

The Cost-of-Living Crisis (Northern Ireland)

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Headlines

- **86%** answered they are concerned (extremely or fairly) about the impact of cost-of-living increases on their organisation.
- **90%** are concerned (extremely or fairly) about the impact of CoL on their young people.
- Group leaders' most common concern for their young people as a result of the CoL crisis was **disengagement from/reduced participation in sport and physical activity** (57%). Young people and families being **unable to afford activities/subscriptions** was the next most common (40%).
- Other notable concerns for their young people highlighted by groups leaders included **nutrition/household food insecurity** (32%), **heating/fuel poverty** (19%), and **travel costs** (19%).
- **The majority of respondents (40%)** have seen **a reduction in financial support from external funding streams** because of CoL pressures (i.e. from local businesses, trusts and foundations, etc) – 25% haven't, with 26% unsure.
- **68%** reported their group **has made a change to tackle cost-of-living increases**.
- By far the most common change has been **to reduce membership fees for young people** (67%). The next most common change has been to **provide free memberships for young people** (28%).
- The most common priority funding areas because of CoL pressures are **delivery costs** (73%), **core costs** (61%), and **purchasing equipment to support sessions** (59%).
- **Nearly two-thirds (61%) of respondents need £1,000 – £9,999 to support their CoL priorities over the next six months**. 32% need £10,000 or more.
- **Two-thirds of respondents (63%)** indicated **up to half their young people won't be able to attend activities over the next six months** because of CoL pressures.