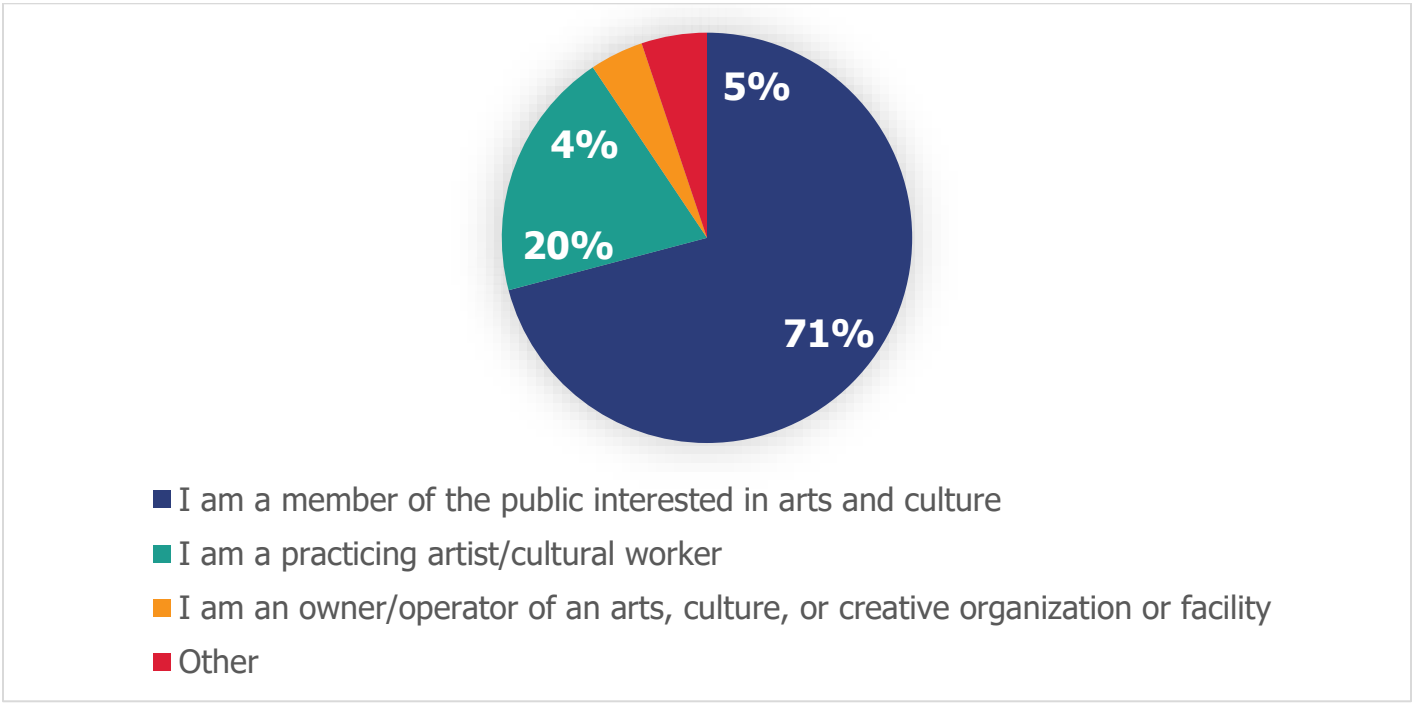


Cultural centre programming and facilities survey results

Dates: March 13 to April 12, 2024

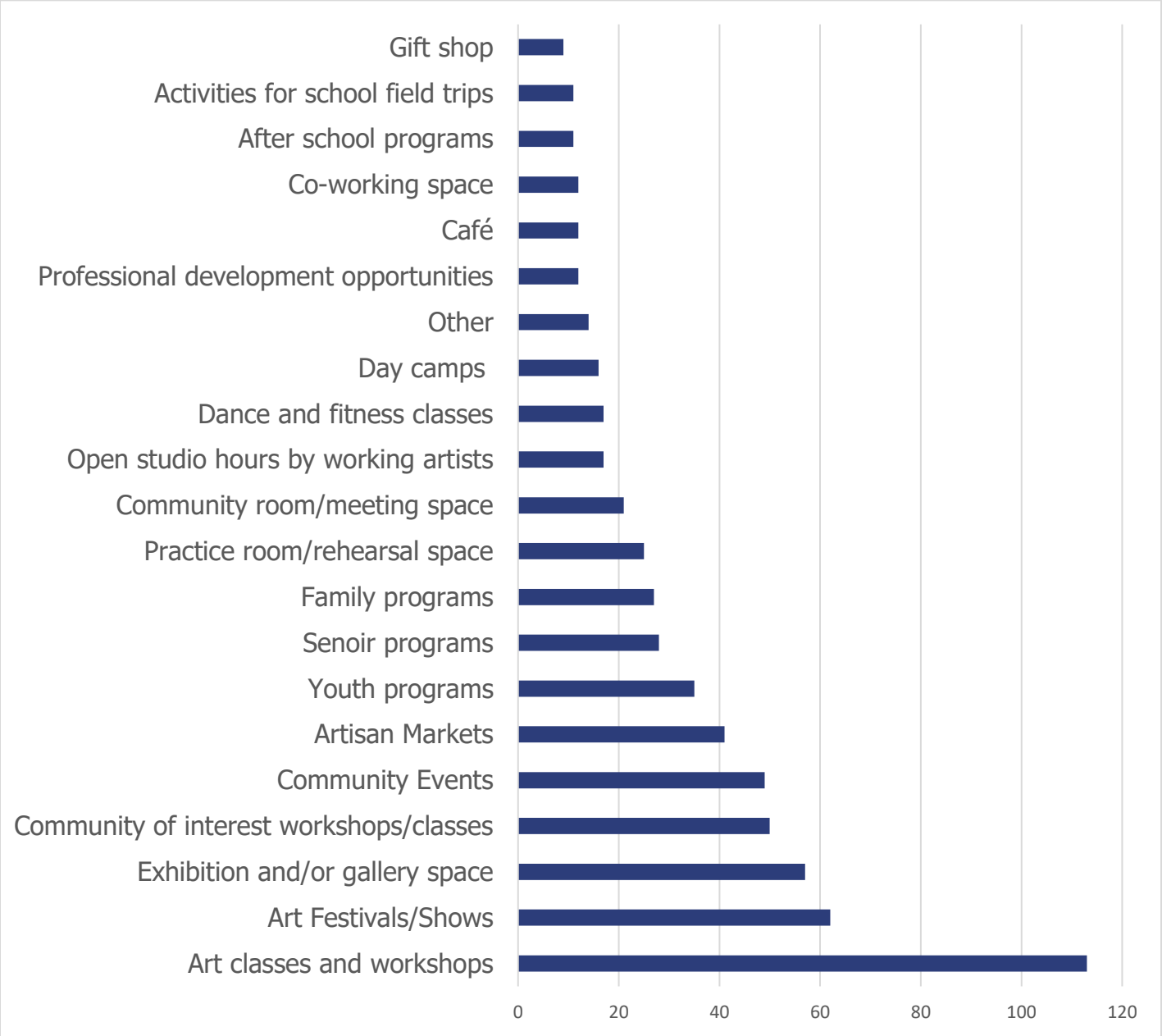
Contributions: 213

As you respond to the survey, which option applies to you



Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
I am a member of the public interested in arts and culture	71%
I am a practicing artist/cultural worker	20%
I am an owner/operator of an arts, culture, or creative organization or facility	4%
Other	5%

What types of programming would you like offered in an art- focused cultural center in Kawartha Lakes. Select your top three.

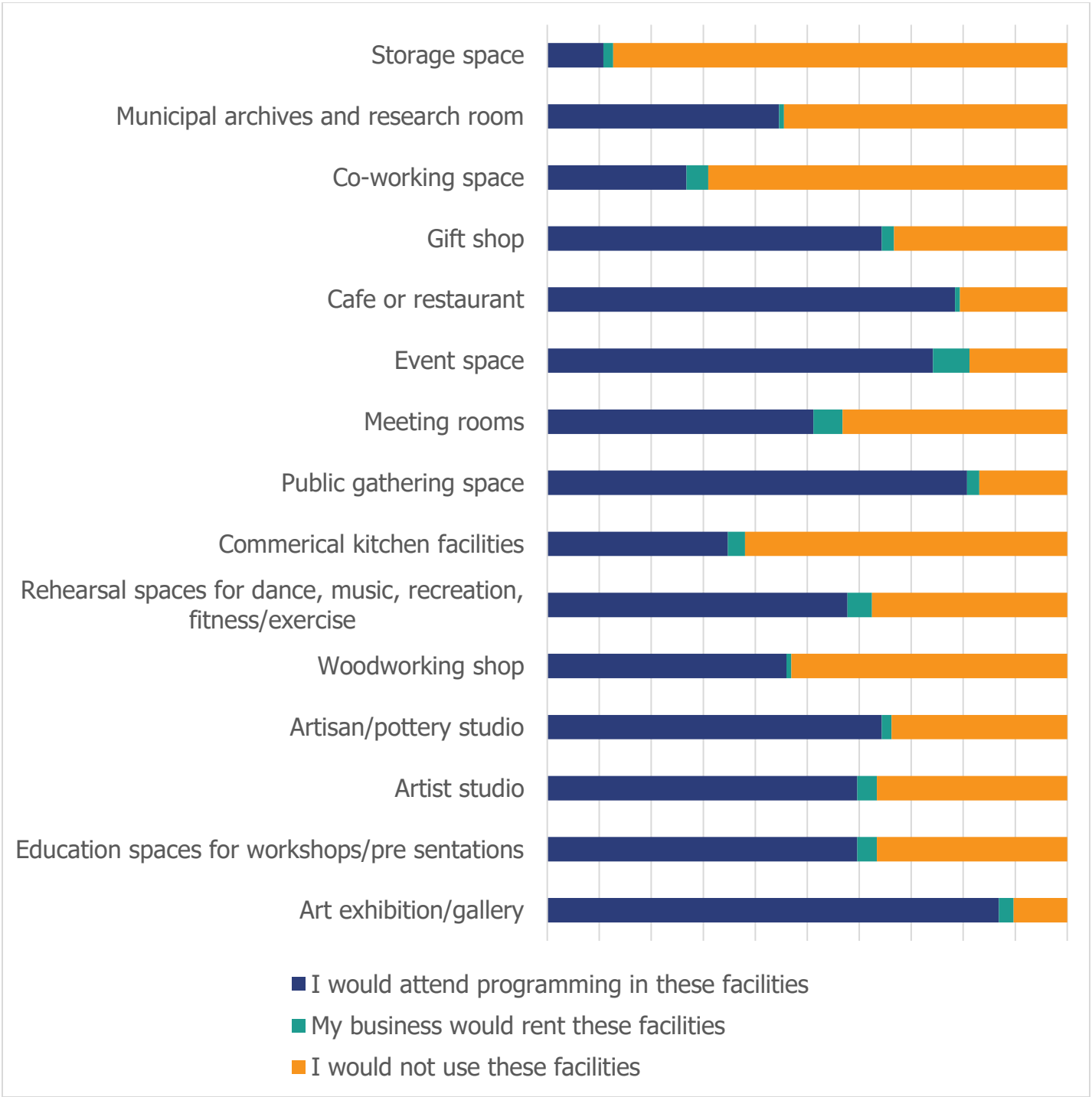


Other:

- Collections storage space
- Yoga Studio + other types of movement modalities/classes
- I would love to see more cultures on the community built around food. If you have a cafe. Explore beyond the normal. The town lacks modern cuisine and dietary restrictions
- To be honest, I can pick three but all of these could be functional in a space like this
- Music venue
- The Centre should not be tax-dependent. Rent space to cultural organizations.

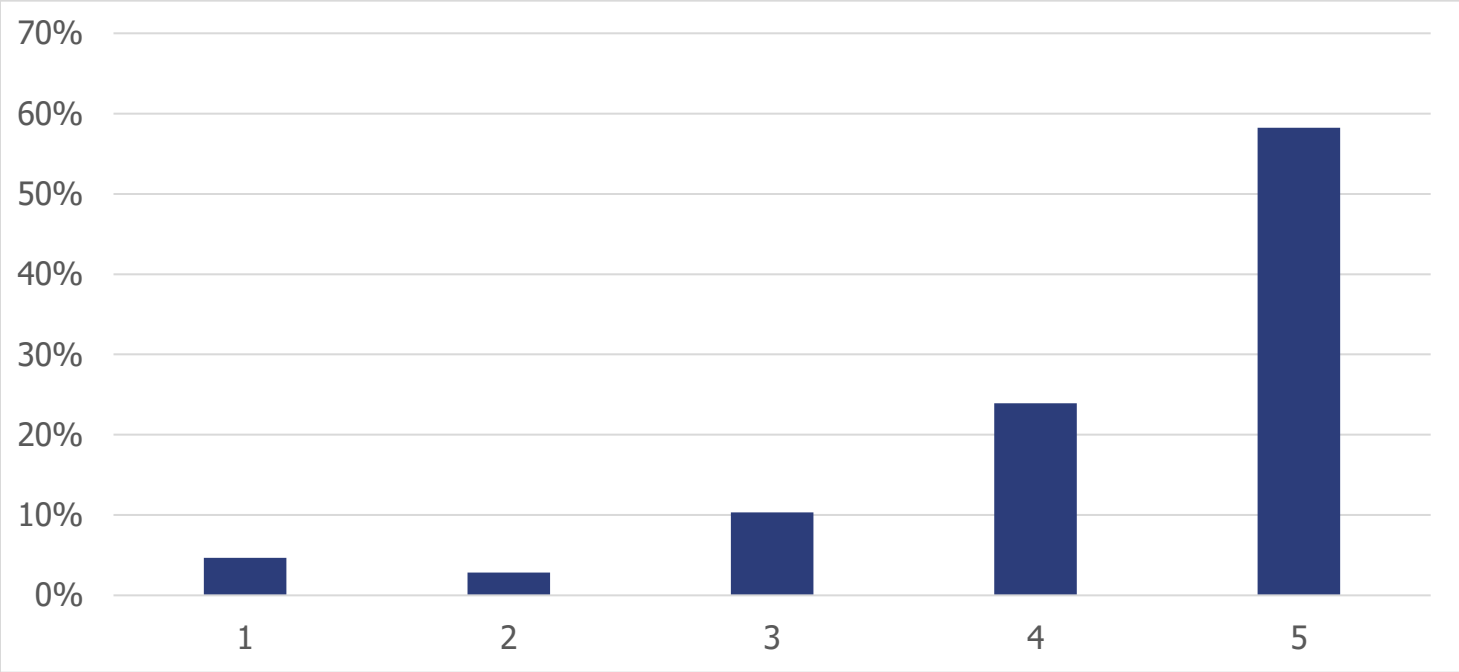
Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
Art classes and workshops	53%
Exhibition and/or gallery space	27%
Art Festivals/Shows	29%
Artisan Markets	19%
Community Events	23%
Open Studio hours by working artists	8%
Community of Interest workshops/classes	23%
Dance and Fitness classes	8%
Community room/meeting space	10%
Youth programs	16%
Senior programs	13%
Family programs	13%
After school programs	5%
Day camps (pre-kindergarten to kindergarten, Grade 1 to 5, teens)	8%
Practice room/rehearsal space	12%
Professional Development Opportunities	6%
Activities for school field trips	5%
Cafe	6%
Gift shop	4%
Co-working space	6%
Other	7%

Would you attend programming or would your business rent the following facilities? Select the option that applies most to you.



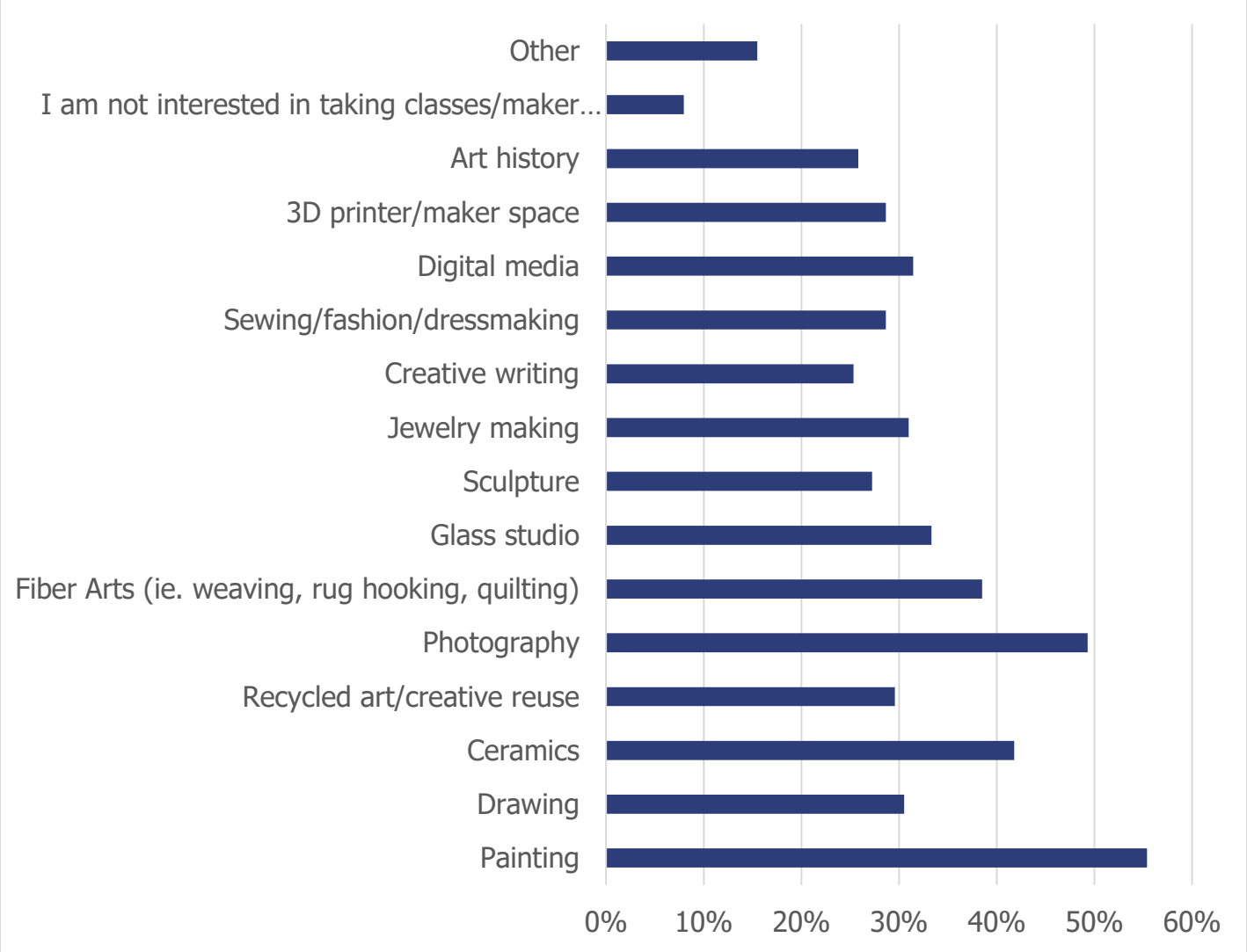
Answer Choice	I would attend programming in these facilities	My business would rent these facilities	I would not use these facilities
Art exhibition/gallery	87%	3%	10%
Education spaces for workshops/pre sentations	60%	4%	37%
Artist studio	60%	4%	37%
Artisan/pottery studio	64%	2%	34%
Woodworking shop	46%	1%	53%
Rehearsal spaces for dance, music, recreation, fitness/exercise	58%	5%	38%
Commerical kitchen facilities	35%	3%	62%
Public gathering space	81%	2%	17%
Meeting rooms	51%	6%	43%
Event space	74%	7%	19%
Cafe or restaurant	78%	1%	21%
Gift shop	64%	2%	33%
Co-working space	27%	4%	69%
Municipal archives and research room	45%	1%	54%
Storage space	11%	2%	87%

If an arts focused cultural centre was available to you in the next five years, rate on a scale of 1 to 5 how likely would you be to use it with "1" meaning not at all likely and "5" meaning most likely.



Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
1	5%
2	3%
3	10%
4	24%
5	58%

What type of classes and/or maker activities would you be interested in participating in? Select all that apply.



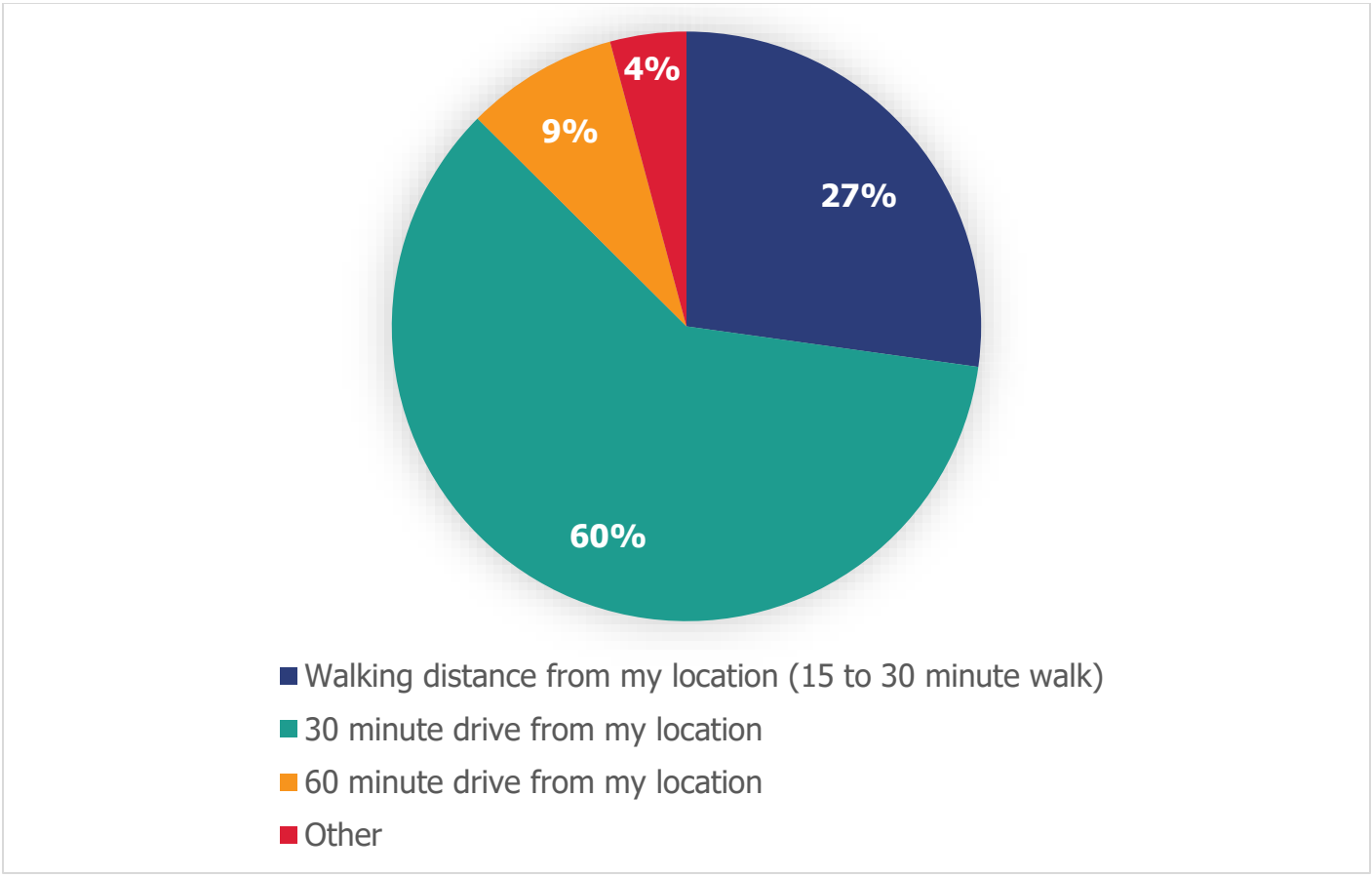
Other:

- Poetry Readings, memoir readings, novel excerpt readings, nonfiction readings, professional artists/creators lecture/workshop.
- Music (voice, guitar, ukulele, concert band), theatre, rehearsal space
- Music-focused activities (rhythm workshops, youth-specific music programs, basically anything to get instruments into people's hands and making music)
- Weaving - the local weaving community guild recently lost their meeting space
- colouring with various mediums, scrapbooking and card making classes
- knitting group, other opportunities to take adult courses, to learn new skills, try new crafts, as an adult. We have a large population of retired people and seniors. Possibly could be used as an adult day program/activity centre for seniors at various ages and stages in life.
- Pro wrestling training for kids locally

- Growing community gardens and hiring 1-2 ppl from Fleming College or have it a part of the program would help costs
- film / media art
- Indigenous artists presentations
- Art marketing in the digital age
- Woodcarving/wood working class

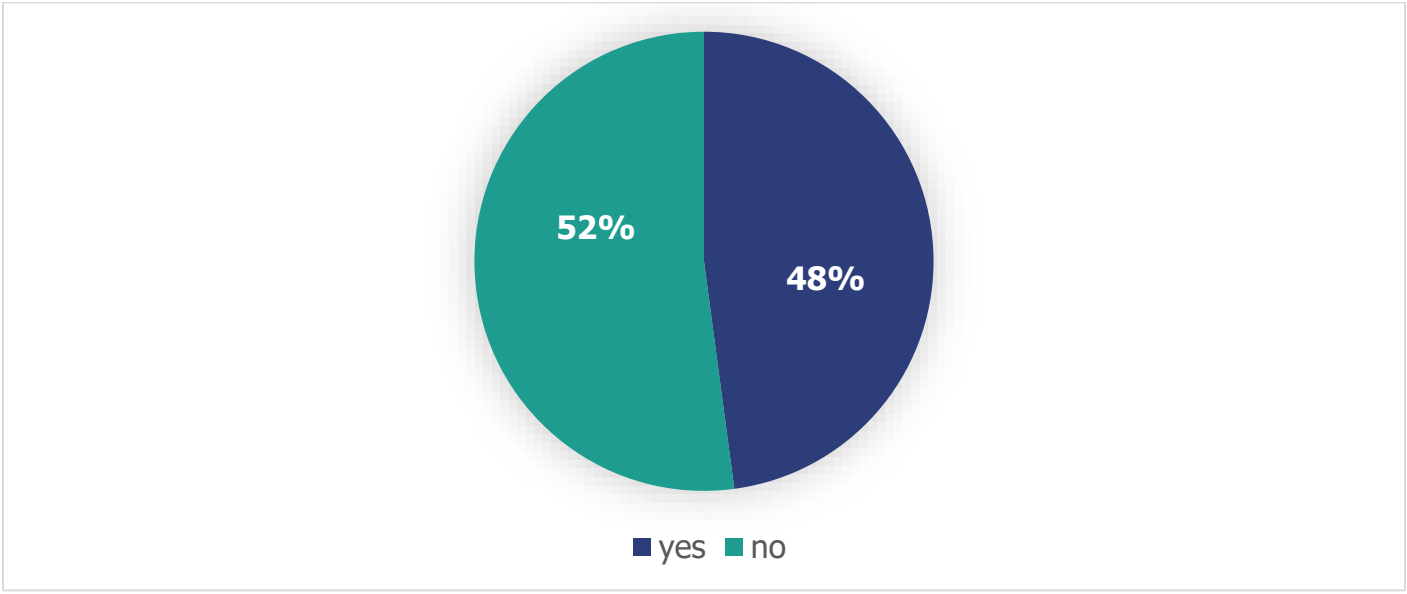
Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
Painting	55%
Drawing	31%
Ceramics	42%
Recycled art/creative reuse	30%
Photography	49%
Fiber Arts (ie. weaving, rug hooking, quilting)	39%
Glass studio	33%
Sculpture	27%
Jewelry making	31%
Creative writing	25%
Sewing/fashion/dressmaking	29%
Digital media	31%
3D printer/maker space	29%
Art history	26%
I am not interested in taking classes/maker activities	8%
Other	15%

How far are you willing to travel to access arts focused programming and activities?



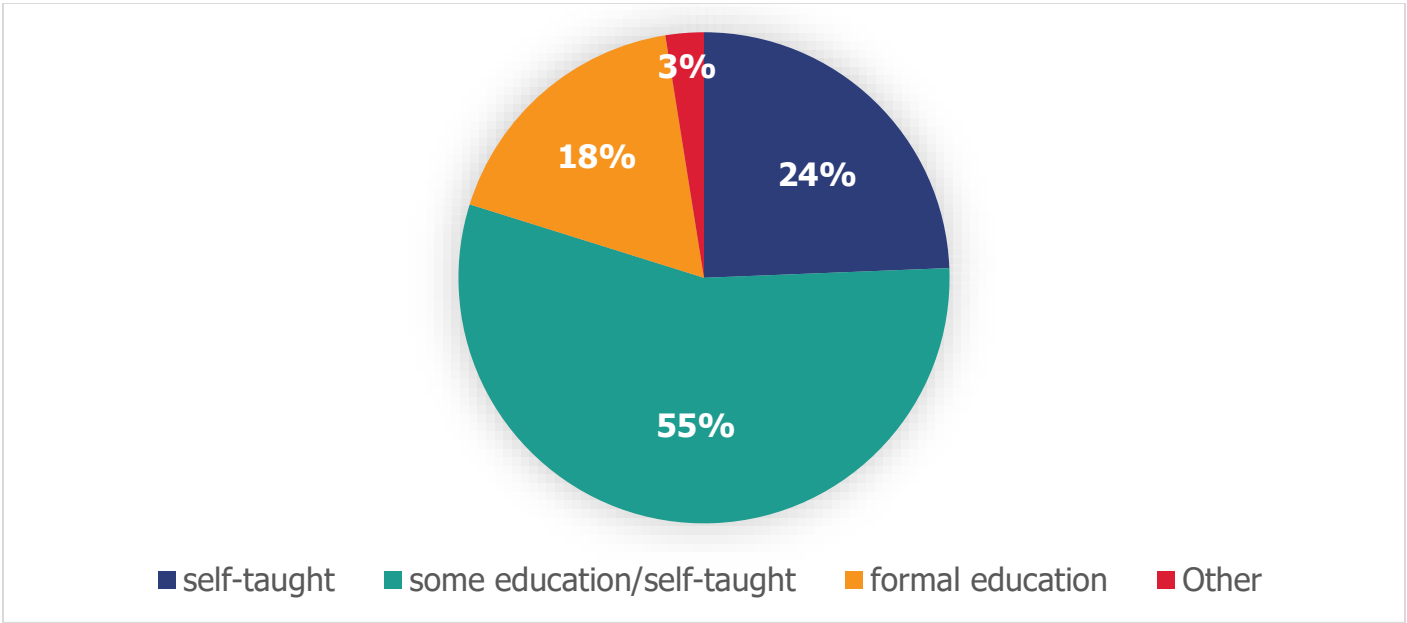
Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
Walking distance from my location (15 to 30 minute walk)	31%
30 minute drive from my location	68%
60 minute drive from my location	9%
Other	5%

Are you an artist or maker?



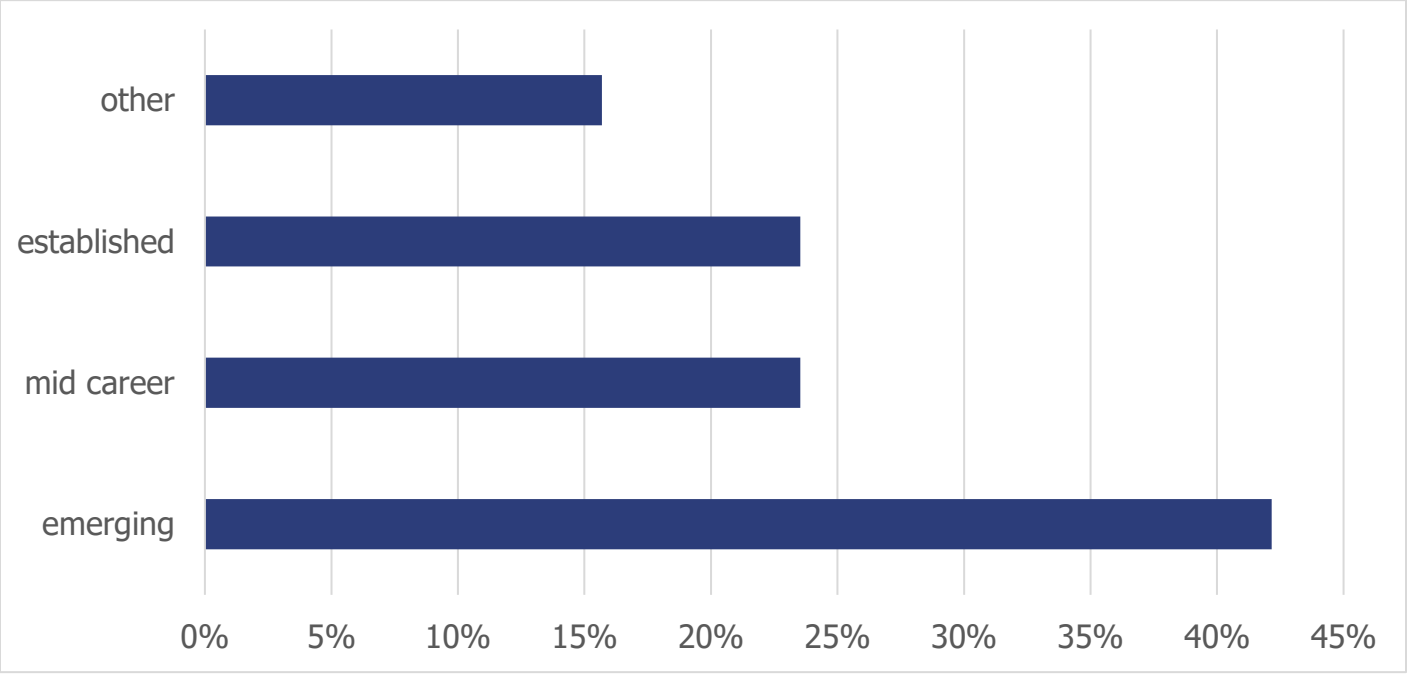
Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
yes	48%
no	52%

If yes, how would you describe your training in your artistic discipline?



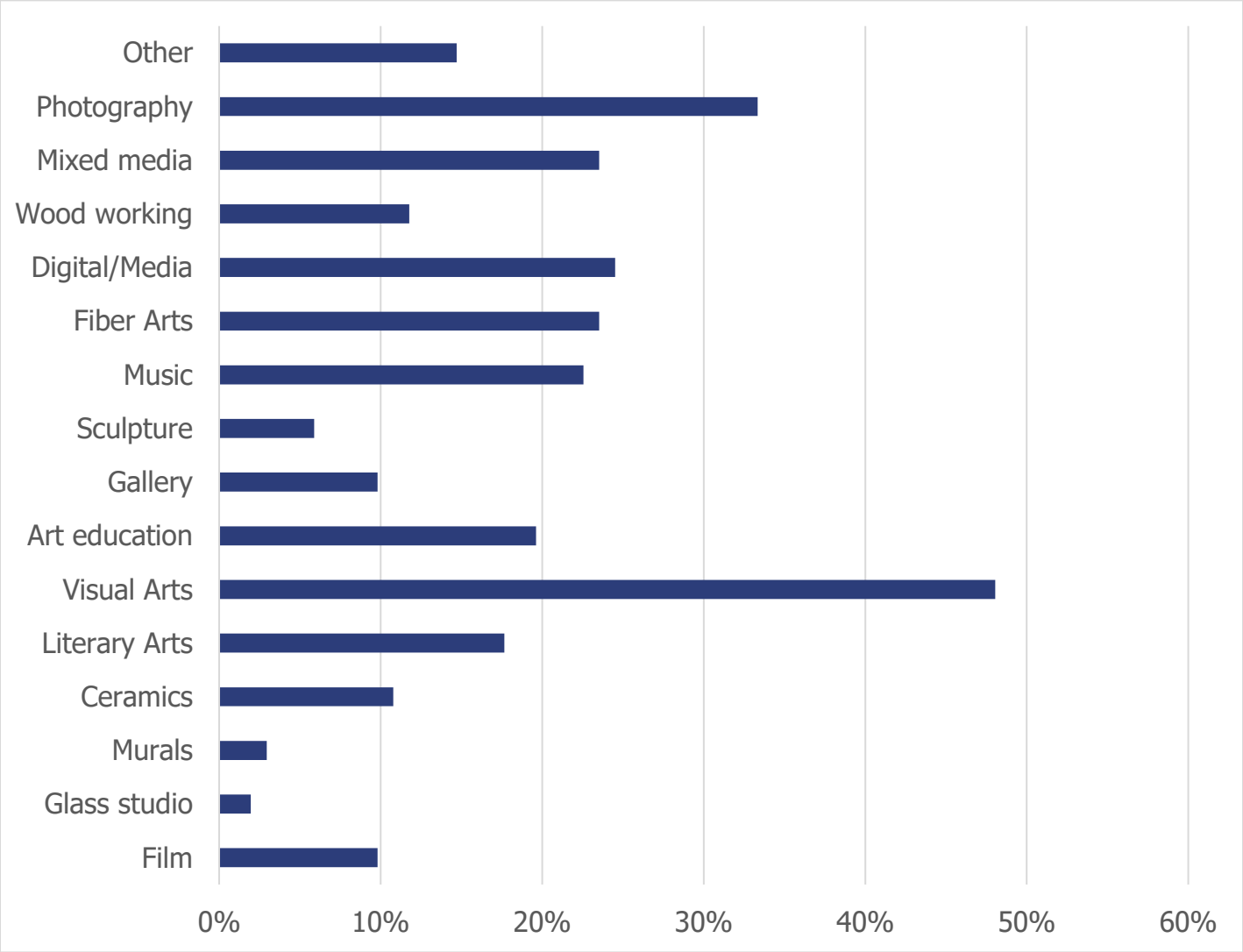
Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
self-taught	28%
some education/self-taught	65%
formal education	21%
Other	3%

If yes, how would you define where you are in your art career according to these career stages?



Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
emerging	42%
mid career	24%
established	24%
Other (responses include hobby, interest, passion or amateur)	16%

If yes, what artistic disciplines are you involved in (select all that apply).

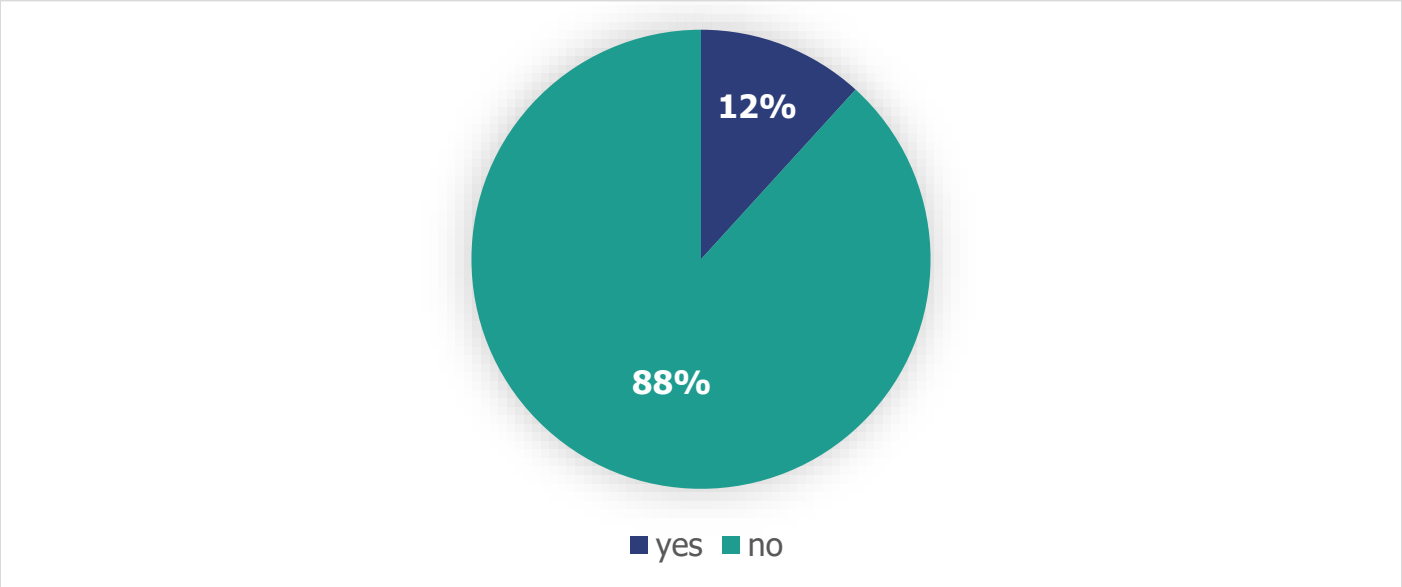


Other:

- Jewellery and Dried Garden Creations
- Expressive arts (therapy)
- colouring with various mediums, scrapbooking arts and card making arts I also teach both
- Craft based - paper crafting
- painting
- Theatre Arts
- Digital, vinyl, sublimation
- Bonsai, martial arts
- Graphic Design
- Jeweller/metalsmith
- Education

Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
Film	10%
Glass studio	2%
Murals	3%
Ceramics	11%
Literary Arts	18%
Visual Arts	48%
Art education	20%
Gallery	10%
Sculpture	6%
Music	23%
Fiber Arts	24%
Digital/Media	25%
Wood working	12%
Mixed media	24%
Photography	33%
Other	15%

If yes, do you have separate studio space outside of your home?

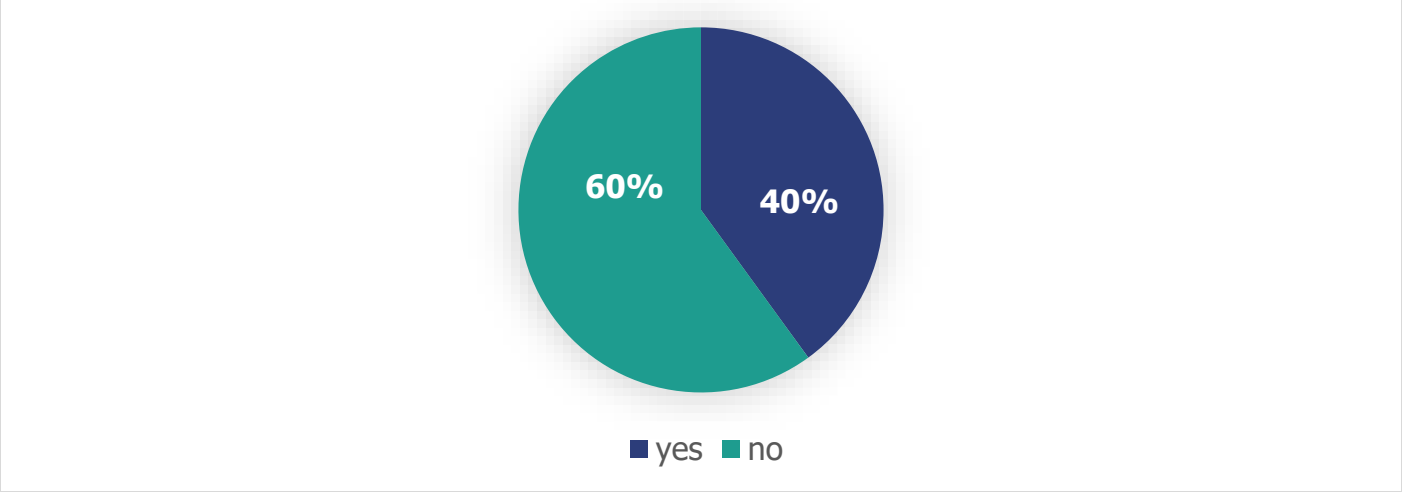


Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
yes	12%
no	88%

Please provide details of the studio space outside of your home

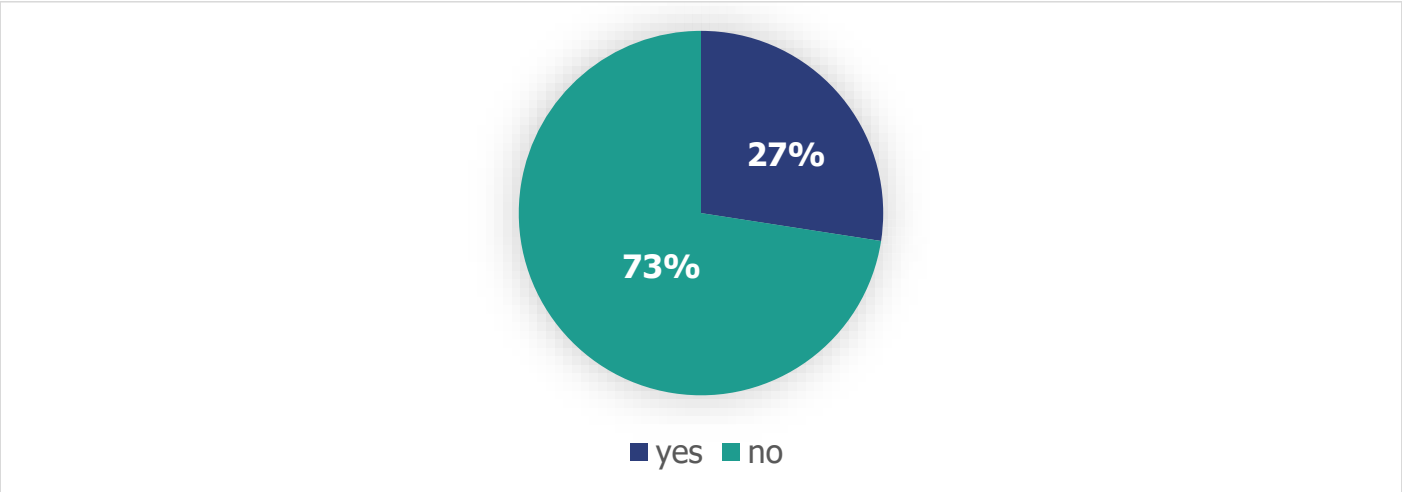
- Bunkie
- Victoria Park Armouries, seniors only
- I have an off-grid log weaving studio built using local timber.
- Basement studio with a computer, desk, instruments and monitors
- workshop / studio dedicated to analog camera repair and analog filmmaking
- Outside
- Boat house
- My garage has been converted to a studio
- On farm I have created a working space in the bar overlooking our fields. Very inspirational studio space but has limited access for clientele with physical challenges. I am open to exhibition spaces off property.
- Small photo studio in Lindsay
- Small studio in my backyard
- Jewellery studio

If yes, would you be interested in renting or booking studio space in an art focused cultural centre?



Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
yes	40%
no	60%

If yes, would you be interested in small business studio incubation space to grow your craft business?



Answer Choice	Percentage of responses
yes	27%
no	73%

Is there anything that you would like to add?

What has become of the Cultural Centre's relationship with the local heritage sector? There is precious little here about the needs of museums and of how a cultural centre can foster increased collaboration among a disparate assortment of local museums.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in developing and publicizing the Arts Community in CKL. Great opportunity!

A public art gallery with rotating exhibitions of contemporary art alongside a community gallery for artist renting studios in the space that they can book based on their rental agreement. Printmaking facilities artists can access as a member

thank you for the opportunity

Not sure why we would waste money on a Cultural Centre when the City lacks so many of the basics outside of Lindsay...We need more road maintenance, Water/Sewer Infrastructure, Funding for Education...Dissapointed this is where you want tax dollars to go

The creation of a Centre that is "differentiated" and unique and stands out from the myriad of cultural centres operating in Ontario. It must be flexible in its programming and facilities and affordable in its program delivery. Inclusive, innovative

Fenelon Falls has an underutilized rental space at the FF Seniors Club that has rarely been used for the arts. With the exception of activities and workshops carried out by the club no other organization has rented this space to hold courses.

This space should be open to other cultures and not just European and or Canadian culture.

All of this would be incredible, I've especially been craving studio space to work in company with other artists.

I am excited about the possibility of a cultural centre. This community would be well served by one.

I'm very excited about the creation of the Kawartha Cultural Centre and the incorporated Kawartha Gallery. We could do so much more with dedicated space for all the various artistic disciplines. I'd like to see access to Academy theatre for literary arts.

More adult programming is needed. Seniors, kids and families have enough. Please focus more attention on the 30-50 age group.

Willingness to rent would depend on cost, location, who else is renting/the vibe, sharing options, etc

I would love after work/weekend programs. There's so many programs offered through the library (knitting, sewing) that I would love to attend but their during the day on weekdays when I'm working.

I hope this space goes through, Kawartha Lakes is in dire need of a cultural centre

A cultural centre for this region has been discussed for many years. All arts should be represented and performance space included as a part of the design.

I find Kawartha Lakes, in general, lacking in offering any classes. Or there no one spot one can go and find out information to take a class. It is mostly word of mouth. I think having a spot for local artist to advertise classes would be beneficial.

Since this is to be a cultural facility I feel that it would make most sense to have it within the downtown core, close to the Academy Theatre. It needs to have visibility with the City, therefore, this area would make the most sense to me.

The Ciry of Kawartha Lakes has some well established and extremely professional arts and culture organizations and businesses. Many would benefit greatly from an influx of financial support rather than a geo-centric "head office" location.

Again, to keep in mind of our population: Retirees and seniors. The importance of staying active (physically, cognitively and socially) including learning to maintain healthy citizens.

Cooking and culinary arts classes and work shops. This could also be a YMCA. Lindsay and the Kawartha desperately need a place like this.

It would be great to look at ways to be accessible and inclusive to all - many invisible illnesses/disabilities require accommodations to create a safe space to attend. This would be in addition to a physically accessible space.

Nothing further, thank you.

Mixed Guilds of amateur and professional artisans NEED space for practicing, learning, teaching about their discipline

Our non-profit organization is looking for a place where we can house and use equipment, maintain a library, meet and in return demonstrate our craft at events.

Thanks for the time and effort the committee is putting into this initiative.

is the establishment of a cultural centre a wise of taxpayers money? It would seem there are more important issues .

I feel this will be great to have in the community and it give people a heathy life style choice that are on odsp and ow with no job it give them something to do and it's positive it give us a chance to learn something new make it for everyone no agelimit

I would like to add that a space like this with a welcome focus on outside the box Creators would be very welcoming to the 10000 homes expected to be built. However, food is very important to culture and the town is no where ready to welcome culture yet

This survey is very skewed to visual arts. I think you need to consider other artistic genres in our area... like music, dance, theatre, etc. These areas will open up the use of this space. These disciplines also need spaces to work and create.

I'm particularly interested in an art based, all ages, intimate event space for music. We are severely lacking anything like that!

Fenelon Falls needs recreational facilities badly!

I would like to see theatre arts included.

There are plenty of venues for people to enrich their cultural and artistic persuits without unneeded public money creating a money pit of hobbyists in a facility better suited to public school programs. We have the space and the artists, already.

Museum, art gallery, presentation stage, are all missing from this survey! The activity centre aspect that is presented here are 2ndary features of a cultural centre. This survey suggests it's time for a reset & refocus. limit of 200 char is too short

Feel strongly that CKL has the potential to be a destination for arts, music, and culture and the potential for this to be a major economic driver . Partnership with Fleming College to bring a School of the Arts summer program to CKL should be considered

A performance space would be nice. I teach theatre arts to young people and this is Something the area could use, as well as a dance studio/performance area that could double as a fitness class area for all ages. We have gyms but they are not the same and

I believe a cultural centre would be a great asset for our community

No

I am a bilingual writer, painter and illustrator living in Lindsay. If you want to develop some cultural activities in Kawartha Lakes I would love to be part of it. I also use to run an after school program and would be interested in doing arts with kids

Having public space is critical given that there are not appropriate public spaces available where our guild can practice, teach and learn

Pottery wheels and kiln would be great!

focus on supporting artists to make artwork and creating opportunities for them to get paid and the rest will follow. you will only burn out the community creating space for unpaid labour. a vibrant arts community depends on viable careers in the arts.

NA

How would ths affect the Boyd Museum which is becoming the hub for artistic endevours now?

We desperately need decent space for community meetings for up to 100 attendees. It would even be popular for wedding celebrations. A permanent farmers/artisan market like at St Jacobs would be great.

How about puting this money into road repair that is actually needed

Don't try to be all things to all people. Start with a small amount of activities and do them well. Don't duplicate what already exists.

I am a retiree who did art and various crafts in my younger years. If courses were available to me here now I would most definitely pay to have them.

There is a significant need for the kids/youth art classes in Lindsay/ CKL. At this time, they are literally non-existing in our community

I'd like the opportunity to just get together with all other types of artist from across the region. Some kind of "Artist's Salon."

Wojld like to see this sooner!

This is a political waste of money. I don't see more than a very small number of people who would be interested I this.

Please don't allow this cultural centre and/or its programming to become a venue for identity politics and the woke agenda.

Area needs arts and culture to progress as a city.

no thank you

Some of these questions are hard to answer definitely. Would have appreciated "not sure" as an option.

no

Hub definitely should be in Lindsay. Rehearsal/performance venue of 100-150 seats is much needed.

I would love to see a cultural centre housed in a mixed housing project (i.e. rental apartments)

Nothing at this point

Please consider printmaking equipment facilities. I would be apt to use the space if I had access to equipment to do letterpress, intaglio, or screen printing.

We need facilities that can cater to adult artists and makers (outside of children/youth and seniors), as these spaces are limited in KL.

I think it is extemely important to include the resources of Kawartha Artists Network and the Kawartha Lakes Arts Council in this. A concentration on providing a space mid point for all artists and artisans

The outside space is equally important to nurture - tables, wifi, medicine gardens, etc.

Build it and we will come

Your survey assumes an artist cannot be a supporter of arts and culture. I am both.

There is a wonderful Maker's Space in the community I am thinking of moving to. Highly successful! Right in the physical heart of the town and helping to revitalize the town, drawing people to events etc. here is the link Windsormakerstudio.com

I believe the city needs to form a partnership with the academy to maximize its use and support its future. It should be the hub for arts in the community with other locations across KWL for different programs for the arts. Fund what we already have.

A space that can be used for a variety of uses would be a good addition to the community. Weekly classes of different mediums and the odd market would work well.

I look forward to the possibility of showing my artwork at a future art gallery.

It would be interesting to somehow involve the twinning between Lindsay and Nayoro, Japan.

accessible, affordable and family friendly space would be top of mind. Promoting the opportunity for all peoples to develop or redevelop skills not easily available with today's focus on digital tech and social media.

I would love adult art classes

Thank you thank you! Looking forward to using this space. Our community needs it!

We need physical activities for kids/families

I am a member of KAN, Kawartha Arts network, and finding facilities to hold our workshops is our most difficult challenge.

Any facilities (climate controlled storage, preparation / workspace) should be open to heritage sector usage - (museums / galleries), opening possibility of travelling exhibitions. Schools should have access as well.

Activities for kids is a growing need in our community. Expertise and wellness for all is an added bonus.

Please, please, please consider a community kitchen with classes for the community! I would happily volunteer my time to teach people - this would be life-changing for some people.

No, but thanks for this opportunity.

I would like to see a space for community meetings and/or gatherings related to arts and culture made available too.

Currently to rent a space for any art event is too costly.

It would benefit the region to have culturally diverse art and programming

This is a long overdue and much needed space for our growing community

I love the idea of an Arts and Culture centre!

Thank you for considering arts and culture space, it is important that have such facilities.

We Fenlonites really need a swimming pool. The community centre serves only hockey as rec. Should have added a swimming pool when built.

No

Let's make this happen asap and support our local artists in all capacities!

must reduce taxpayer $'s spent by city

This survey is poorly designed. Why would I attend programming in a cafe? I can be both a corporation and an individual. Most important: history shows us you don't get good art from government programming.

Please make sure this is affordable.

It would be great if the cultural centre had a variety of cheap and easy to use instruments for people to try out. Things like ukuleles, boom whackers, hand drums, etc.