

## Overview of the results to the Fundamentals Survey

### Introduction and background profiling data

The Fundamentals survey was open during December 2012 and January 2013. 15,525 responses were received.

Our external consultants, Involve, analysed the data and held multiple telephone conferences with the Fundamentals Group and the Chairman. The methodology Involve used to undertake the review is described within the report.

The results were tested for anomalous data that would indicate orchestrated campaigns to attempt to sway the result. No such anomalous data were found and the working group believes that this data represents a true result.

Of the respondents who answered the question about Membership (14,455) 65% (9344) of those said they were a Member; 35% (5111) said they were not a Member. 1070 of the respondents to the survey did not declare if they were a member or not.

Country profiles broadly matched the profiles of membership as a whole although England was slightly under-represented and Scotland slightly over-represented.

625 members aged under 18 responded to the survey. Age profiles for adults are shown below:

Age profiles for adult member respondents are shown below:

Age group	Proportion of member respondents	Proportion of all adult members in these age groups
18 - 25	14.5%	10.5%
26 – 40	24%	26%
41 – 55	38%	48%
56 – 70	20%	12%
Over 70	3.3%	3%

### Results

Age group	No. We should keep our policy as it is	Yes. All roles in Scouting should be open to all adults, irrespective of their beliefs as long as they are committed to the Fundamentals of Scouting
25 and under	12% (224)	85% (1557)
26 – 55	19% (1315)	78% (5310)
56 and over	41% (1025)	56% (1394)

Total respondents to question: 11,217

288 (2.6%) were not sure and 32 (0.3%) people would rather not say

*Note: We did not ask whether atheist young people should be able to join as full Members as our policy does not prohibit any young person from joining. i.e. it is already possible for atheist young people to be full Members. Our requirement is for them to make the Promise which is where previous difficulties have been encountered.*

	No	Yes	Don't know	Respondents to question
Allowing atheists as full members	23% (2597)	74% (8300)	3% (320)	11,217
Alternative promise for adults	25% (2813)	71% (7906)	4% (449)	11,168
Alternative promise for young people	25% (2789)	70% (7815)	5% (527)	11,131