

Culture and Leisure Review Committee

Notes on Equalities Issues

Satisfaction with Leisure Centres

People from BME communities are considerably more satisfied with leisure centres than other groups, younger people (16 – 24) are also much more satisfied as are those who have lived in the area for less than six years. Those who are least satisfied with leisure centres are those from the most deprived areas, all age groups over 35, those with disabilities and those in the middle social class C2.

Satisfaction with Museums and Galleries

The only significant equality issue affecting satisfaction with museums and galleries concerns younger people aged 16 – 24 who are the least satisfied with this service. Satisfaction is also slightly lower amongst those in the middle social class C2 and those who have lived in the area less than 6 years.

Satisfaction with Theatres and Cinemas

Men are marginally less satisfied with these facilities than women and those in the over 65 age groups are also less satisfied than other age groups. Satisfaction increases with social class.

Satisfaction with Events in the City

Satisfaction with events in the city is a little lower than average amongst BME communities, and is somewhat higher amongst those who live in the most deprived areas of the city. Satisfaction is lowest amongst those who have a disability. Women are less satisfied than men. Satisfaction decreases with age, however there is also a marked increase in satisfaction amongst those in the 55 – 64 age group. Satisfaction also decreases with social class.

Satisfaction with Libraries

Satisfaction with libraries is relatively high amongst BME communities and in the most deprived areas of the city. It is also higher amongst women and those who have children living with them. Satisfaction is lowest amongst men, in the younger age group (16 – 24) and the older age groups (65+), amongst those working full time, those who have a disability and those who do not have children living with them.

Involvement in physical activity

People from BME communities, those who live in the most deprived areas of the city, women, those who do not work full time and those who do not have children living with them are all less likely than average to participate in any kind of physical activity. Likelihood of participating in physical activity also decreases with social class with those in the lowest social classes being least likely to do any level of physical activity. Likelihood of participating in physical activity also decreases with age, except amongst the 16 – 24 age group who are less likely than those aged 35 – 44 to participate in physical activity.