

# POSITIVE ACTIVITIES

Young people's views of how positive activities can act as a deterrent to violence.

## AI POWERED ANALYSIS

Generative AI was used to analyse over 800 interviews from Peer Action Collective (PAC) research into youth violence from 2020-2023 across England and Wales.



Through PAC, young people carried out peer research in their communities.



We identified research questions for the AI to ask of 800 interviews.



OC&C used AI to reach insights from young people on how positive activities can support young people at risk of or engaging in violence.

## FINDINGS

### Overview



Respondents strongly believe that positive activities is effective in mitigating youth violence, and generally feel like they have access to them in their communities.

### Do positive activities deter violence?



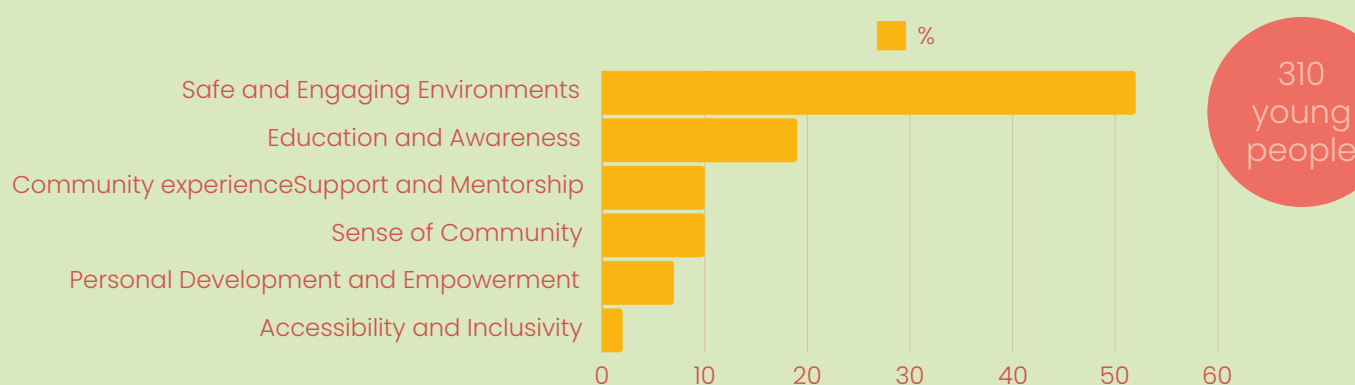
Young people highlight the role of youth centres in providing activities and education that deter violence

“Interviewer: Where did you get your best learnings from?”

Interviewee: Youth centre. Came in and [anonymized] told me there. Told me how to control myself and all of that, how to get myself out of situations that I don't need to be in.”

Undisclosed gender , 15-18, West Midlands

### Young people believe that positive activities deter youth violence by providing safe environments, informal education, mentorship and community



### While the majority of the young people spoken to through PAC felt they had access to positive activities, those that couldn't cited accessibility and financial constraints as the main barriers.

