

## TellUs Survey Results Pertaining to Play Opportunities

The TellUs survey is a survey of children and young people across England, asking their views about their local area, and including questions covering the five Every Child Matters outcomes.

For each yearly survey a sample of schools are selected within each local authority, representing the different types of schools in each area. The schools are then provided with guidance detailing how to select pupils to take part in the survey.

The results pertaining to play and activities from the 2008 & 2009 surveys are presented below. The questions are shown in the same way they were presented to respondents. The questions were developed through cognitive testing with children, to ensure they understood the questions and could answer them in a meaningful way. This means that some of the questions, such as self-defining a disability, may not give data consistent with 'standard' definitions.

The responses from the survey were weighted to ensure that the report at local authority and national level is representative of the population of Year 6, 8 and 10 children within that area in terms of the following characteristics: gender, proportion of children eligible for free school meals in the school (as a proxy for deprivation) and type of school.

In regard to the Tellus3 Survey, population data for 2007 from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) was used to derive the weights, and the number of children attending Pupil Referral Units was obtained from the 2007 School Level Annual School Census (SLASC).

In regard to the Tellus4 Survey, population data for 2008 from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) was used to derive the weights, and the number of children attending Pupil Referral Units was obtained from the 2008 School Level Annual School Census (SLASC).

Please note there was a low participation rate for Tellus3 and no year 10 pupils took part.

| Category   | <b>Tellus3</b> |         |
|--|----------------|---------|
|  | LA             | NAT     |
|  | All (%)        | All (%) |
| <b>Which of these, if any, would you like to go to that you don't at the moment? (Tick all that apply)</b> |                |         |
| Local park or playground   | 19             | 18      |
| Cinema or theatre  | 41             | 37      |
| A music concert or gig   | 42             | 39      |
| Swimming pool (not in school lessons)  | 32             | 29      |
| Sports club or class (where I've done sport not just watched it)   | 19             | 20      |
| Gym  | 39             | 38      |
| A youth club or youth group with organised activities run by adults  | 18             | 16      |
| Faith or community group   | 5              | 6       |
| A youth centre/café to meet friends (with few or no organised activities)                                  | 20             | 18      |
| Art, craft, dance, drama, film/video-making group or class (not in school lessons)                         | 28             | 26      |
| Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)  | 18             | 14      |
| Library/museum   | 14             | 14      |
| Residential course (e.g. outward bound)  | 18             | 13      |
| Something else   | 21             | 21      |
| Nothing (I don't want to go to anything else)  | 8              | 11      |
| <b>Overall, what do you think of the activities and things to do in your area? (Tick one option only)</b>  |                |         |
| Very good  | 18             | 14      |
| Fairly good  | 39             | 35      |
| Neither good nor poor  | 22             | 22      |
| Fairly poor  | 9              | 14      |
| Very poor  | 9              | 12      |
| Don't know   | 2              | 3       |

**In the last four weeks, have you participated in any group activity led by an adult outside school lessons (such as sports, arts, or a youth group)? (Tick one option only)**

|            |    |    |
|------------|----|----|
| Yes        | 73 | 62 |
| No         | 22 | 34 |
| Don't know | 5  | 5  |

**Which of these things have you been to in the last four weeks (not including things as part of school lessons)? (Tick all options that apply)**

|   |    |    |
|---|----|----|
| Local park or playground  | 77 | 74 |
| Cinema or theatre   | 54 | 56 |
| A music concert or gig  | 13 | 15 |
| Swimming pool (not in school lessons)                                     | 58 | 46 |
| Sports club or class (where I've done sport not just watched it)          | 68 | 58 |
| Gym   | 24 | 27 |
| A youth club or youth group with organised activities run by adults       | 40 | 32 |
| Faith or community group  | 14 | 13 |
| A youth centre/café to meet friends (with few or no organised activities) | 36 | 36 |
| Art, craft, dance, drama, film/video-making group or class                | 37 | 27 |
| Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)                             | 22 | 19 |
| Library/museum  | 45 | 34 |
| Residential course (e.g. outward bound)                                   | 12 | 10 |
| Something else  | 69 | 68 |

**Which of these things would do the most to make your area a better place for you to live? (Tick all options that apply)**

|  |    |    |
|--|----|----|
| Better shops   | 33 | 45 |
| Cleaner and less litter                                      | 47 | 48 |
| Better sports clubs or centres                               | 36 | 44 |
| Better public transport (such as buses, trains, underground) | 16 | 25 |
| Safer roads  | 37 | 37 |
| Better activities for children and young people              | 42 | 46 |
| Safer area or less crime                                     | 31 | 39 |
| Better parks and play areas                                  | 55 | 47 |
| Fewer young people hanging around                            | 31 | 27 |
| Something else   | 9  | 10 |
| Don't know   | 1  | 3  |
| None (the area is fine as it is)                             | 4  | 4  |

**What do you think of the parks and play areas in your area? (Tick one option only)**

|                       |    |    |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| Very good             | 9  | 10 |
| Fairly good           | 40 | 34 |
| Neither good nor poor | 24 | 23 |
| Fairly poor           | 14 | 15 |
| Very poor             | 12 | 15 |
| Don't know            | 1  | 3  |

**Thinking about all of the things that have been covered in the survey, what if anything, would do most to make your life better? (Tick one option only)**

|   |    |    |
|---|----|----|
| More help to do better at school                              | 8  | 11 |
| Better school lessons   | 7  | 11 |
| Less bullying   | 9  | 9  |
| More organised activities and things to do                    | 9  | 8  |
| More places where I can go to spend time with my friends      | 28 | 22 |
| More say in how things are run at school or in the local area | 4  | 3  |
| More ways I can volunteer or help people                      | 3  | 2  |
| More advice about being healthy                               | 4  | 2  |
| More help to plan for my future                               | 12 | 15 |
| More help to feel safer at school and in the local area       | 3  | 4  |
| Something else  | 5  | 4  |
| Don't know  | 5  | 5  |
| None of these   | 4  | 4  |

| Tellus4 |         |
|---------|---------|
| LA      | NAT     |
| All (%) | All (%) |

| What do you think of the parks and play areas in your area? |    |    |
|---|----|----|
| Very good   | 14 | 15 |
| Fairly good   | 35 | 39 |
| Neither good nor poor                                       | 18 | 18 |
| Fairly poor   | 12 | 11 |
| Very poor   | 13 | 12 |
| Don't know  | 7  | 4  |

| Which of these have you been to in your free time in the last 4 weeks? (Please do not count things that were part of school lessons) |    |    |
|--|----|----|
| Local park or playground   | 63 | 66 |
| Sports club or class (not in school lessons and only count where you've done sport not just  | 53 | 52 |
| A youth centre or club to take part in organised activities  | 30 | 28 |
| A youth centre or club with few or no organised activities   | 13 | 14 |
| Religious, faith or community group (not including services)   | 9  | 17 |
| Art, craft, dance, drama, film/videomaking group (not in school lessons)   | 27 | 27 |
| Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)  | 22 | 20 |
| Given your time to help a charity, a local voluntary group or done some organised  | 13 | 17 |
| Something else   | 61 | 62 |

**What do you think of the parks and play areas in your area?**

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| Very good             |
| Fairly good           |
| Neither good nor poor |
| Fairly poor           |
| Very poor             |
| Don't know            |

**Which of these have you been to in your free time in the last 4 weeks? (Please do not**

|   |
|---|
| Local park or playground  |
| Sports club or class (not in school lessons and only count where you've done sport not just |
| A youth centre or club to take part in organised activities                                 |
| A youth centre or club with few or no organised activities                                  |
| Religious, faith or community group (not including services)                                |
| Art, craft, dance, drama, film/videomaking group (not in school lessons)                    |
| Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)   |
| Given your time to help a charity, a local voluntary group or done some organised           |
| Something else  |

| <b>% of pupils</b> |                 |                               |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>York LA</b>     | <b>National</b> | <b>Statistical neighbours</b> |
| 14                 | 15              | 14                            |
| 35                 | 39              | 40                            |
| 18                 | 18              | 18                            |
| 12                 | 11              | 12                            |
| 13                 | 12              | 12                            |
| 7                  | 4               | 4                             |

**count things that were part of school lessons)**

| <b>% of pupils</b> |                 |                               |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>York LA</b>     | <b>National</b> | <b>Statistical neighbours</b> |
| 63                 | 66              | 68                            |
| 53                 | 52              | 54                            |
| 30                 | 28              | 27                            |
| 13                 | 14              | 13                            |
| 9                  | 17              | 13                            |
| 27                 | 27              | 28                            |
| 22                 | 20              | 21                            |
| 13                 | 17              | 18                            |
| 61                 | 62              | 61                            |