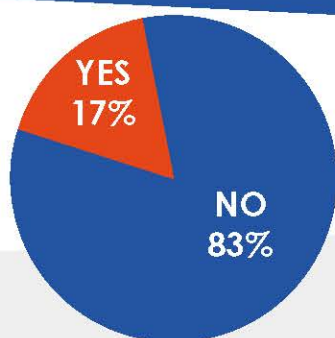


April Insights at a glance

We asked:

Do you consider the organisation you work for to be faith-based? Then, how often do you partner or collaborate with faith based / non faith based organisations?

We had **396** responses



The vast majority (83%) of respondents did not consider the organisation they work for to be faith based and 17% did.

Key Insights

- Organisations that considered themselves to be **faith based** had **strong and frequent collaboration with non-faith based organisations**, with 66% collaborating very frequently (multiple times a month).
- However, two thirds (67%) of organisations that **did not consider themselves faith based** rarely or never partnered with faith based organisations.
- Together, faith-based youth organisations have high rates of partnership working with secular youth work organisations. While secular youth organisations had much lower rates of engagement with faith based ones.
- While this may seem counterintuitive, it reflects broader trends in reporting on the makeup of the youth sector. Faith-based youth organisations represent a smaller proportion of overall youth provision (see, NYA, 2023, 12), so it's less likely for secular/non-faith based organisations to regularly partner with them simply because there are fewer for them to partner with.

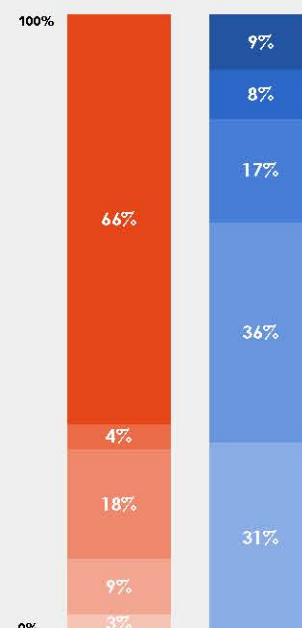
However, it's tricky to know whether this is due to an actual decline in faith-based youth organisations, or that these organisations may not be engaged or recognised in the same way as non-faith-based youth organisations.

We have also seen that some faith based youth provision may not be recognised as youth provision and can be community level support for young people and older adults.

How often do...

faith-based youth orgs partner with non-faith based ones?

non faith-based youth orgs partner with faith based ones?



Very frequently (multiple times a month)

Frequently (approx. once a month)

Occasionally (every few months)

Rarely (once or twice a year)

Never

Exploring the Insights

Given the key insights ahead, we need to better understand the collaborations taking place to better inform and share practice. Whilst there is a need for more research in this area, the insights have helped to identify what drivers need to be better understood, such as:

- The value of faith based youth provision and examples of faith-based practice in action
- The drivers for collaboration – e.g. why are the organisations who collaborate most regularly doing so
- The challenges of collaboration
- How organisations are self-defining as faith-based/non faith-based
- Where faith-based provision is being delivered but isn't being recognised as such.

Having more opportunities for future research in these areas will allow how secular organisations understand more about the value of faith based provision and may encourage more collaboration. This will also help to understand faith-based organisations challenges, and enable infrastructure organisations to better support them.