

South Yorkshire Citizens' Assembly Selection Process

The Recruitment Process

Step 1

30,000 invitations were sent in the post to addresses across South Yorkshire; these addresses were chosen at random from the Royal mail database spread across the four local authority areas to maximise the chance of sign-ups from each location.

Step 2

Recipients of the postal invitation were invited to register their interest in taking part either online or by free phone number, subject to the following restrictions only those aged 16 and over by the close of registrations, who is normally resident in the area and who lives full or part time at an address that received the invitation could apply, with a few exceptions, only one person per household could be selected and no SYMCA employees; Elected representatives from any level of government; paid employees of any political party or council employees working in any politically restricted post. 288 people responded to the invite.

Step 3

Along with information about the prospective assembly members geography they were also asked about their gender, age, occupation, disabilities, ethnicity, and their level of concern about climate Change. The Sortition foundation software then compare the profile of all the recipients to the geographical and demographic make up of South Yorkshire and created an invite list which best matched the region.

Step 4

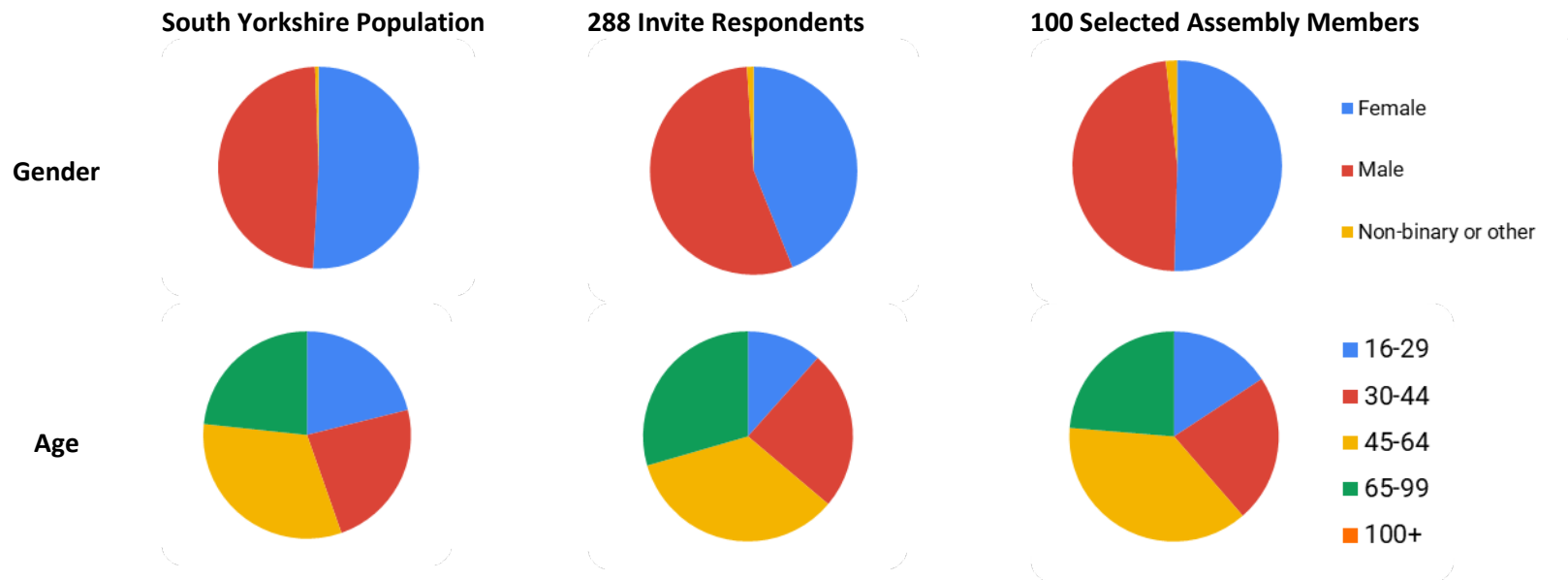
Selected participants were then contacted and talked through the commitment and asked to confirm their willingness to continue.

Step 5

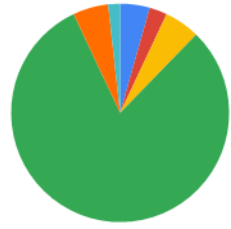
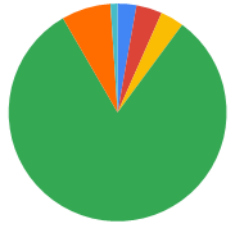
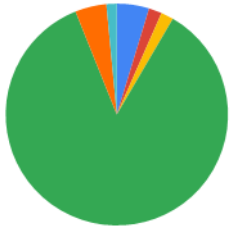
The final step was then for this confirmed list to be passed to the onboarding team who then worked with the participants to identify any support needs, childcare requirements, help with transport, venue accessibility, dietary preferences or simply to understand more about the assembly process.

Each participant will be compensated for their time in being part of the assembly and have reasonable expenses reimbursed, or prepaid, ensuring that this does not favour or exclude any particular group.

What does the Assembly look like?

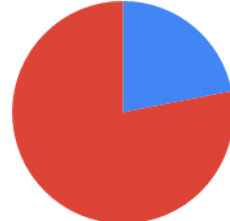
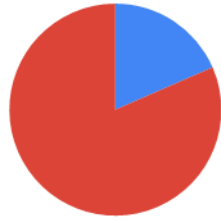


Ethnicity



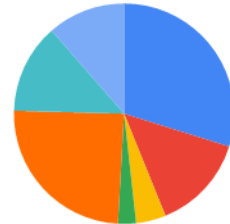
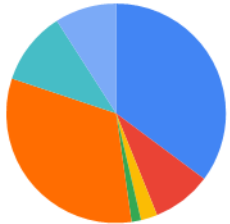
- Asian or Asian British
- Black or African or Caribbean or Black British
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups
- White British
- White Other

Disability



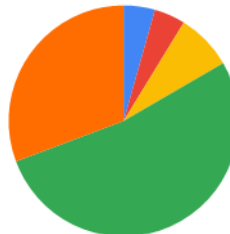
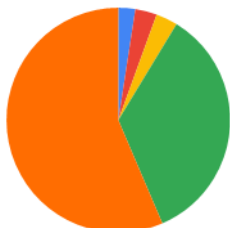
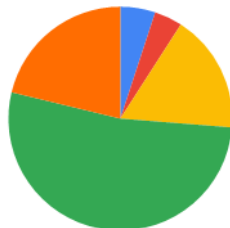
- Yes
- No

Occupation



- Professional occupation or technician
- Service occupation
- Skilled trade
- Operator or elementary occupation
- Not in the labour force Retired
- Not in the labour force Other
- Student

Concern about Climate Change



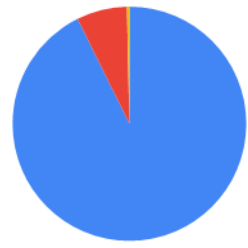
- Not at all worried
- Somewhat unworried
- Neither worried nor unworried
- Somewhat worried
- Very worried

Location



- Barnsley
- Doncaster
- Rotherham
- Sheffield

Urban or Rural



- Urban
- Rural