## **Community Pulse**

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



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## Headlines

- 95% answered they are concerned (extremely or fairly) about the impact of cost-of-living increases on their organisation.
- 92% 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 (61%). Young people and families being unable to afford activities/subscriptions was the next most common (52%).
- Other notable concerns for their young people highlighted by groups leaders included travel costs (18%) and mental health (15%).
- Half of respondents (50%) have seen a reduction in financial support from external funding streams because of CoL pressures (i.e. from local businesses, trusts and foundations, etc) 19% haven't, with 19% unsure.
- 67% 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 (50%), followed by free membership fees for young people (29%) and free meals or food for young people (29%).
- The most common priority funding areas because of CoL pressures are **delivery costs** (67%), **core costs** (61%), and **training and volunteers** (53%).
- Just over half (55%) of respondents need £1,000 £9,999 to support their CoL priorities over the next six months. 39% need £10,000 or more.
- Nearly two-thirds (61%) indicated up to half their young people won't be able to attend activities over the next six months because of CoL pressures.

