



ESPOO
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Youth participation in Espoo



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Espoo City Strategy 2017-2021: The Espoo Story

Our vision

A networked Espoo comprising five city centres will be a pioneering responsible and humane city that is a good place to live, learn, work and do business in and **where residents can have their say in matters.**

6 000
story writers

20 000
ideas and comments





Children and youth participation at Espoo Education and Cultural Services

Experience level

- "I matter, I belong to a community, I can participate and have an impact."

Action level

- Daily life actions
- Children and young people take part in the planning, development and evaluation of activities

Structural level

- There are functional structures for children and youth participation



What we do

Mandatory city
youth council

Mandatory student
associations at school

Curriculum

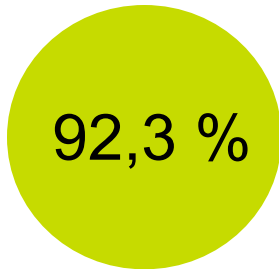
Participatory
budgeting at the
youth services

A hobby for all

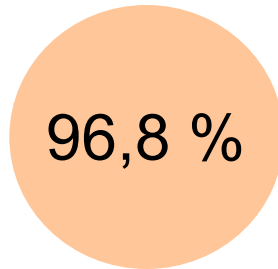
Service
development

Most children attend a hobby at least once a week

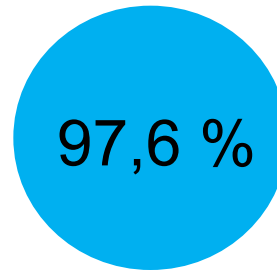
Basic education:
Grade 4 and 5



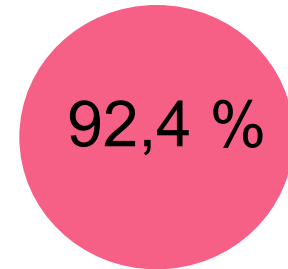
Basic education:
Grade 8 and 9



Upper secondary
schools: Year 1 and 2

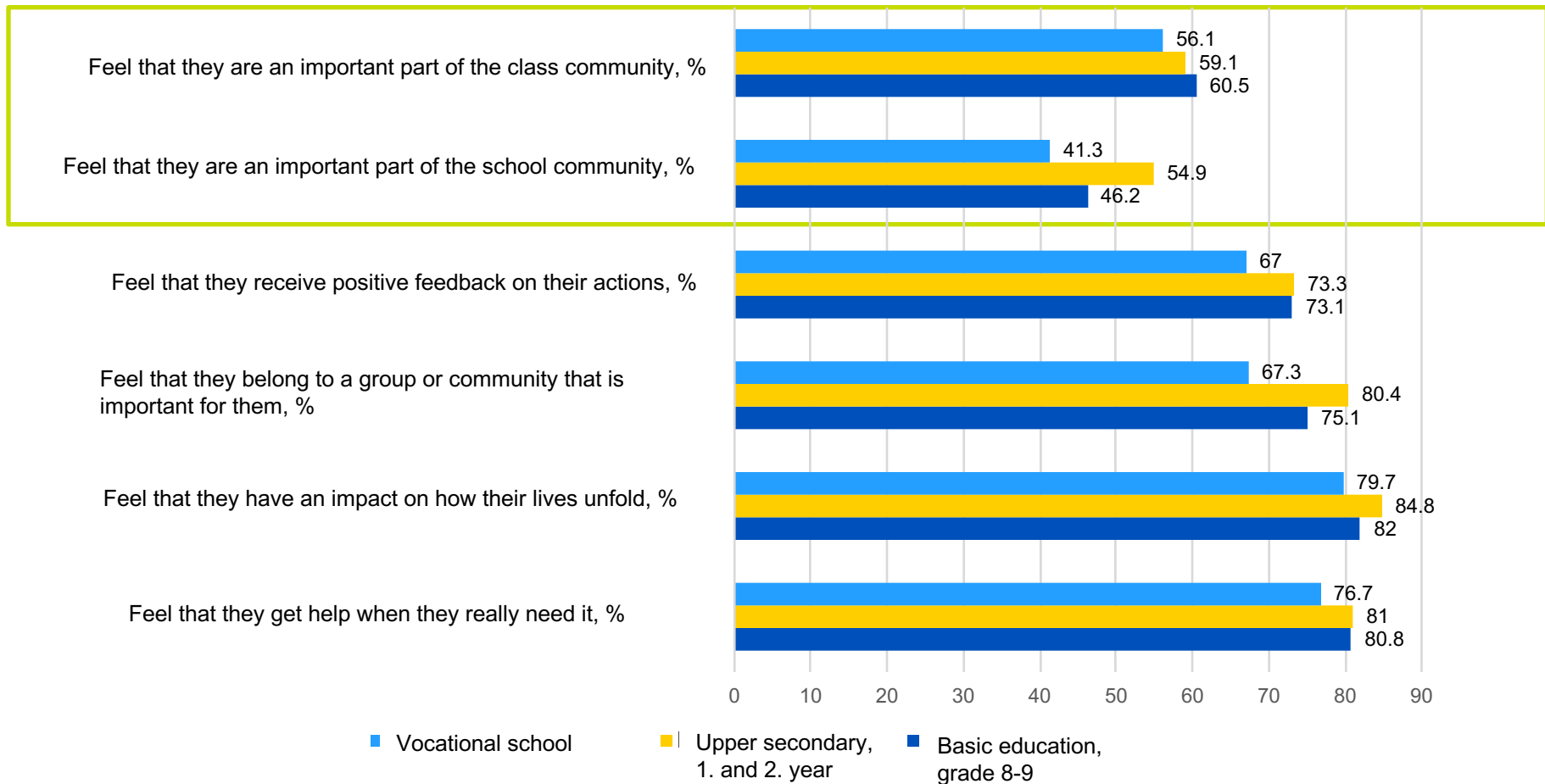


Vocational schools:
Year 1 and 2



We still have work ahead of us

Students' experiences of participation – extract from





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Thank you