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# Working with primary aged children

## Findings from the NEON working group survey

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# NEON Primary Working Group

NEON Working Groups are led by members and focus on bringing individuals/organisations together to establish and take forward an agenda in different areas of access practice.

These groups share practice and shape the national agenda across the widening access landscape

- Established in 2013
- Over 20 members
- If you would like to join please email me w.Heasmer@brighton.ac.uk

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## Working with primary aged children - The survey

- Developed by the working group and sent out to all NEON members by the central NEON team

- 40 responses

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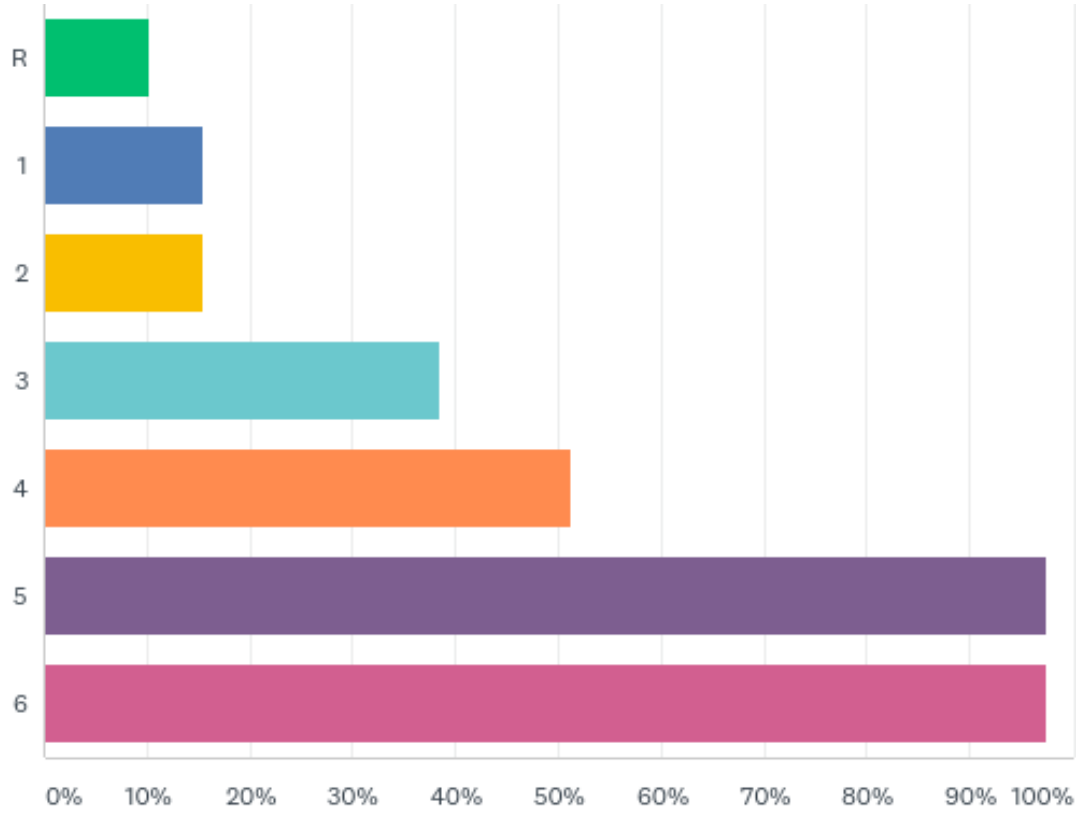
# Which age group do you work with?

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# Challenges

- None!
- Mostly getting contacts in the schools. Once we are in, we don't really face any particular challenges.
- School availability and staff cover - especially for on campus events, leading to cancellation at late notice and occasional poor attendance.
- If a challenge exists it is in relation to our capacity to meet demand
- Convincing some other staff of its relevance

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# Local issues

- Lack of role models attending university
- Very low levels of parental experience of HE.
- Little support for transition to secondary available at local secondary schools.
- issues of excellent primaries feeding into under-funded struggling secondary schools.
- first generation immigrant and refugee students
- Financial disadvantage

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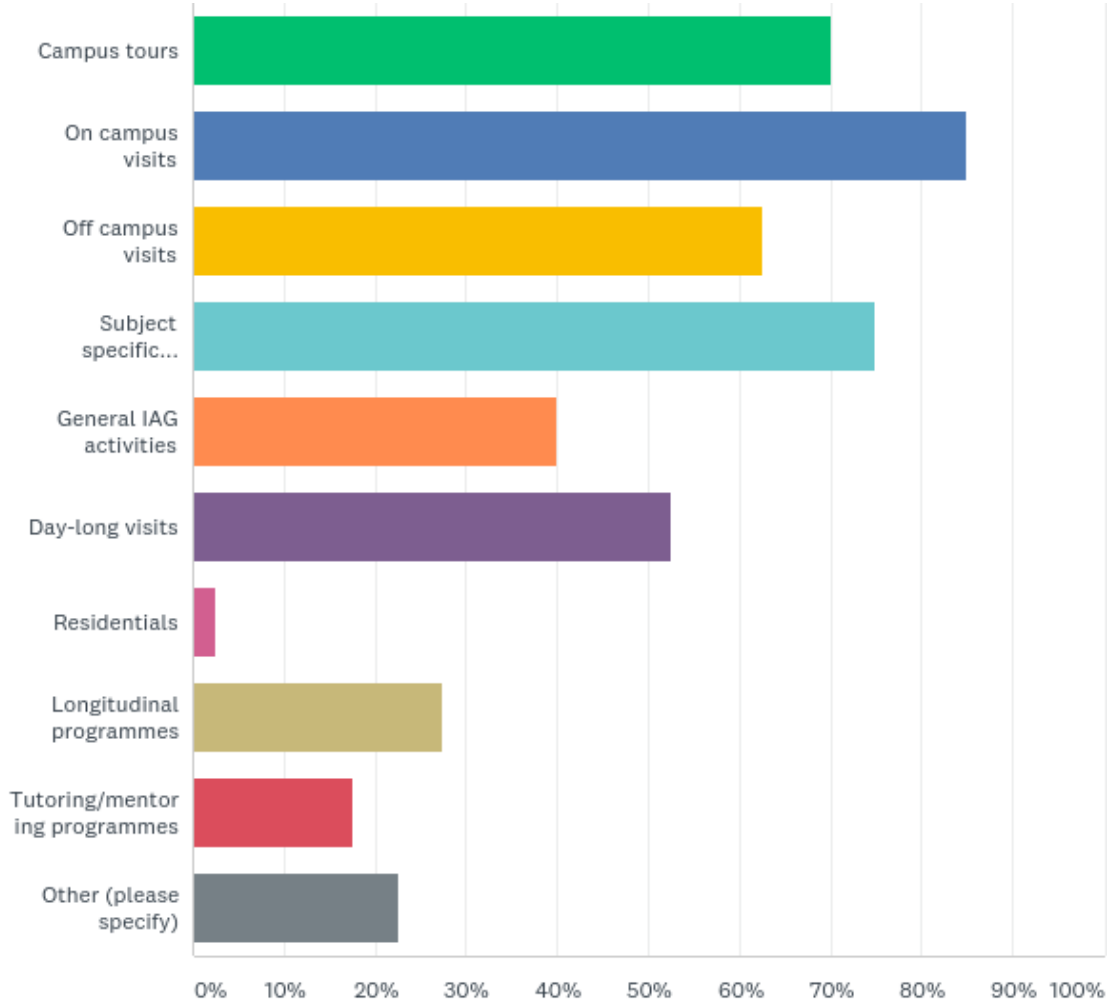
# What activities do you offer?

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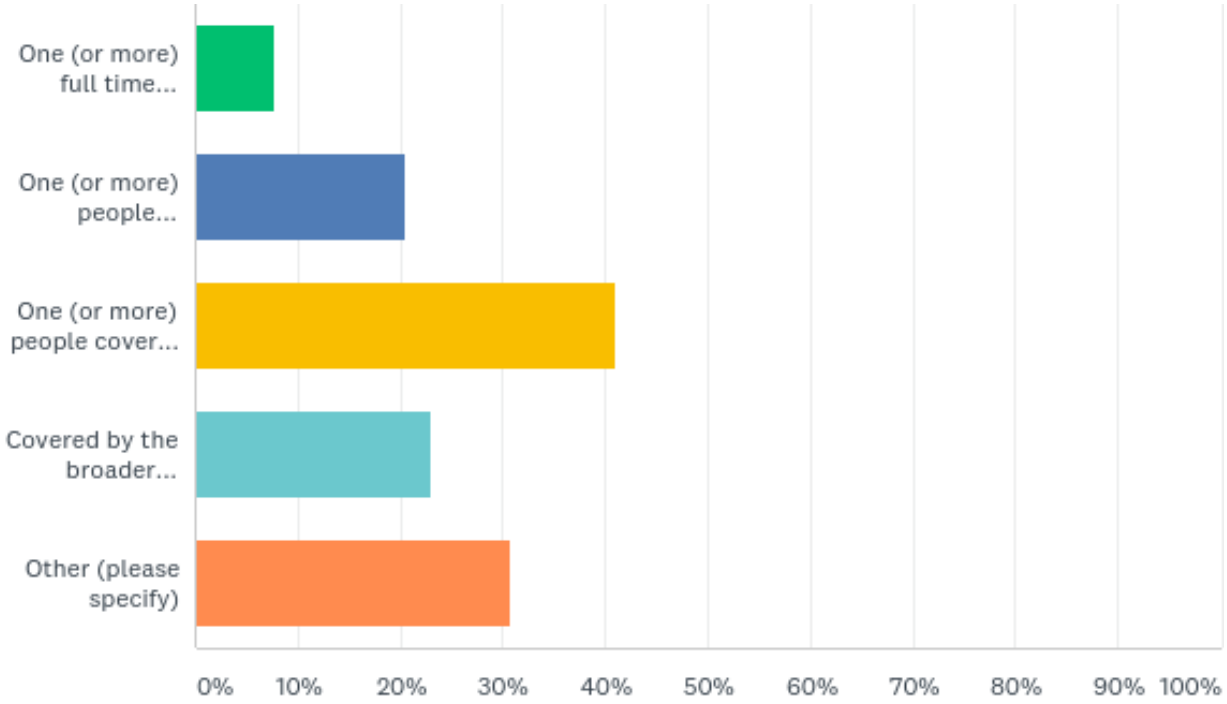
# Do you have a member of staff dedicated to Primary outreach

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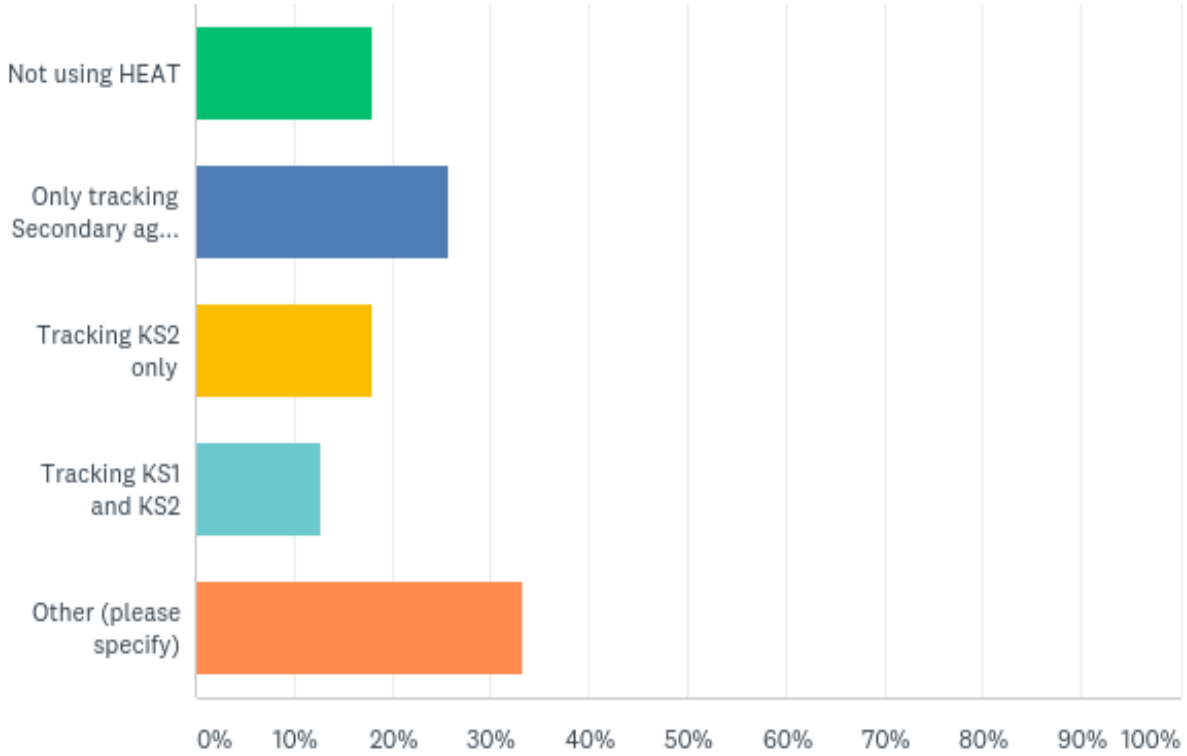
# Is your institution signed up to HEAT and are you tracking primary-aged participants?

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# Evaluation

- Colleagues mentioned a focus on evaluation for 17/18
- High percentage of N/A responses
- Collecting numbers but not impact

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