

**YARDEN MAKEOVER  
& CELEBRATION  
2026**

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E S C A P E 2 M A K E

**EASTER  
ACTIVITY  
EVALUATION**

**Over the Easter Holidays 2026, we delivered FREE daytime sessions all of which focussed on a yard at the rear of the E2M Centre. The idea was to make the space a vibrant area that could be enjoyed by ourselves and our near neighbours. And so the YARDEN MAKEOVER began!**

Helen Leece from Gathering Fields ran a series of workshops to clear and then renovate the space

More Music ran a series of workshops to create a band in a week that could play a live set at the Yarden Celebratory Event

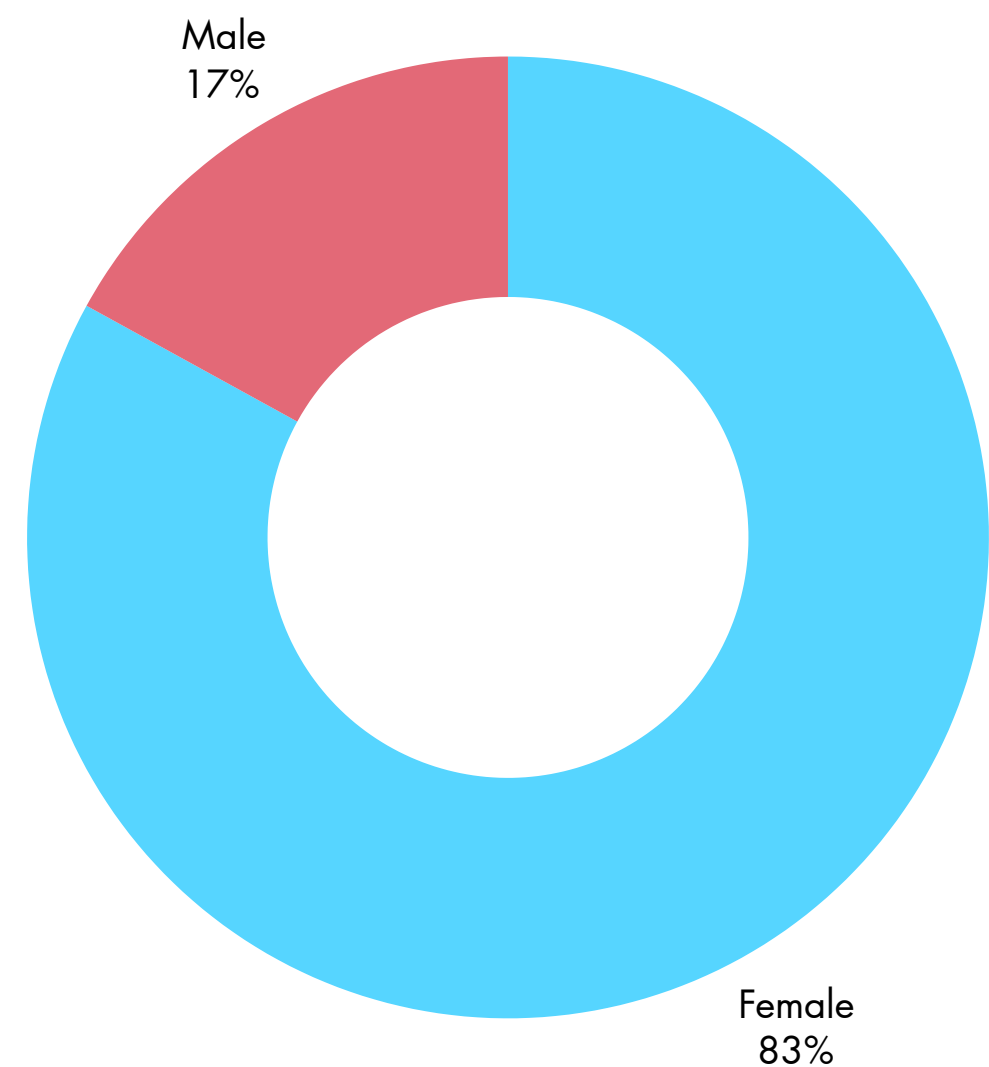
Sharon Burns ran a series of Urban Embroidery workshops using repurposed frame, fence panels and yachting rope to create weather proof art



# WHO WERE OUR PARTICIPANTS?

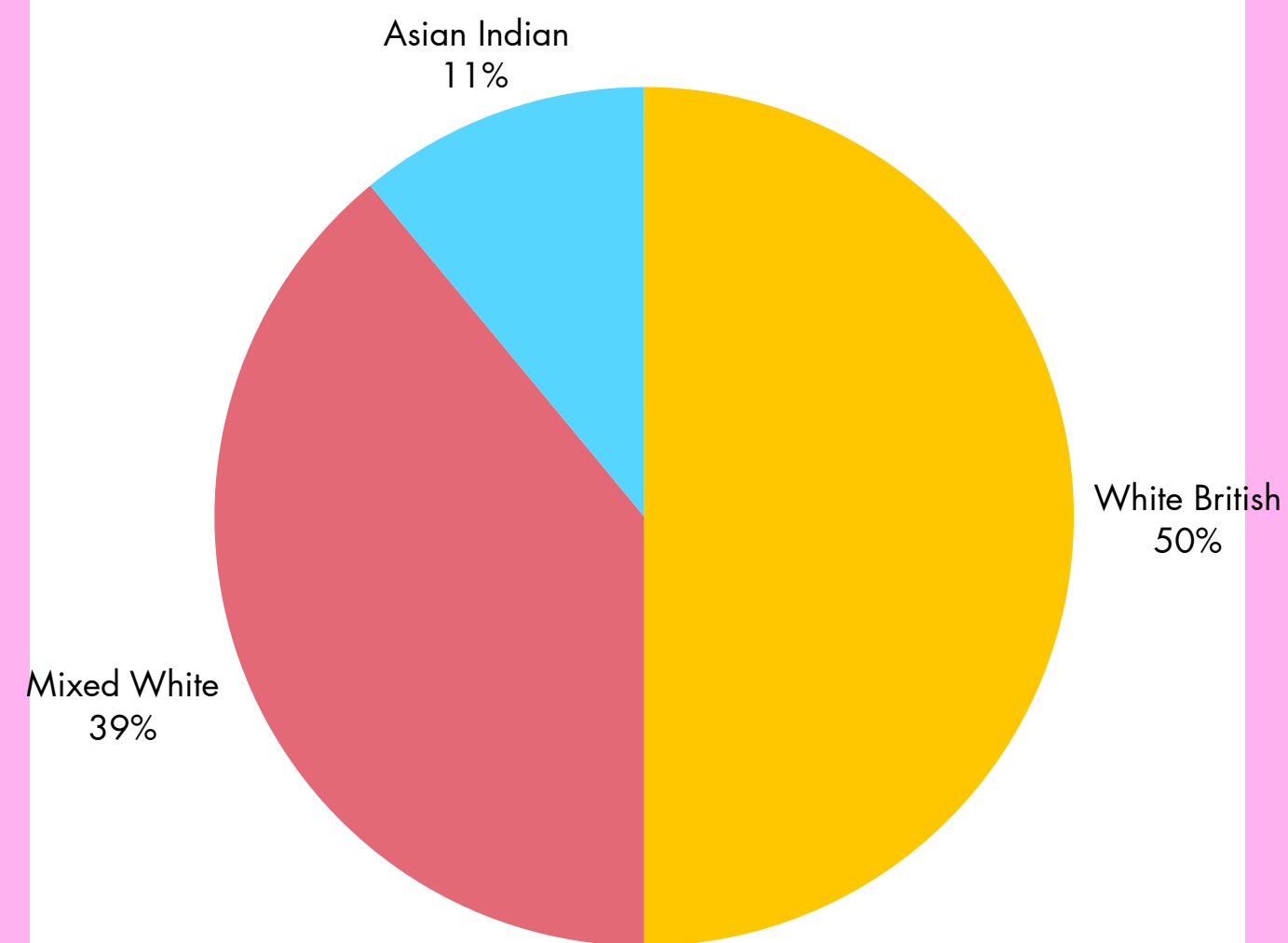
Across all 3 activities 18 young people took part, here is an insight into who they were

## GENDER



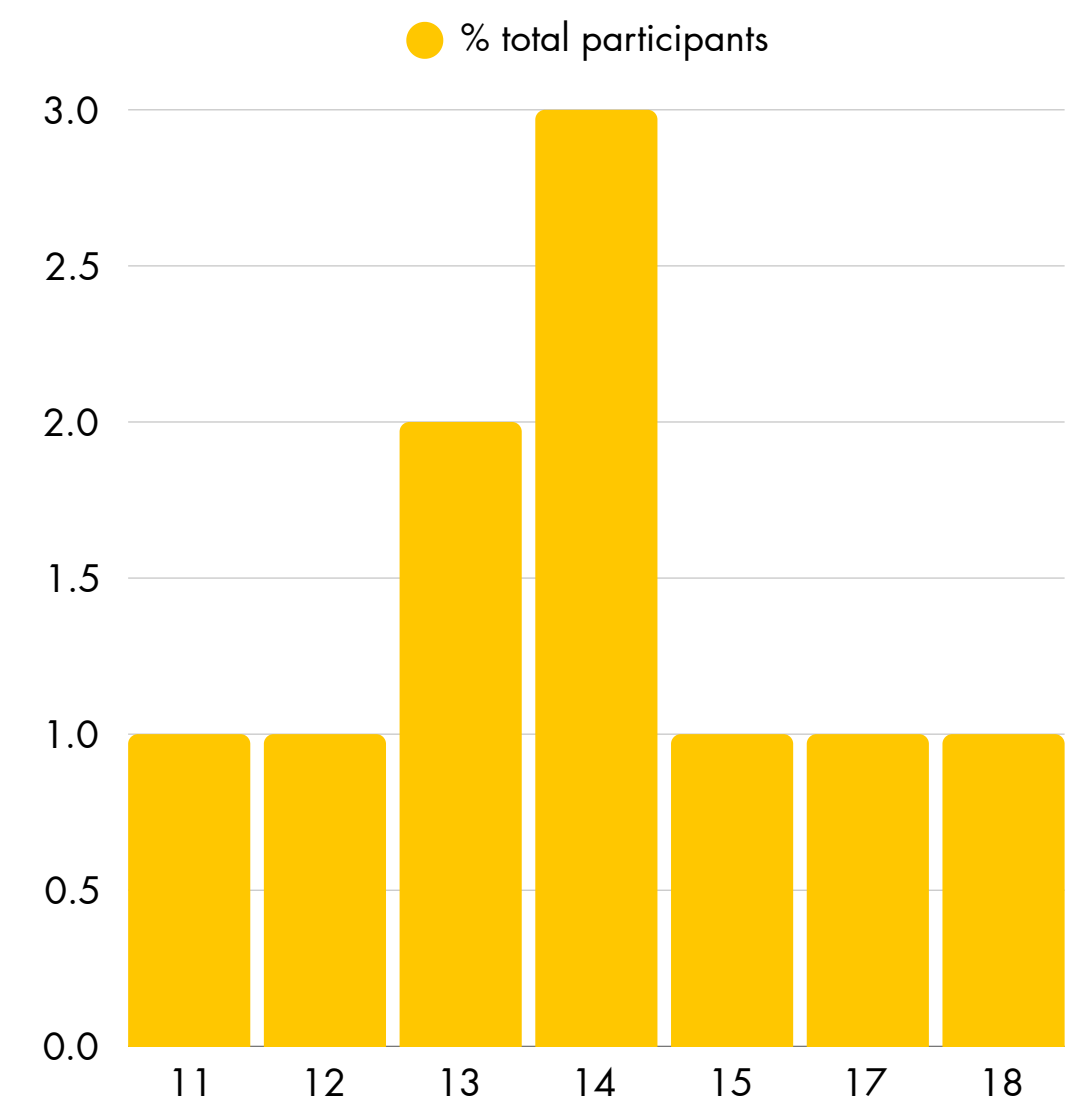
**83%** identified as female  
**17%** identified as male

## ETHNICITY



**50%** White British  
**39%** Mixed White  
**11%** Asian Indian

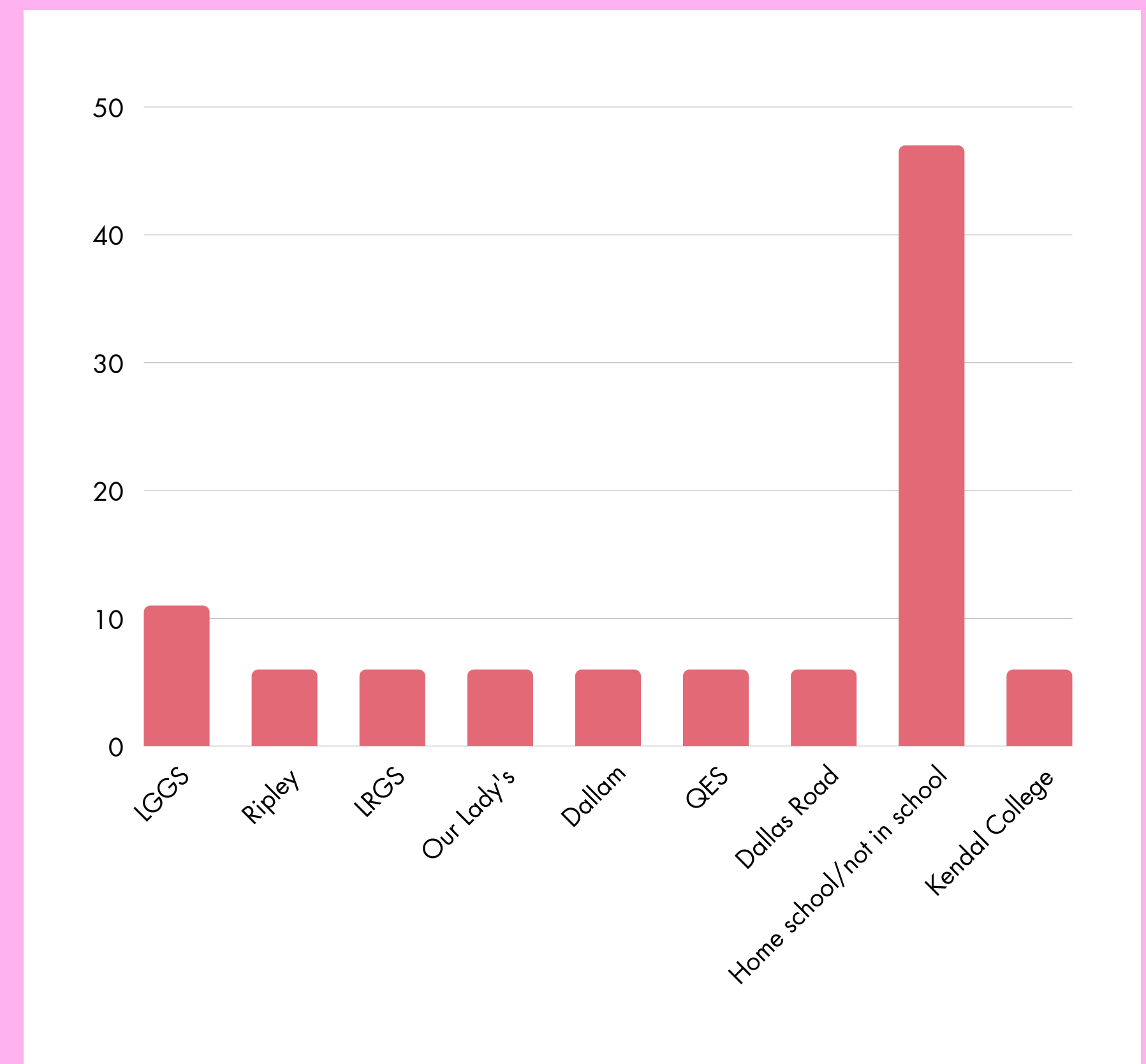
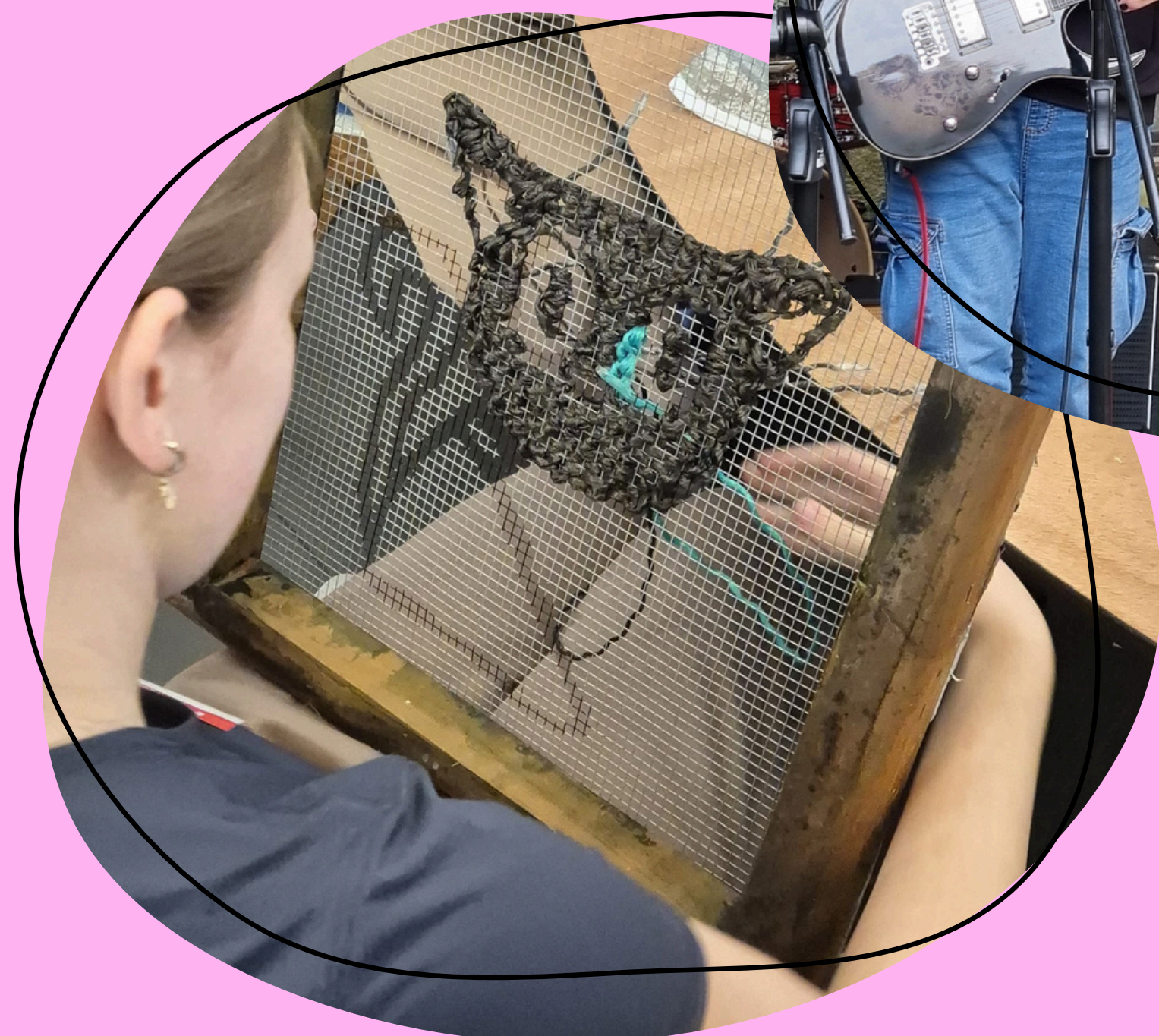
## AGE



**20%** aged 12 or under  
**60%** aged 13-15  
**20%** aged 16 or over


Statistics above based on young people registered for activities

Ethnicity note: Lancaster District is **93.1%** White British, far above national average (2021 Census)



Young people came from **8** different educational settings (**47%** not in school or home schooled)

**17%** of participants faced inequalities, including ADHD and neurological disorder

A group of people are sitting outdoors at a table. On the table are various embroidery supplies, including a clear plastic storage bin filled with fabric and thread, and several spools of thread in different colors. The people are dressed in casual outdoor attire, including jackets and hats. The background shows a stone wall and a building with windows.

“Sharon and the team provided a nurturing, welcoming and accessible environment for both of my neurodivergent daughters. The ongoing activity was child-led, within a supported and supportive structure. There was flexibility regarding attendance as my daughter was unwell on one of the days. I knew that my daughters were safe at all times. My daughters enjoyed the sessions and are eager to do more. The lack of cost meant that the sessions were highly accessible.”

**Parent of Urban Embroidery Participant**

“A high quality activity provided within a nurturing and neuro-affirming environment.”

**Parent of Urban Embroidery Participant**

“My four daughters joined E2M for the first time for a week-long urban embroidery workshop. We all found the atmosphere to be both relaxed and incredibly nurturing. A space where the girls could really be themselves and think creatively, thank you Sharon and Luna.”

**Parent of Urban Embroidery Participant**

**NB - all 6 of these participants signed up for the next short project that started a few days later**

**QUOTES  
FROM  
PARENTS**

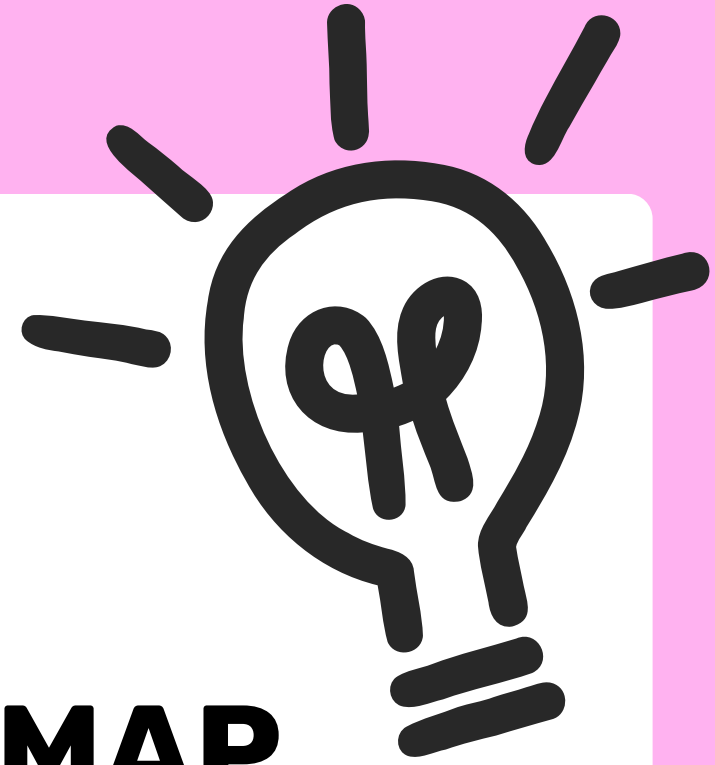


# YARDEN PARTY EVENT DAY





# RECOMMENDATIONS



## COLLABORATION

it was great to liaise on the day with Curio and Quirk with them serving refreshments. They will be serving hot drinks ongoing in the space so it has opened opportunities

## LIVE MUSIC

The site would be great for holding Summer fundraising Microgigs and also the potential to collaborate with Curio and Quirk on this as they are building a sound studio next to the yarden.

## FUTURE ACTIVITY

We know that the space will work well for both workshops and events. We even held our first outdoor meeting in the space.

## ON THE MAP

It would be great to put ourselves on the trail for Light Up Lancaster and Lancaster Yarden / Garden Open Weekends

## PLANTING IDEAS

We discussed ideas around making the space a haven for pollinators, planting to attract butterflies and bees. We could also plant Rosemary, Lavender and similar to create a calming fragrance experience.

