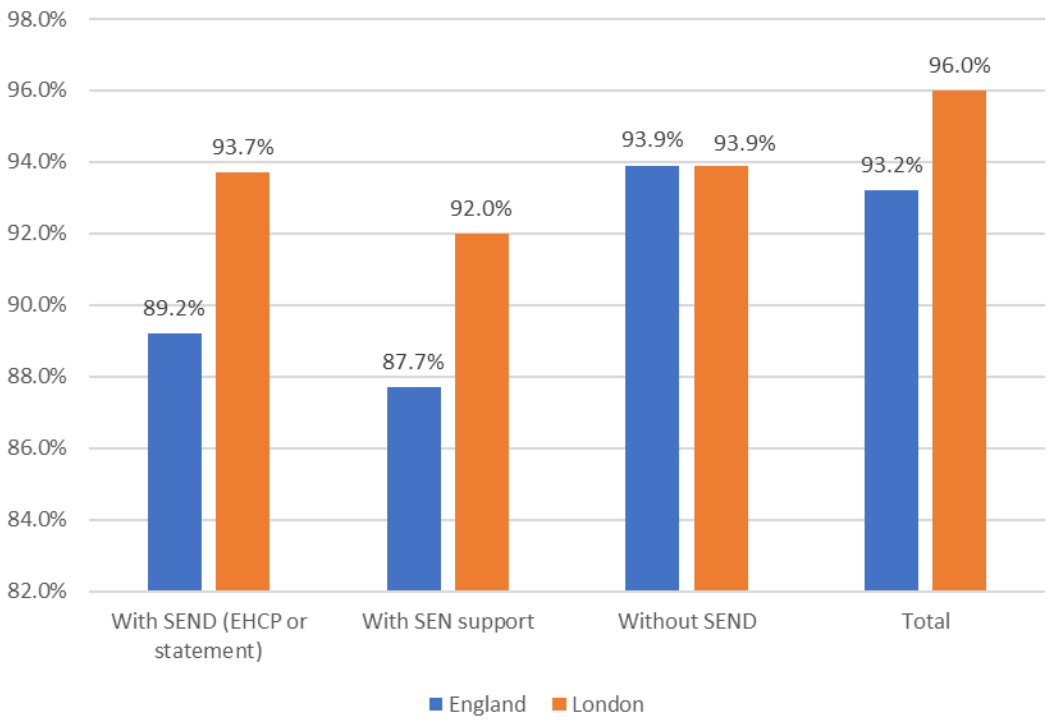
Participation by ethnic group: 16-17 yr olds



Source: DfE, August 2021

More granular data shows that young people from Black (15.6%), Pakistani (18.5%) and Bangladeshi (15.4%) backgrounds are over one and a half times more likely to be NEET than young people from Indian backgrounds (9.9%). Young people from white backgrounds have a middling NEET rate of 13.0% - Note: sample sizes are small. (Source: LWI analysis of ONS dataset, 2018-2020)

Participation by SEND status



Source: DfE, August 2021

NEETs: Unemployed and economic inactivity (national figures)

NEET and ILO unemployed less than 6 mths		24.0%			
NEET and ILO unemployed more than 6 mths		15.2%	Inactive - Looking after family/home	Inactive - long term/temporary sick	Inative - other
NEET and inactive, wants a job	18.8%				
NEET and inactive, does not want a job	42.2%	60.8%	10.7%	24.7%	25.5%

Source: DfE/ONS. March 2022

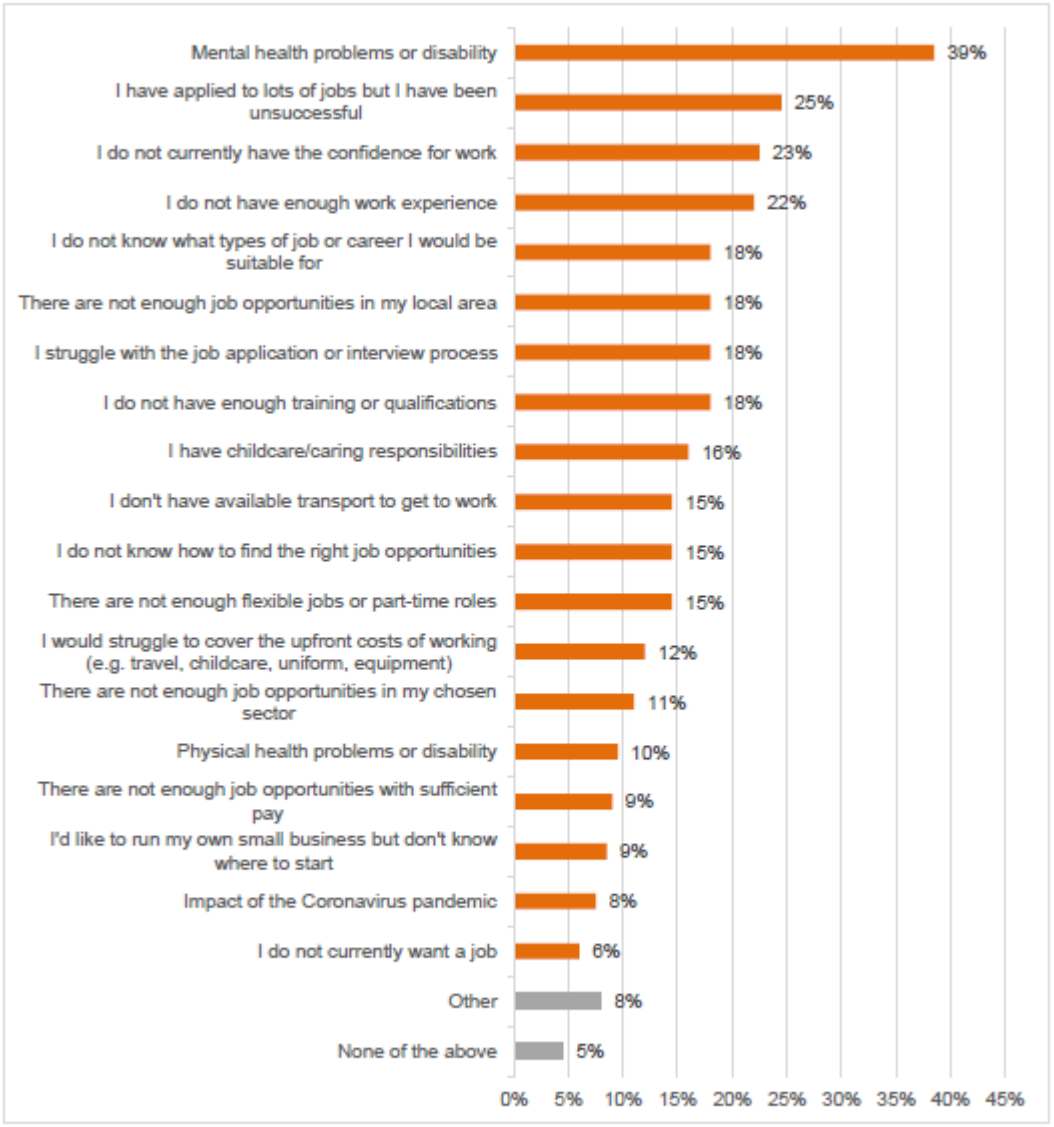
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NEET status estimates for young people aged 16-24

Quarterly Labour Force Survey 2011-2021



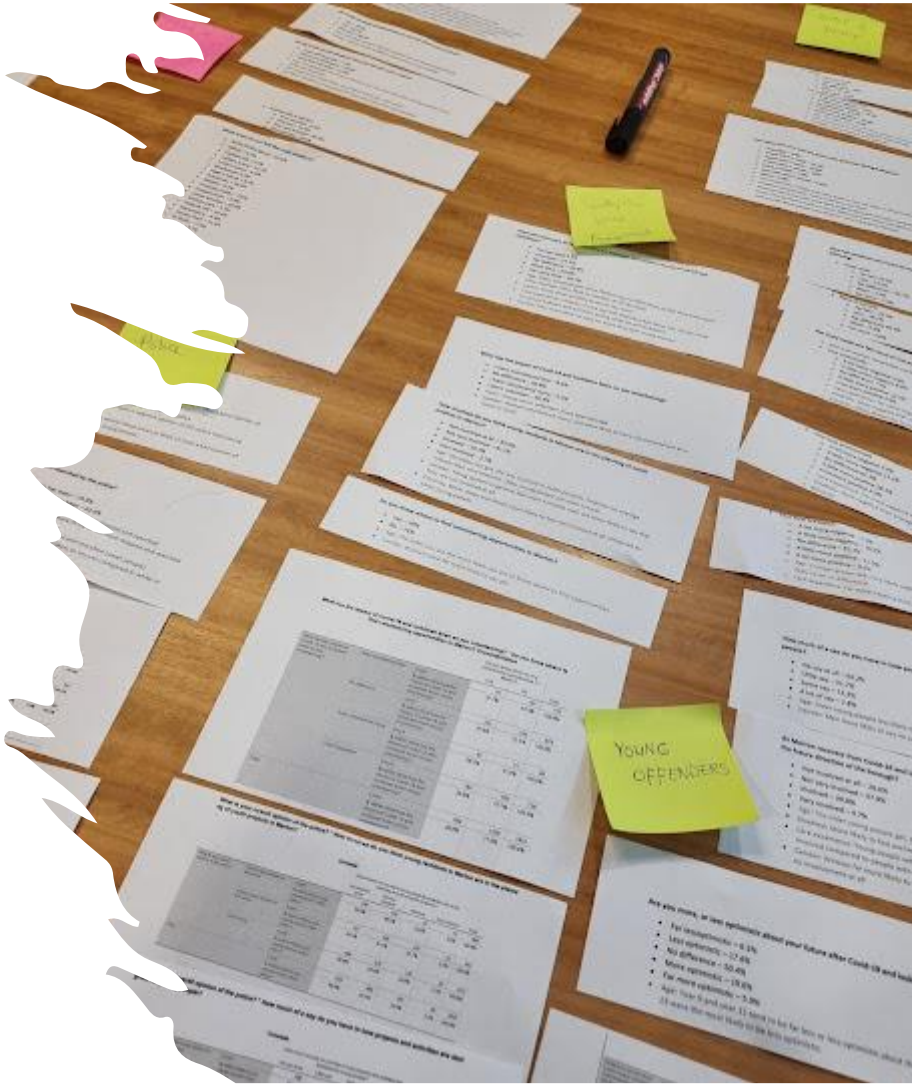
Figure 10: Reasons for difficulty finding a job/not currently looking for work by percentage of NEET young people



Base: 200

Source: LWI poll of 200 NEETs 16-24 May-June 2022

The views of young Londoners on employment and skills services



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Perceptions of post-16 options

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Apprenticeships suffer a perception problem, in three key ways:

1. A lack of convincing lifestyle narrative
2. A gendered view of the topics
3. Apprenticeships are a Plan B



Fig. 1 Apprenticeship word frequency



Fig 2. University word frequency



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Perceptions of post-16 options

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Careers advice and schools are still failing to promote apprenticeships

- Wholly negative opinion of careers advice and guidance
- Teachers were not seen as impartial

"We have to do certain things at school and then we get to 16 and we have to make literally the biggest decision and they don't teach us anything about what's gonna happen."

"Like, there was never a question I wouldn't go to Uni when everyone around me went to University."

"They are pushy to get us into six form."



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Apprenticeships in practice in the creative industries

1. Communication between educational providers and organisations can be a challenge
2. Many organisations are not fully clear on the difference between frameworks and standards
3. Apprenticeships were viewed as “the right thing to do” or “important” for promoting diversity, rather than as a valuable means to recruit staff
4. There is a perception that apprenticeships are not for the creative industries
5. Those taking an apprenticeship can be overqualified, seeking work experience
6. Apprenticeships aren’t worth it to some employers



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Careers advice and guidance in schools is non-existent for many young people. Where it does exist, it often reinforces negative stereotypes about the creative industries.

"Strongly advised against it, because I The advice in schools had good grades at school they were like, you could do so much more!"

"Yes, I talked to my drama teacher and they told me not to go into drama."

"Uhm, my secondary school experience is like, the creative subjects wasn't pushed as much as non-creative subjects."

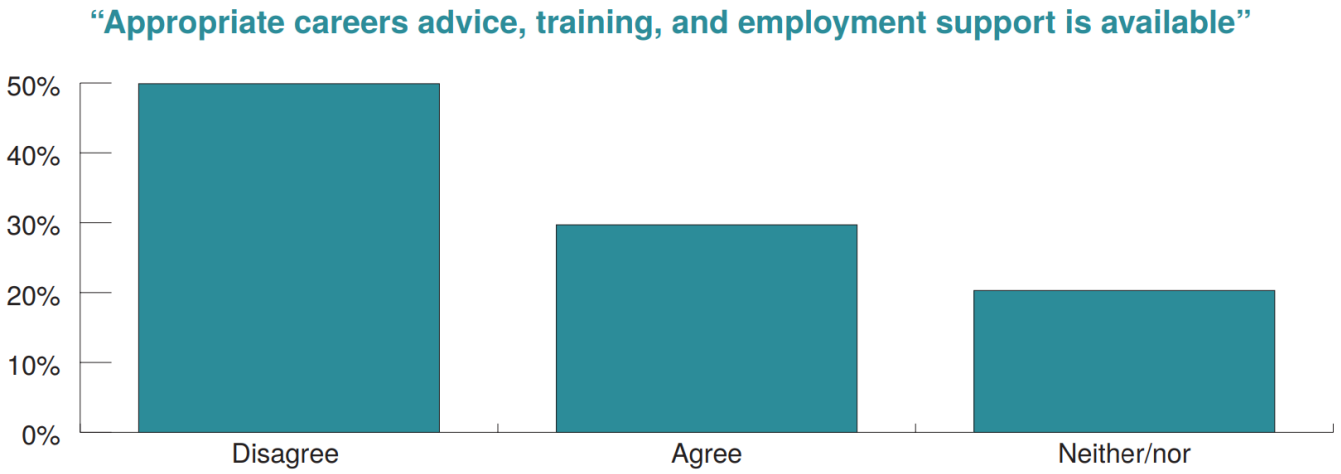


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Around half of the young people we spoke to disagreed (49.9%) that appropriate careers advice, training, and employment support was available, with only a third (29.7%) believing there was.

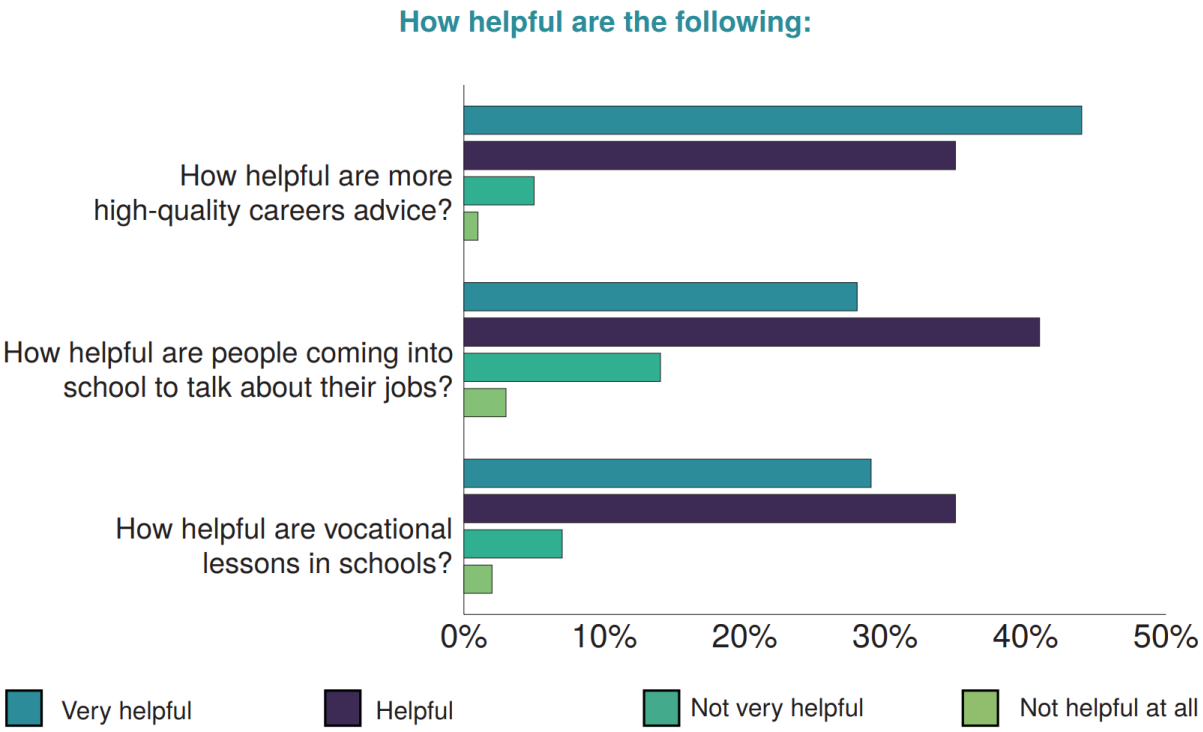




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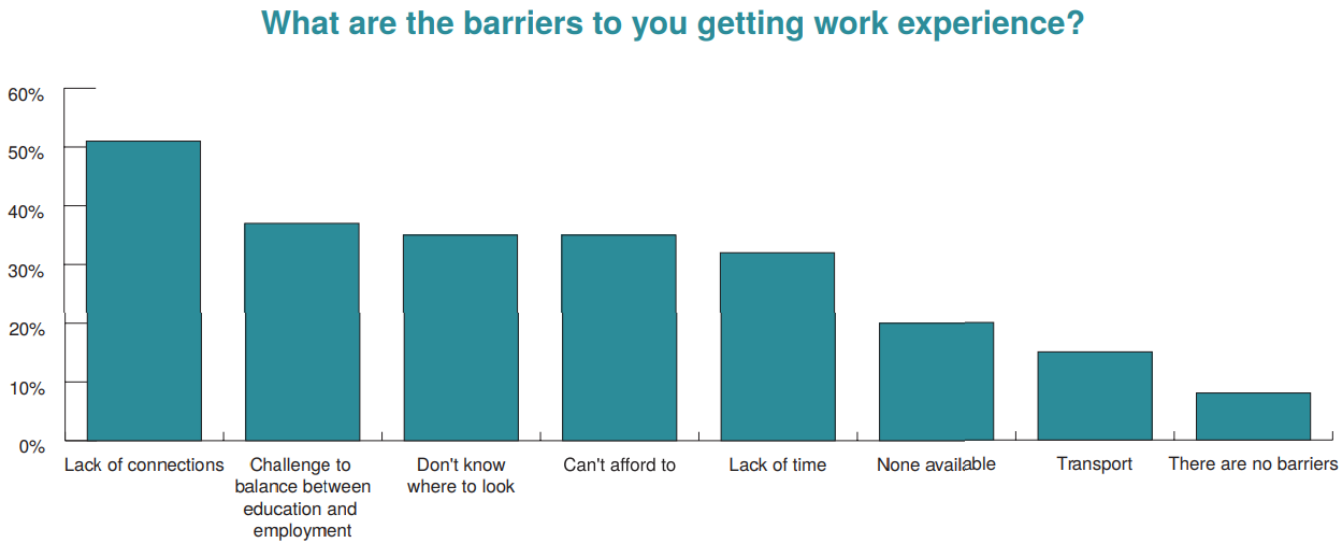


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- Most young people said that they would want work experience (76.3%)
- Less than half (43%) felt that they could afford to do an unpaid internship, or unpaid work experience.



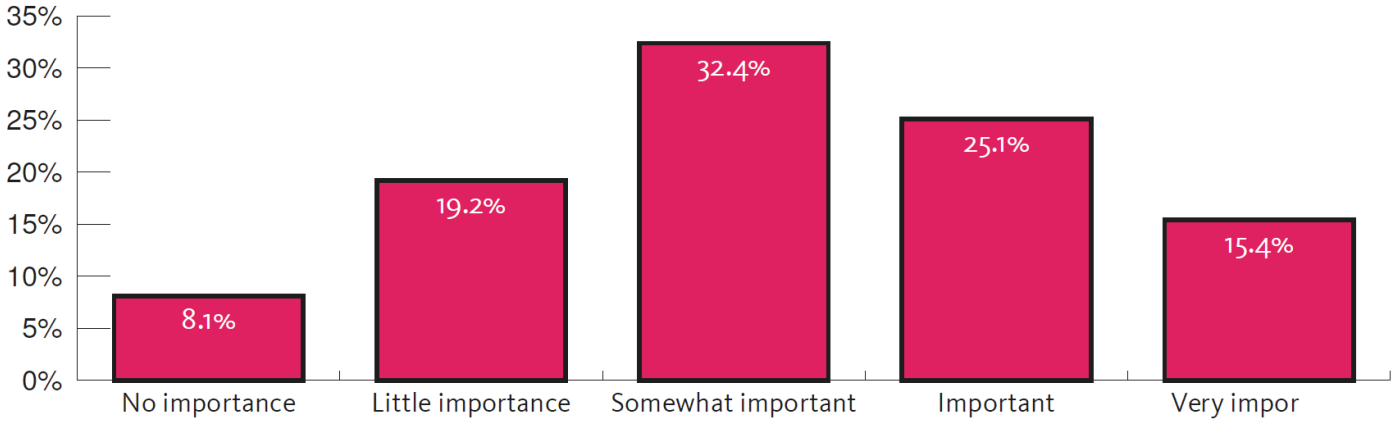


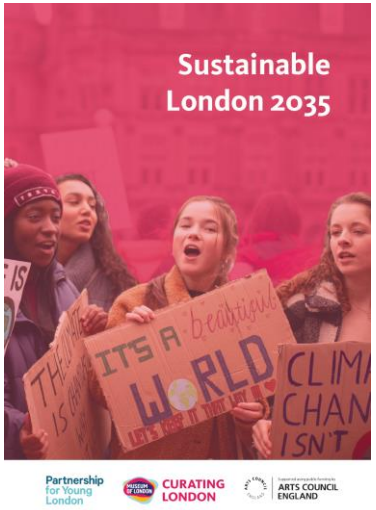
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How important are environmental issues to the type of work you want to do in the future?

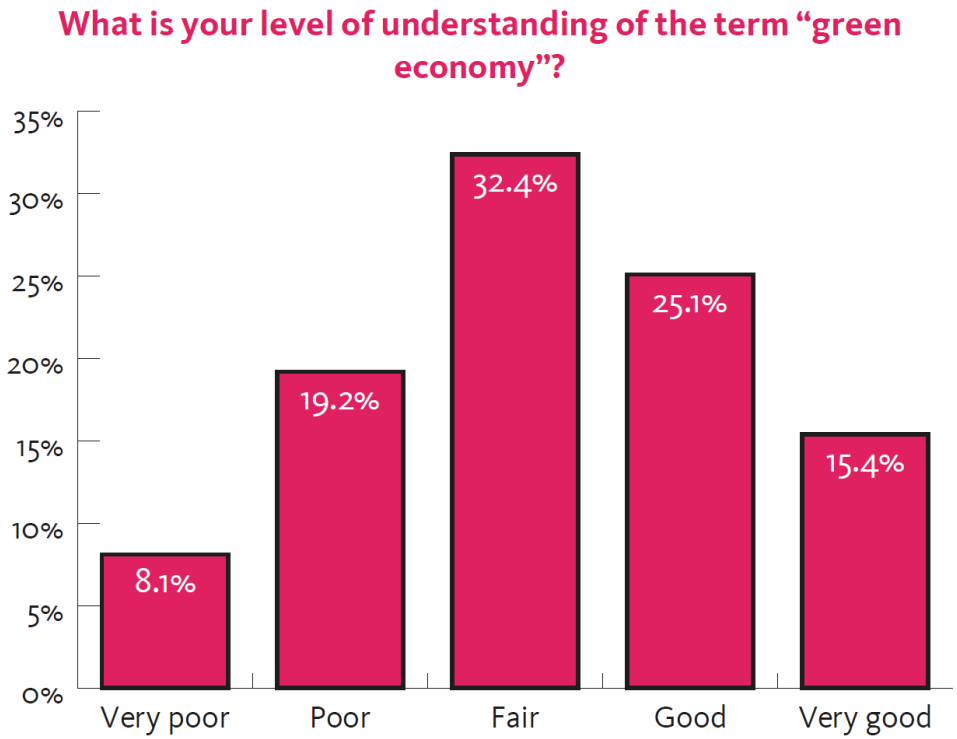


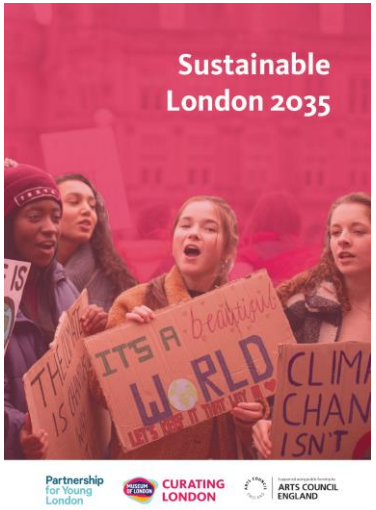


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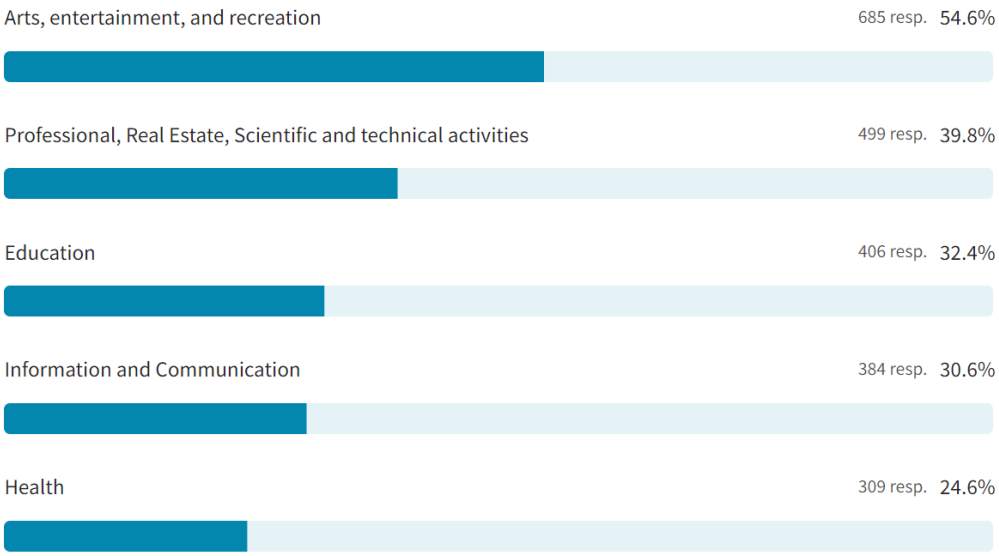
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In the future, which of the following areas do you want to work in:

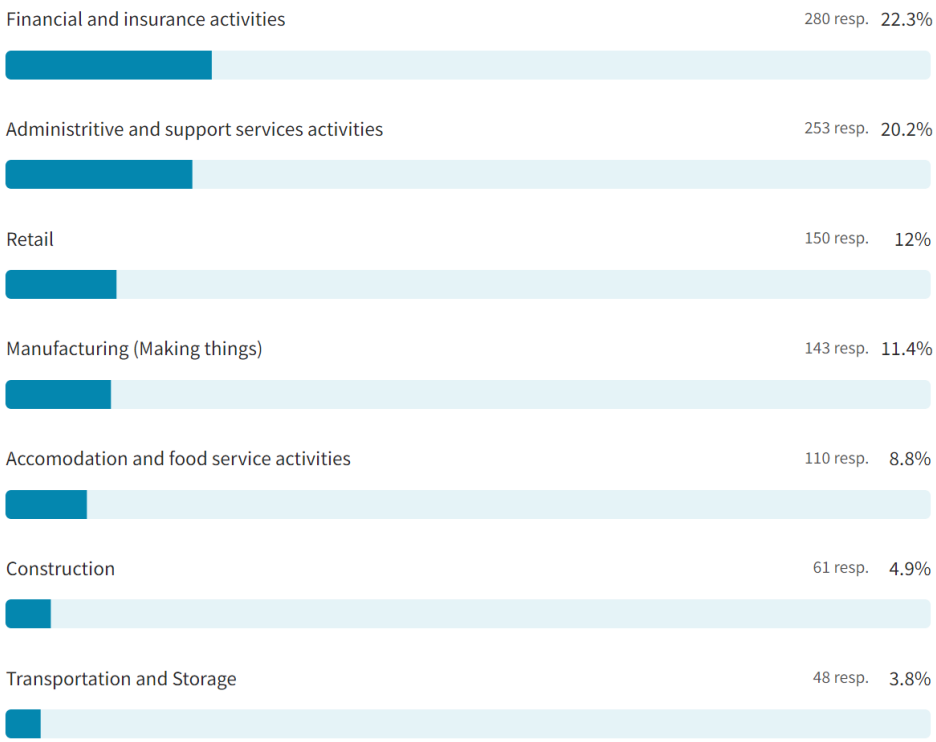
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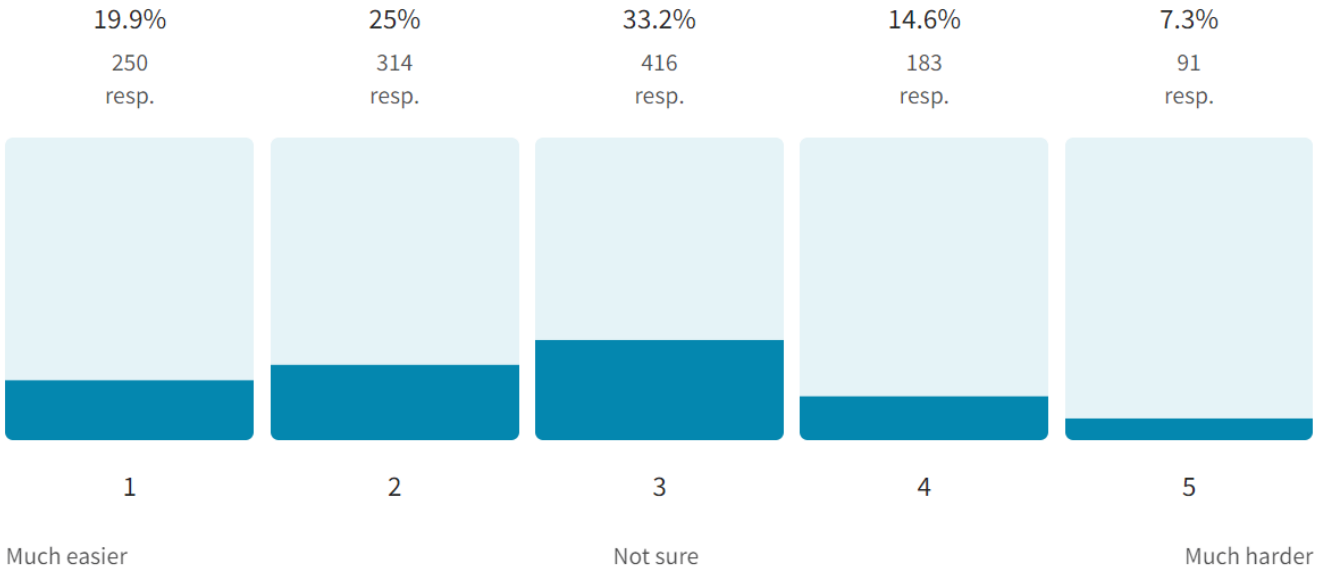


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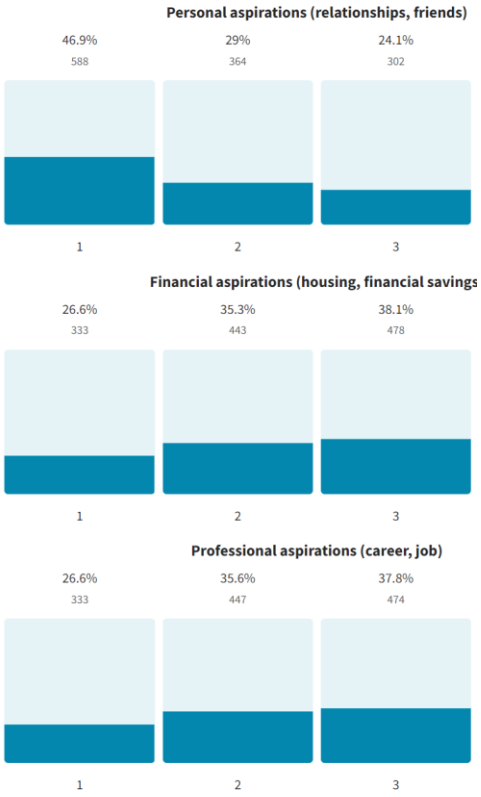
Is it easier or harder to reach work or studying opportunities because of where you live in London?



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1. **Personal aspirations are more important than financial or professional**

   Young Londoners largely consider personal aspirations as the most important to them, with almost half of young people saying that personal aspirations are more important than both professional and financial aspirations.

   47% ranked personal aspirations the most important, compared to 26% who ranked financial aspirations or employment aspirations first.

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