NHSGGC Analysis: Social capital – Belonging to local area

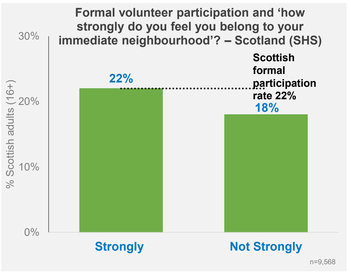
This summary presents analysis of volunteering data in the 2022/23 NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) Health and Wellbeing Survey and builds on analysis of the 2017/2018 dataset as well as Volunteer Scotland's cross-sectional analysis of the 2022 Scottish Household Survey. The analysis considers the impact of proxy measures for social capital on formal volunteer participation across the Greater Glasgow and Clyde area.

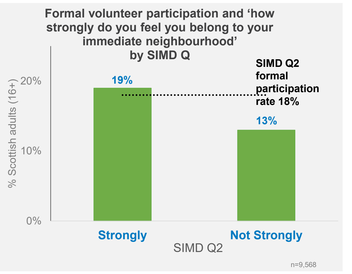
Social capital in terms of sense of belonging to the local area is measured by adults' agreement with several statements relating to social capital in addition to a direct question on membership of clubs, associations or similar.

Key Takeaways:

- In NHSGGC formal volunteer participation rates are above the average rate for adults who strongly agree or agree that 'I feel I belong to this local area' and below average for adults who neither agree nor disagree or strongly disagree or disagree. The Geographical Areas generally follow the same patterns, except for adults who neither agree nor disagree in Glasgow City where participation rates are above average.
- This differs from Scotland overall, where formal volunteer participation rates are equal to the national average for adults who strongly feel like they belong to their neighbourhood.
- NHSGGC allows further analysis of neighbourhood belonging by asking adults if they feel valued as a member of their local community. This mirrors the findings for feelings of belonging to their local area, with formal volunteer participation rates above average for adults who strongly agree or disagree and below average for adults who neither agree nor disagree and those who strongly disagree or disagree. The Geographical Areas follow the overall trend.
- Further analysis of neighbourhood belonging within Thriving Place and by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Quintiles would be beneficial to understand why the relationship is not statistically significant for some levels of deprivation.

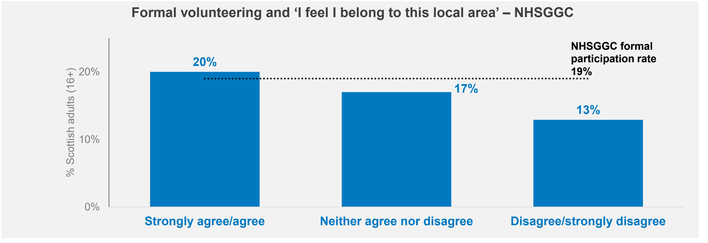
Formal volunteer participation and belonging to local area



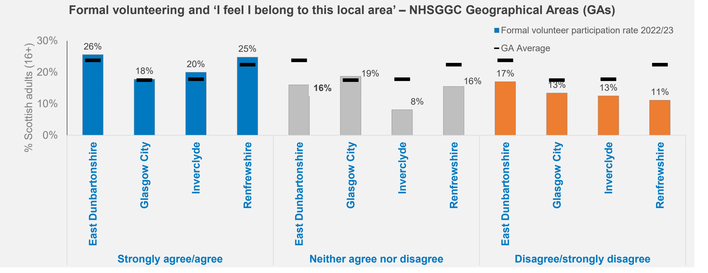


Formal volunteer participation rates are:
- Equal to the average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who strongly feel that they belong in their local neighbourhood.
- 4 percentage points below the average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who do not feel strongly that they belong in their local neighbourhood.

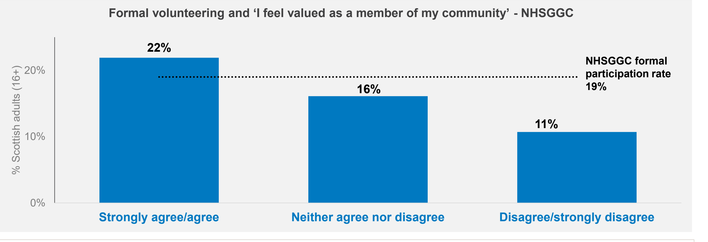
Formal volunteer participation rates are:
- 1 percentage point (pp.) above the SIMD Q2 formal volunteer participation rate for adults who strongly feel that they belong to their local neighbourhood.
- 5 pp. below the SIMD Q2 formal volunteer participation rate for adults who do not feel strongly that they belong to their local neighbourhood.
- The relationship is not statistically significant for SIMD Q1 and Q3 - Q5.



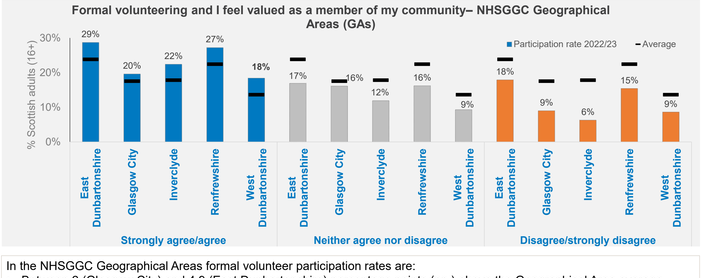
In NHSGGC formal volunteer participation rates are:
- 1 percentage points (pp.) above the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who strongly agree or agree that they feel that they belong to their local area.
- 2 pp. below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- 6 pp. below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither strongly disagree or disagree.



In the NHSGGC Geographical Areas formal volunteer participation rates are:
- Between 0.3 (Glasgow City) and 2.4 (Renfrewshire) percentage points (pp.) above the Geographical Area average formal volunteer participation rate for adults that strongly agree or agree that they fell that they belong to their local area.
- 1 pp. below the Geographical Area average for adults who neither agree nor disagree that they feel they belong to their local area in Glasgow City. Lower than the Geographical Area average for adults who neither agree nor disagree in East Dunbartonshire (8 pp.), Inverclyde (10 pp.) and Renfrewshire (7 pp.).
- Between 4 (Glasgow City) and 11 (Renfrewshire) pp. below the Geographical Area average formal volunteer participation rate for adults that strongly disagree /disagree that they fell that they belong to their local area.



In NHSGGC formal volunteer participation rates are:
- 3 percentage points (pp.) above the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation rate for adults who strongly agree or agree that they feel valued as a member of their local community.
- 3 pp below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- 8 pp. below the NHSGGC average formal volunteer participation for adults who neither strongly disagree or disagree.



In the NHSGGC Geographical Areas formal volunteer participation rates are:
- Between 2 (Glasgow City) and 4.9 (East Dunbartonshire) percentage points (pp.) above the Geographical Area average formal volunteer participation rate for adults that strongly agree or agree that they feel valued as members of their community.
- Between 1 (Glasgow City) and 7 (East Dunbartonshire) pp. below the Geographical Area average for adults who neither agree nor disagree.
- Between 5 (West Dunbartonshire) and 12 (Inverclyde) pp. below the Geographical Area average formal volunteer participation rate for adults that strongly disagree or disagree that they feel valued as a member of their community.
- The relationship between formal volunteer participation and feeling valued as a member of my community is not statistically significant or the sample size is too small for analysis in all Thriving Places.

Please see: Volunteer Scotland Cross Sectional Analysis, Volunteer Scotland's NHSGGC 2017/18 analysis and NHSGGC overall 2022/23 Health and Wellbeing survey reports for further details.