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# National Youth Justice Conference 2021 Evaluation

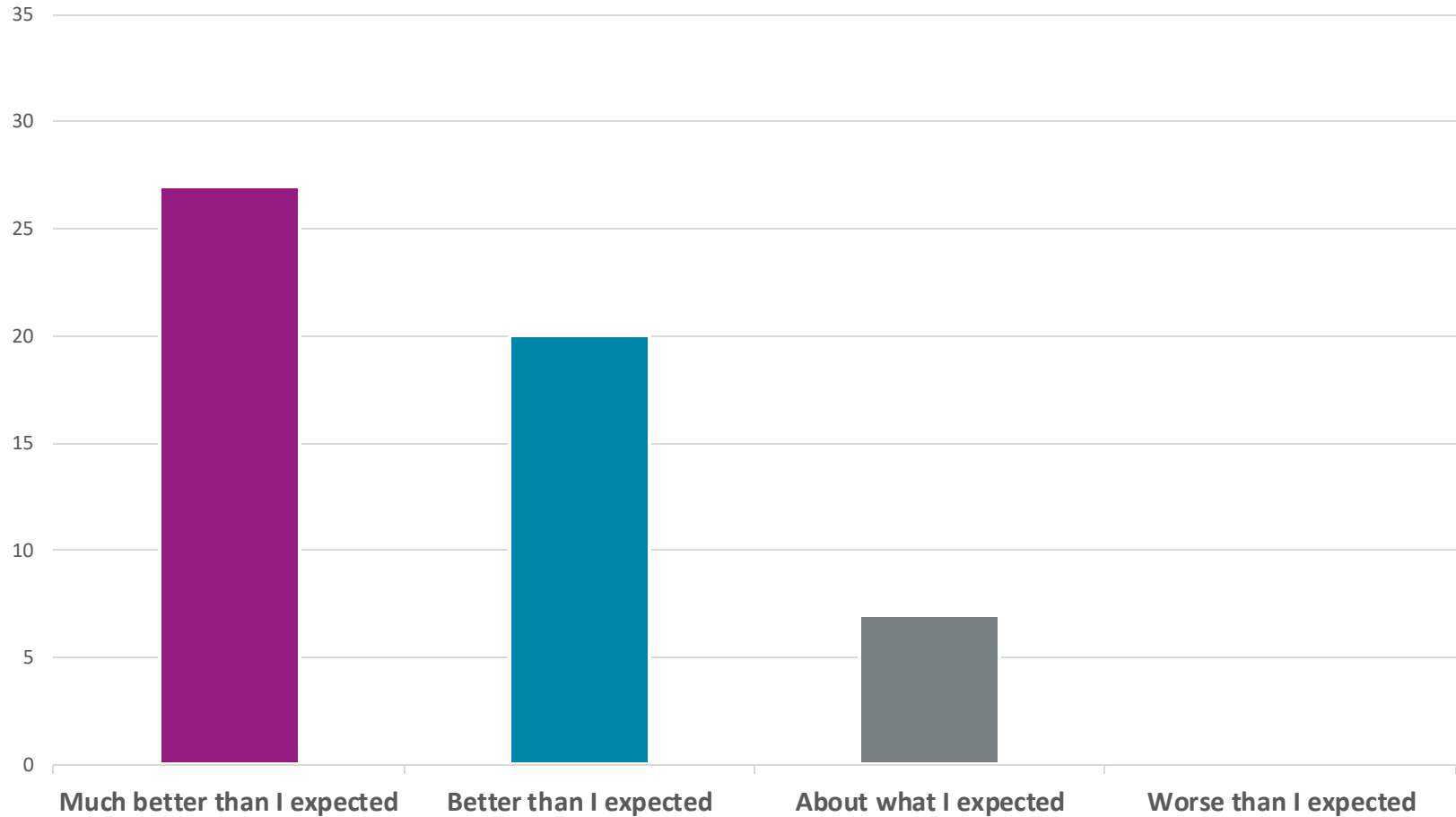
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## Survey Responses

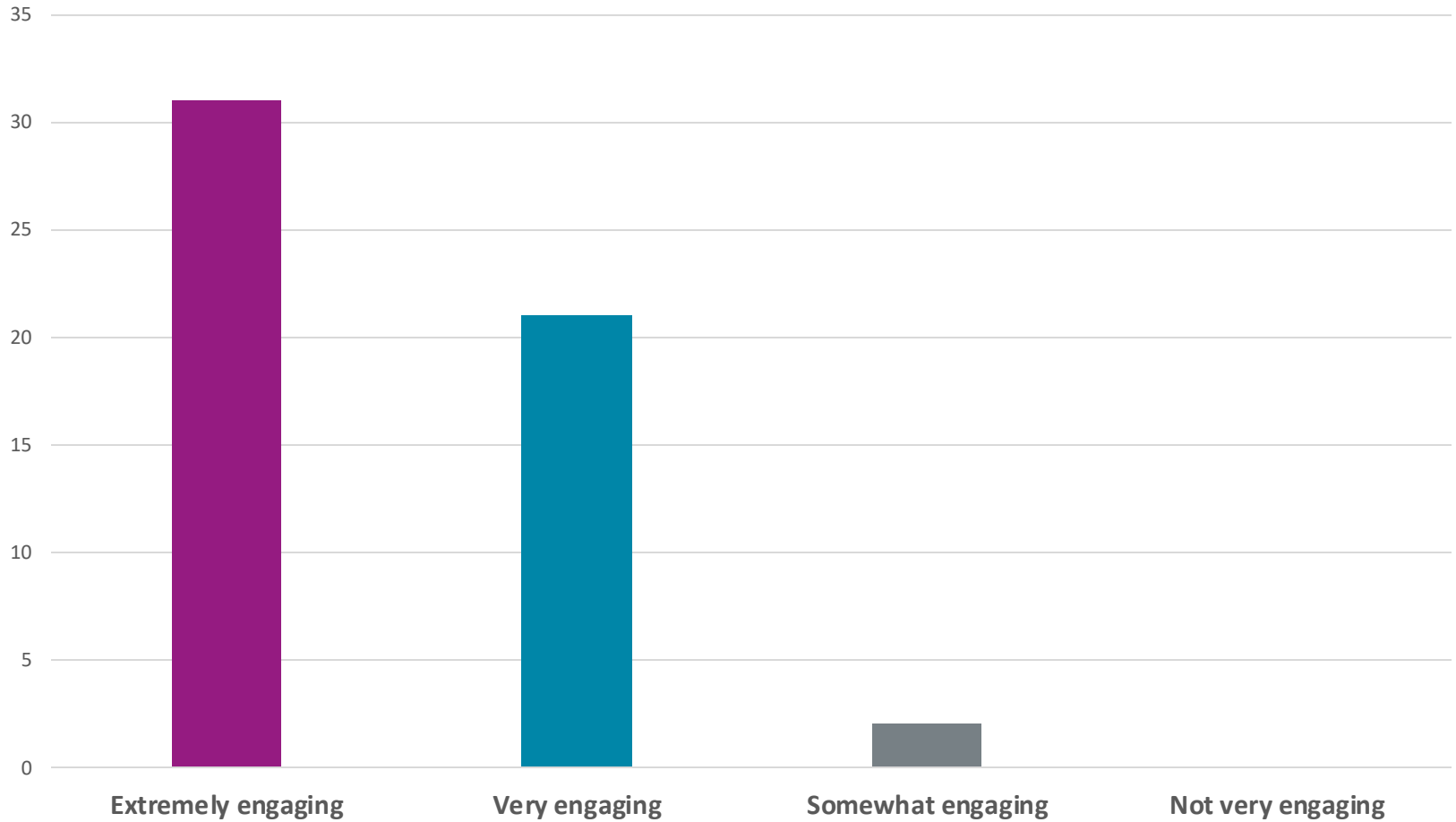
### 54 responses

- 21 from Local Authorities/Social Work
- 14 from Third Sector organisations
- 6 from Universities/Colleges
- 3 from Police Scotland
- 3 from Education Scotland
- 2 from Scottish Government
- 2 from Care Inspectorate
- 1 from Scottish Prison Service
- 1 from Children's Hearing System
- 1 from HM Inspectorate of Prosecution

## How well did the event meet your expectations?



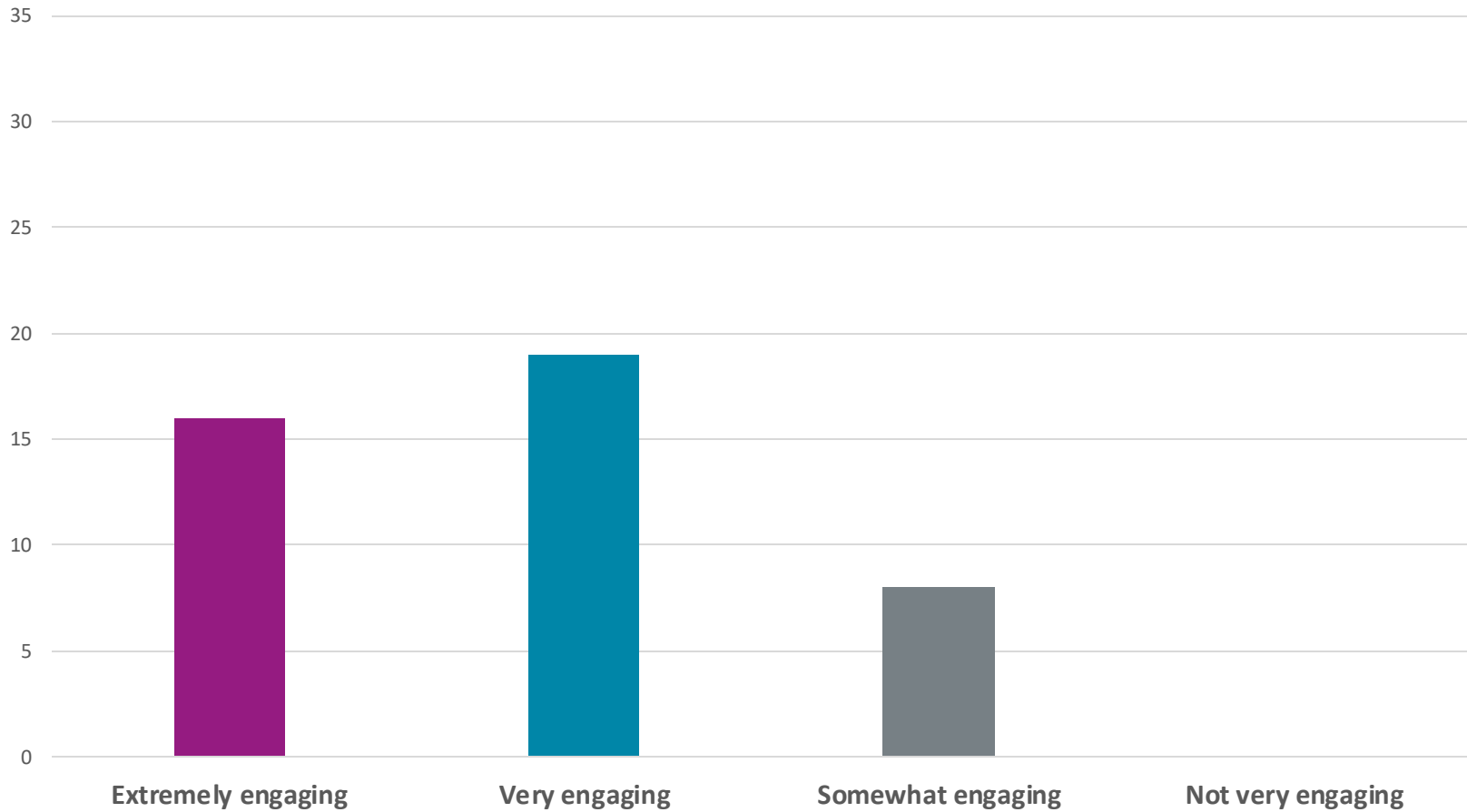
## How engaging were the speakers?





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## How engaging were the workshops?





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## What is the most important thing you have learned from this event?

### Importance of participation and co-production

- *“The conference reinforced the importance of meaningful participation which is continuous, not only seeking children's views but actively demonstrating how they are being considered and influencing decision.”*

### Insights from those with lived experience and importance of listening to children and young people

- *“The first hand story from survivor Hannah was amazing. So thought provoking from a social work perspective. The importance of our engagement/ interaction/ involvement.”*

### That there is a wide-ranging community in Scotland committed to improving lives of children and young people and need for collaboration and partnership working across this

- *“That there is a community of like-minded people and we're trying to work towards similar goals - particularly reassuring after 15 months working at home with limited contact with others - it was invigorating!”*



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## Please list any aspects of the event that you think worked well

### Mix of passionate speakers with different perspectives

- *“Hannah Snow and Iain Smith were the standout speakers for me - personal, passionate, well informed. Really good mix of academic, practical and lived experience contributions. Loved the art work video.”*
- *“Very well organised, good balance of speakers, incredible enthusiasm and passion ... Hannah!”*

### Virtual format and scope for interaction

- *“Free, online event was fantastic for me - I'm in the north of Scotland so would not be able to attend 'normal' event in Stirling because of budget and time constraints. Allowed me to access a really informative, useful event that would normally be a no go”*
- *“It actually worked really well virtually, so interactive”*

### Organisation and pre-event communication

- *“One of the better events I've been to from a technical point of view. Also great communication pre event so everything was clear.”*



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## Please list any aspects of the event that you think could have been improved

### Workshops

- *"I thought that there could have been more workshops on offer as these can be more interactive and of a particular interest."*
- *"longer workshop time so there can be more discussion time"*

### In-person event next year

- *"Thought it was very good but can't wait to get back to an event where we can meet people and have the opportunity to network and discuss more over a coffee break. Online approach is very good also so in future maybe a blended approach could work even better, one day online and one day at venue perhaps"*

### Imbalanced speakers

- *"I'm not sure the presentations were balanced, it would have been good to hear from children and young people who had supportive social workers, those who might not have been ready to listen or work with workers but workers stuck around to support what was in the child/young person's best interests. The Promise provided a similar negative message, we need to be careful to portray balanced accounts of practice"*





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## What other subject matters would you liked to have seen covered?

- Alternative to criminalisation / courts
- Role of and impact on education
- Revised youth justice standards and what they mean in practice
- More input from young people
- Input from/about children and young people who have been criminally exploited
- Challenges to participation in more complex environments
- Restorative approaches
- Experience of children and young people who have had to digitally engaged in care/justice systems
- More linkage with the Promise
- Childrens hearing system and how referral process could be improved
- More covid-19 specific inputs, how practice has changed etc.
- Prevention and early intervention
- Mental Health