

## The Cost-of-Living Crisis (Scotland)

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### Headlines

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- **98%** answered they are concerned (extremely or fairly) about the impact of cost-of-living increases on their organisation.
- **99%** 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** (60%). Young people and families being **unable to afford activities/subscriptions** was the next most common (50%).
- Other notable concerns for their young people highlighted by groups leaders included **mental health** (21%) and **nutrition/household food insecurity** (12%).
- **The majority of respondents (43%)** have seen **a reduction in financial support from external funding streams** because of CoL pressures (i.e. from local businesses, trusts and foundations, etc) – 30% haven't, with 11% unsure.
- **77%** reported their group **has made a change to tackle cost-of-living increases**.
  - The most common change has been **to reduce membership fees for young people** (57%), closely followed by **providing free membership** for young people (53%).
- The most common priority funding areas because of CoL pressures are **delivery costs** (64%), **core costs** (59%), and **training and volunteers** (40%).
- **Nearly two-thirds (60%) of respondents need £1,000 – £9,999 to support their CoL priorities over the next six months**. 37% need £10,000 or more.
- **Four in five respondents (80%)** indicated **up to half their young people won't be able to attend activities over the next six months** because of CoL pressures.