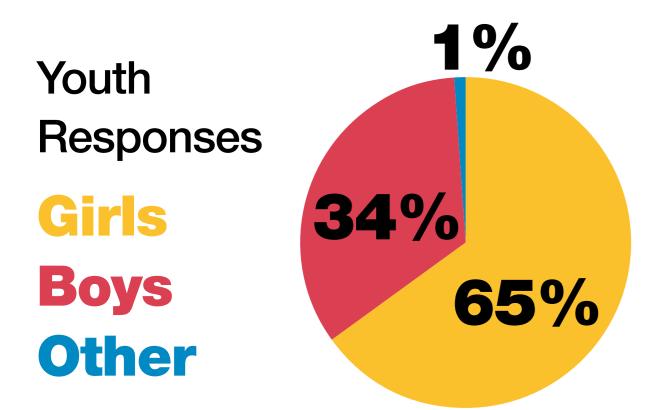
# Youth Consultation – Results Are Out!



Galway Community Circus conducted an in-depth youth consultation with children, young people and their communities in early 2022 as part of the planning process for our 2022-2027 strategic plan. The purpose of this consultation was to gather information on the needs and wishes of our participants towards the direction of our programmes, analyse possible barriers for participation and provide recommendations on our future development.

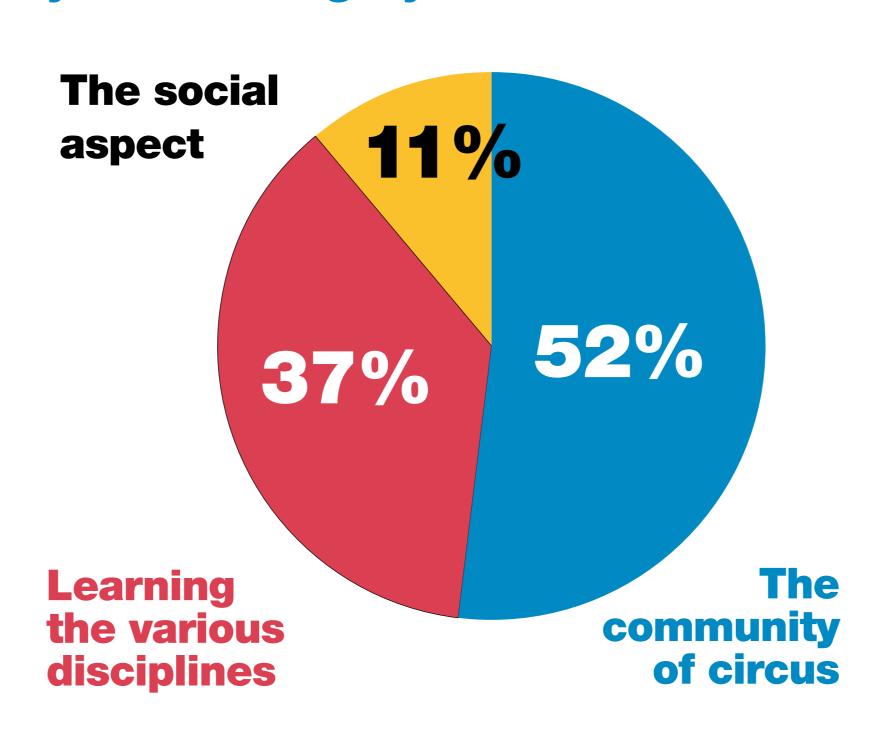


**170 people** engaged in this consultation through an in-person youth consultation weekend, membership surveys, parents/guardians' surveys and targeted surveys for minority groups, members and non-members. The consultation was co-designed with and by young people.

# What language do you speak at home?

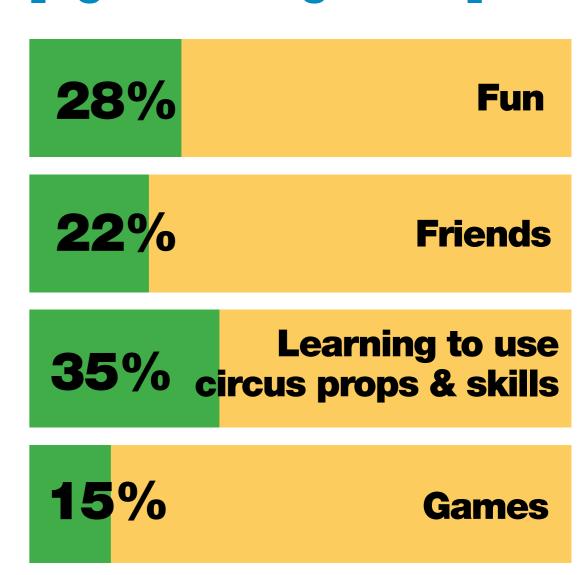
47%	English
9%	Polish
9%	French
7%	Irish
5%	Turkish
4%	Spanish
4%	Catalan
4%	Italian
3%	Azerbaijani
3%	Japanese
3%	Dutch
1%	Swedish

If a current member, what kept you in circus through your teenage years?



## What do you like about GCC?

[Age 5-7 & Age 8-11]



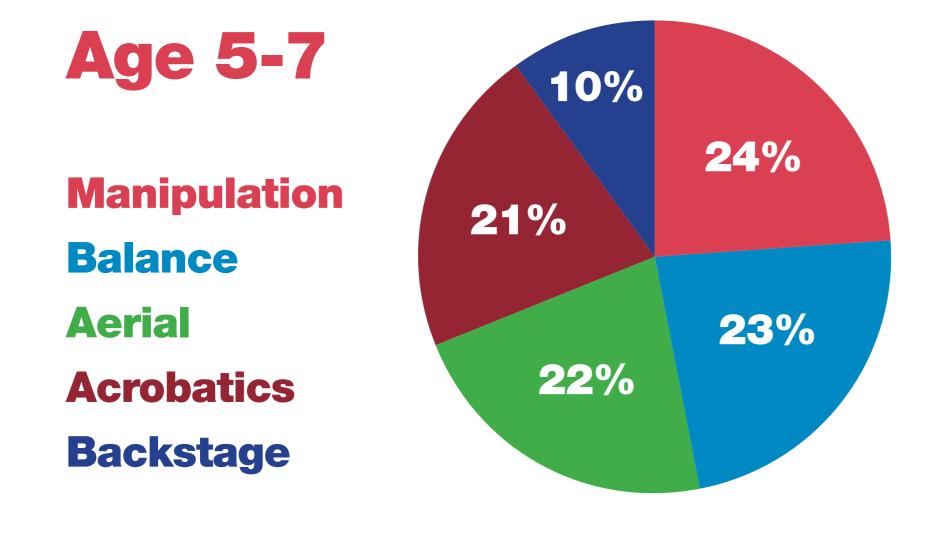
## What don't you like about GCC?

46%	Leaving
39%	Not enough/long enough classes

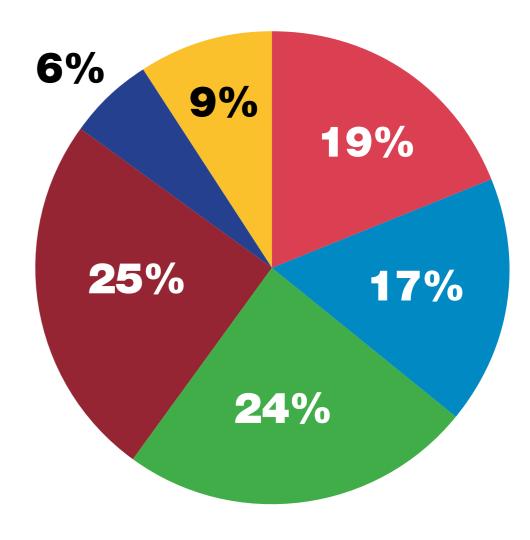
Would you be more likely to attend circus classes regularly if GCC was delivering classes in your local area?



#### What are the circus activities you want to learn? [117 Responses]



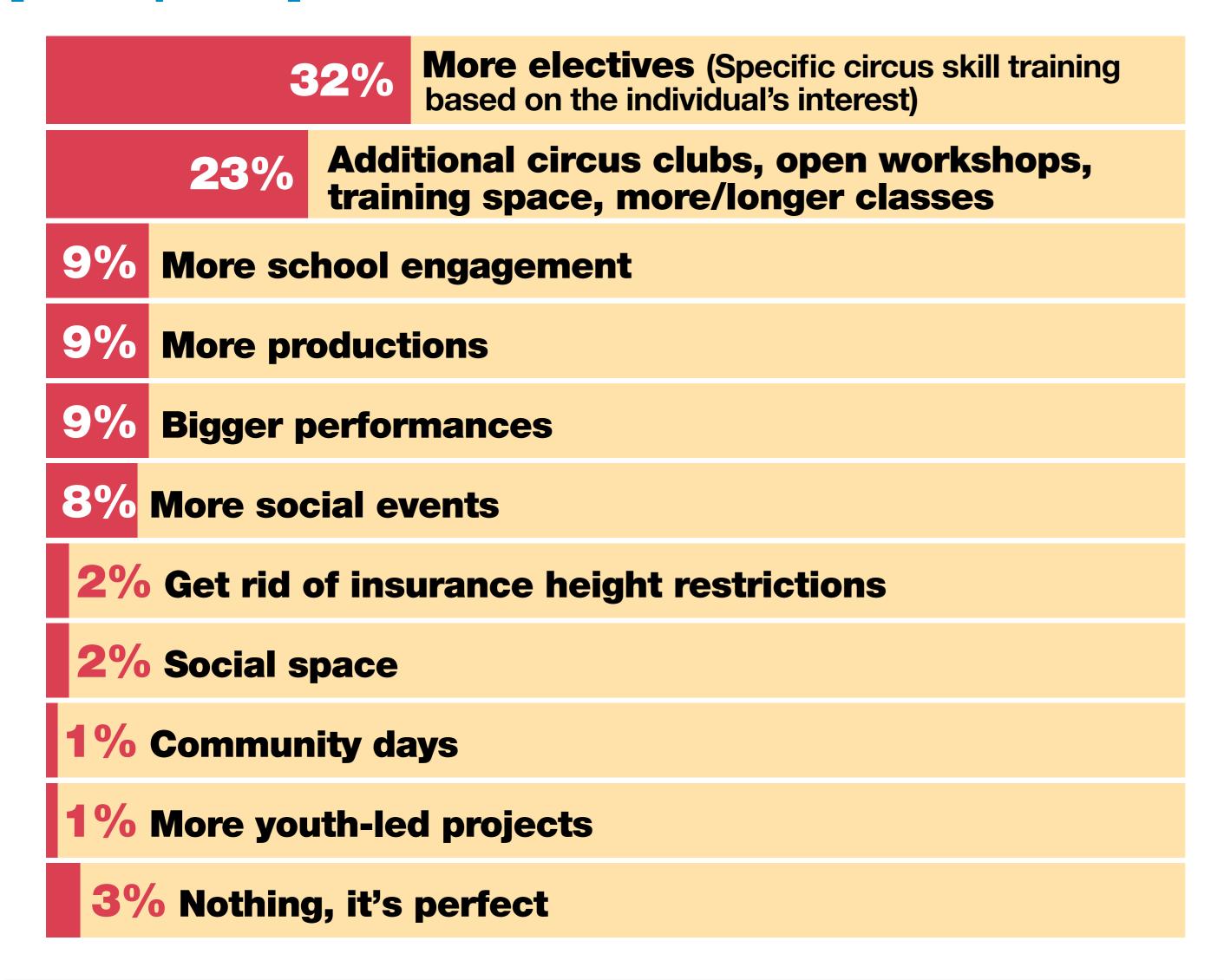
Age 8-11
Aerial
Acrobatics
Balance
Manipulation
Performance
Backstage

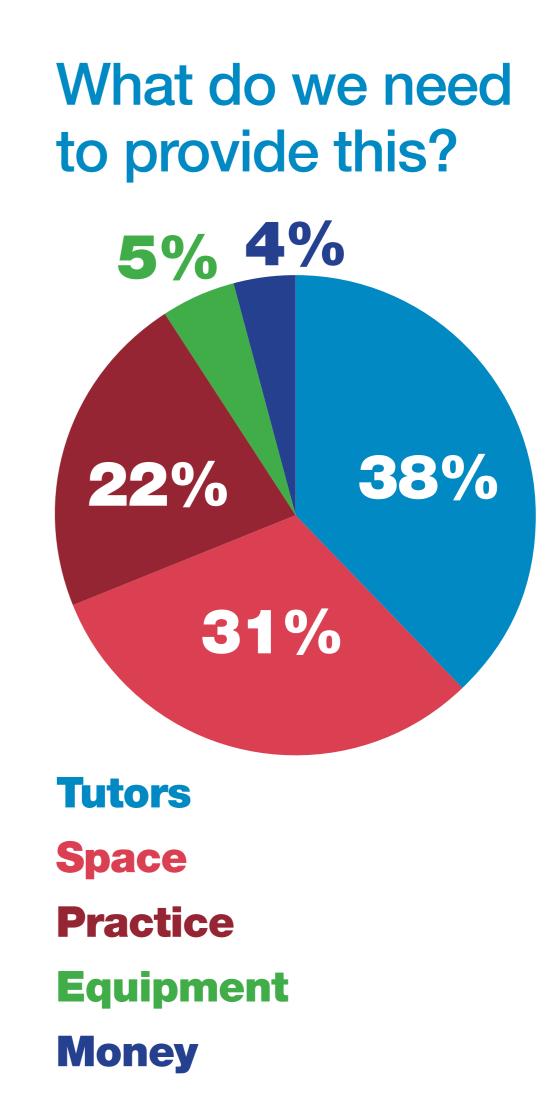


# What do you want more of in your circus?

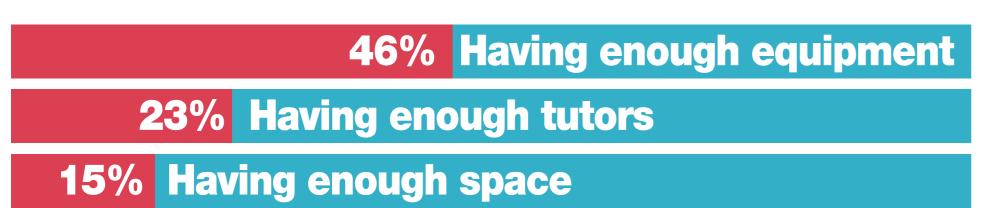


[88 Responses]





#### What are the challenges to do this?

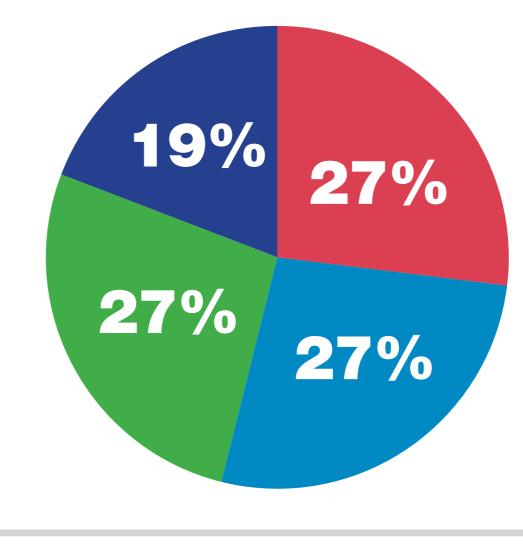


8% Having enough participants4% Having enough time4% Having enough money

### Performance

You said you want more performances and film opportunities. We asked, 'what is movie/performance?' You said...

[58 Responses]

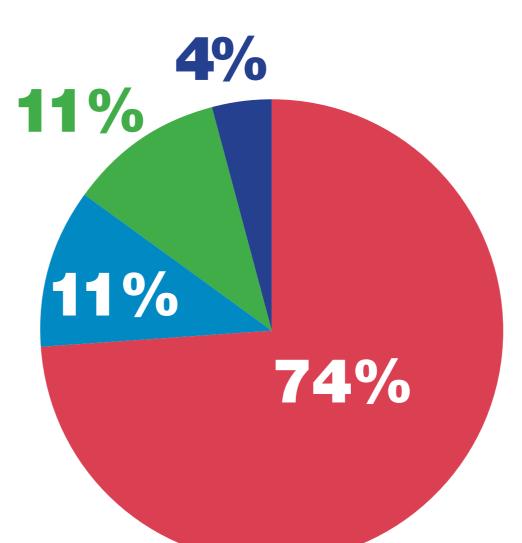


Live audience
Making a movie
Special effects
Acting

### Circus in School 11%

You said you think circus should be in school. How would you see circus being used in school?

[27 Responses]



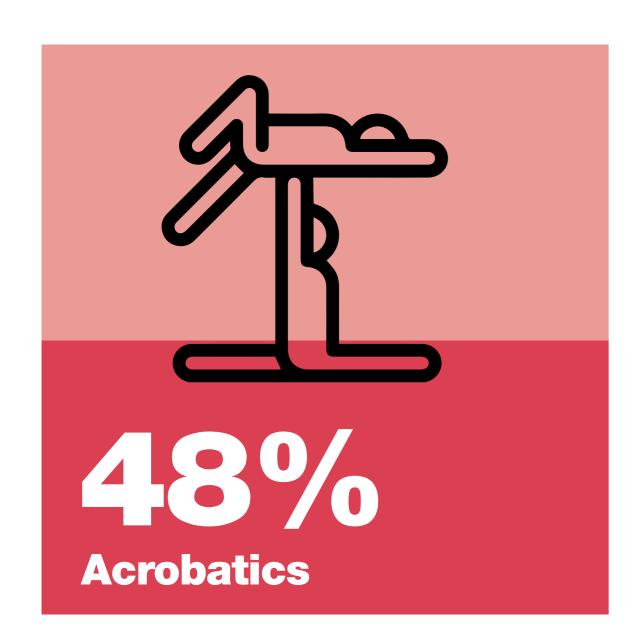
Physical education
Circus delivered through
different languages
Circus with music
Circus with art

## Urban Circus

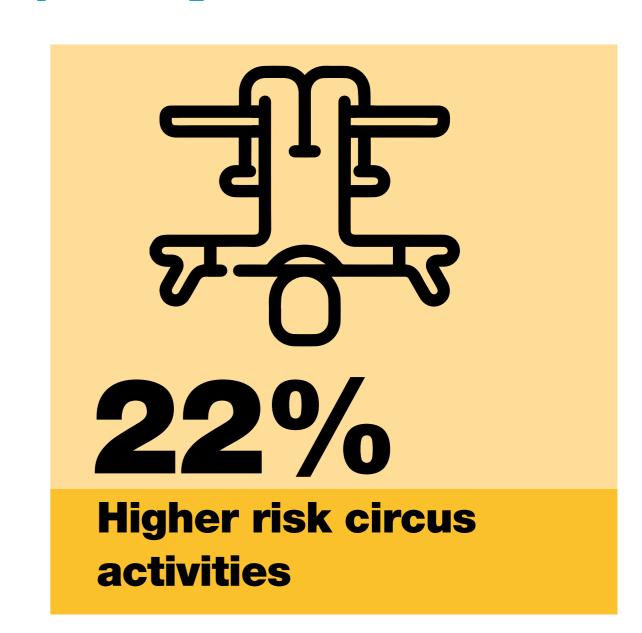


You said you want to do more Urban Circus.

We asked 'What is Urban Circus?' You said... [41 Responses]







What would we need to do this?

24% Specific circus equipment

19% Tech to record the cool stuff we do

15% Skilled tutors

19% Specific indoor and outdoor space

19% Safety equipment

4% Stunt doubles

### Get Involved

You said you would like to be more involved in the Circus outside of your classes through... [29 Responses]

Assisting in teaching and planning for younger member classes

28%

Backstage ninjas for younger shows (learning set making, sound engineering, lighting design, etc.)

24%

**Drop-in training** 

24%

Social space

10%

Would you be more interested in developing circus techniques and performance skills (back flips, parkour, aerial hoop, hula hoop, trapeze, etc.) or circus production skills (set design, sound, light, makeup etc.)

**53%** 

Circus techniques and performance skills

**Circus production skills** 

47%

Anything else you would like to say to the Circus?

47% I want to get better at circus skills

28% I love circus

25% I want to join

# Feedback from Parents/Guardians



What benefits do you see in your child from attending circus classes?

34% Happiness	
22% Confidence	
16% Physical development	
15% More social skills	
13% Better understanding of teamwork	

In your opinion, what does circus offer, that other activities do not?

15% Non-competitive	
12% Inclusion	
11% A safe place	
11% Creativity	
11% Variety	
9% Physicality	
8% Uniqueness	
8% Non-gendered	
8% Youth autonomy	
7% Diversity	

What is the biggest obstacle towards your child's inclusion in activities that you face? (In any and all activities, not just circus.)

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29% Location of activity
21% Shyness
14% Language barrier
11% Cost
25% None
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If there was something you could change about Galway Community Circus, what would it be?

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21% Classes straight after school (2.45, 1.30 etc.)

18% More/longer classes

15% More parental involvement

6% Updates to parents from classes (highlights, stories, seeing some of the class)

6% Smaller groups

6% The height restriction

29% Not a thing
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