

Results From the Survey 2024

We had 29 Responses! A big thank you to everyone that has taken part, your feedback is very much appreciated and will help us make OLGBT even better.

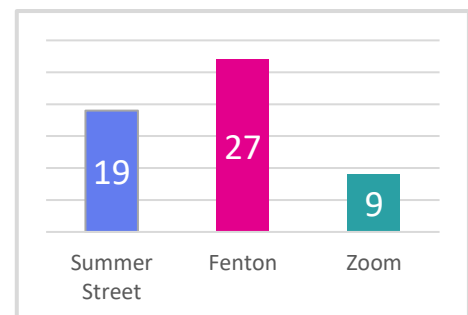
This survey and other feedback obtained from our members will help the board develop plans for the next two years which will include a fabulous programme of meetings, events and activities to celebrate our fifteenth year anniversary. As we get bigger and better, we need more members to help us make things happen. Please let us know if you are willing to help.

Here is a summary of the responses along with all additional comments

Social Meetings and Activities

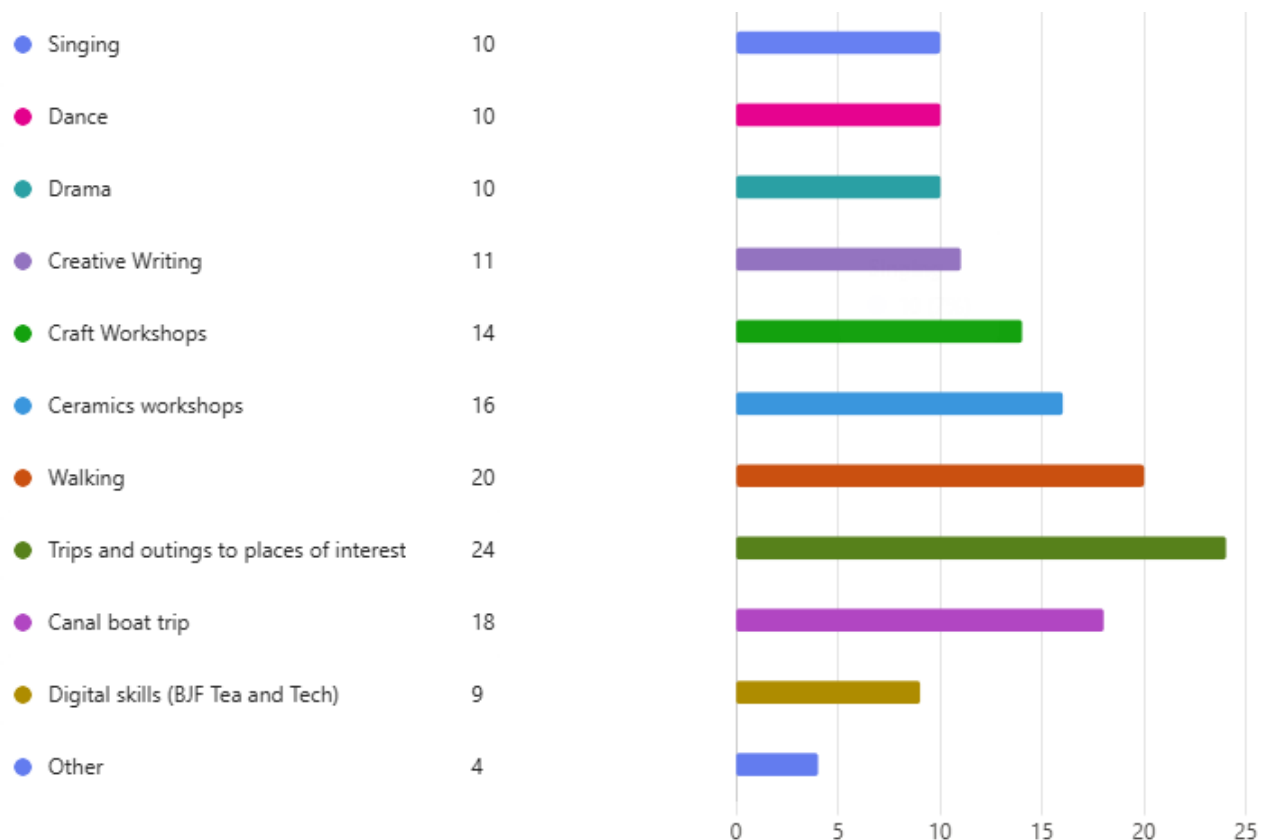
- Which of the following are you likely to attend over the next twelve months (tick all that apply even if you will only attend occasionally)

- Evening social meetings at the Summer Street Centre (first Monday of each month at 6.30pm) 19
- In person social meetings at Fenton Cafe (third Monday of each month at 1pm) 27
- Online Social Meetings on Zoom (every Monday when we don't meet in person, 5.30pm on Zoom) 9



27 out of 29 people said they would be likely to attend a social meeting at Fenton. Almost two thirds (19) said they would attend social meetings at the Summer Street centre and one third (9) were likely to attend a Zoom meeting.

2. We hope to provide a programme of other social activities in addition to our regular social meetings. Which of the following would interest you (tick all that apply)



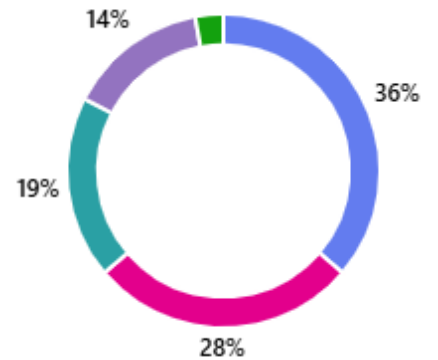
Comments submitted under the other option:

- "Possibly; pubs, clubs, sport/games, restaurants, music, health orientated presentations."
- "Cycling only if gentle like Lyme Valley I know my way around this area it's about 5 mile and goes from far end of Silverdale to Newcastle Town FC with stops available e.g. cafe and toilets in Morrisons or at the café in car park etc."
- "Any group or multi-group activity"
- "Photography workshops, theatre or other events. "

The most popular option was trips and outings with 24 out of 28 respondents. The next most popular choice was walking – something we might want to consider offering more of though clearly it will not suit everyone. Drama, dance and digital skills were the least popular options though they all attracted more than a third of our respondents.

3. When are you most likely to attend our meetings and activities? (Please select all the times that suit you)

● Daytimes on weekdays (Mon-Fri)	25
● Daytimes at weekends	19
● Evenings on weekdays (Mon-Fri)	13
● Evenings at weekends	10
● Other	2

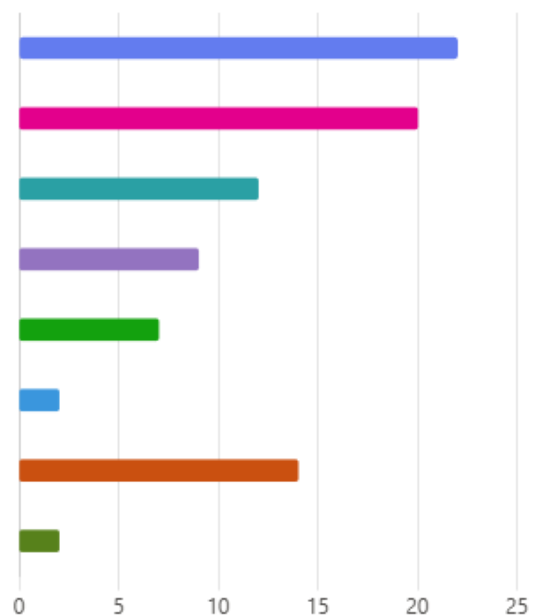


One person commented - "Not mornings, if a regular scheduled event."

Weekday daytimes suit most people (25) with daytimes at weekends being the next most popular option (19). Evenings on weekdays attract almost half our respondents and we should bear in mind that a few members work or have other daytime commitments.

4. How do you keep up with news about our meetings and activities (tick all that apply)

● Weekly OLGBT members mailings	22
● Monthly OLGBT newsletter	20
● OLGBT Website	12
● Members WhatsApp Group	9
● OLGBT Facebook Group	7
● Announcements on X (formerly Twitter)	2
● Word of mouth at OLGBT meetings	14
● Other	2



One person commented - "By pure chance" another said "Word of mouth via other people"

Three quarters of respondents read members mailings but that means a quarter do not. We need to consider improving other means of communication such as printed copies of a monthly diary available at social meetings.

5. Is there anything you would like to tell us or suggest?

There were 12 responses to this question:

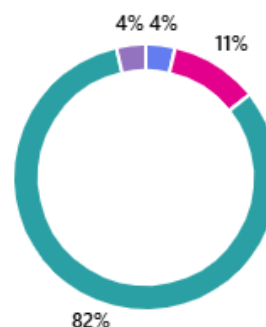
- Keep up the good work
- Try and encourage more women to join the group
- More personal sharing. Shared transport.
- Not really but would love to attend and meet people but sadly now living in Dorridge Birmingham And transport at night would cause a problem.
- Just I think you do a really great job of including everyone and offer lots of events for people to take part in. And may I suggest maybe every 3 months invite a benefits officer To help or sign post available finance help or supply details email
- Main problem for me is transport: only taxis after 6pm. Not comfortable with zoom, either. Would like to learn more about life-stories of participants.
- This group is such a lifesaver to prevent loneliness and increase community participation.
- No need to have a formal meeting at every social event. Publish ideas more in advance rather than decide on one day (based on who is in the room) so that members can make arrangements.
- Perhaps more outdoors activities when we have better weather summer time
- Amazed at how far the group has developed from a tiny handful of people on a col winter's day in December 2009
- Q2- Canal Boat Trip Definitely! Q3 - Evenings on Weekdays occasionally if bases improve every time Generally - all is well, we are catering for many tastes in social outings, theatre etc.
- I would like to join in with recitals i.e. poetry, play reading etc. as per "Queer Stuff". I do like performing, dance/plays etc if I have time (when I retire!!)

About You

Please tell us a bit about yourself so that we can make sure we are getting responses from a diverse range of members.

6. How would you describe your gender

• Non Binary	1
• Female	3
• Male	23
• Other	1



One other – “Non binary but strong tendencies towards trans feminine”

7. Do you identify as Trans

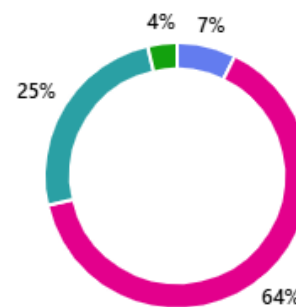
● Yes	2
● No	26
● Other	1



One other – “more towards trans feminine”

8. How would you describe your sexual orientation

● Lesbian	2
● Gay	18
● Bisexual	7
● Heterosexual	0
● Other	1

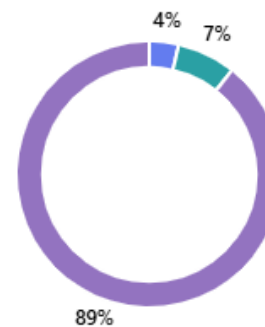


One other – “Queer and gay”

The number of respondents in question 6 identifying as female is very low as is the number of respondents identifying as lesbian in this question. There are a lot more women on our records who are members or prospective members. We need to consider how to improve our engagement with women in the group.

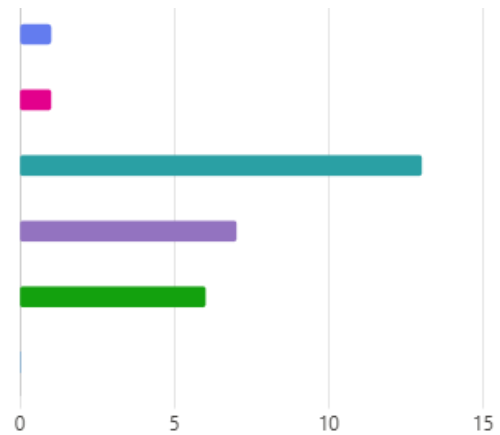
9. How would you describe your Ethnicity

● Asian or Asian British	1
● Black, African, Caribbean or Black British	0
● Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	2
● White British or White Other	25
● Other	0



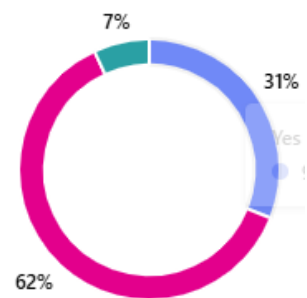
10. What is your age range?

● Under 50	1
● 50-59	1
● 60-69	13
● 70-79	7
● 80-89	6
● Over 90	0



11. Would you describe yourself as having a disability or sensory impairment

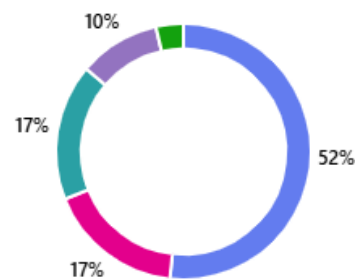
● Yes	9
● No	18
● Prefer not to say	2



We need to give thought to better meeting the needs of people with a disability or sensory impairment.

12. Which area do you live in?

● Stoke-on-Trent	15
● Newcastle-under-Lyme /North of the City	5
● Staffordshire Moorlands	5
● South Staffordshire	3
● Other	1



The split between Stoke and Staffordshire is almost even, Stoke-on-Trent 52% and the rest of Staffordshire 44% (The one person who chose other lives in Cheshire).