

QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 13 (27–31.3.2024)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 364

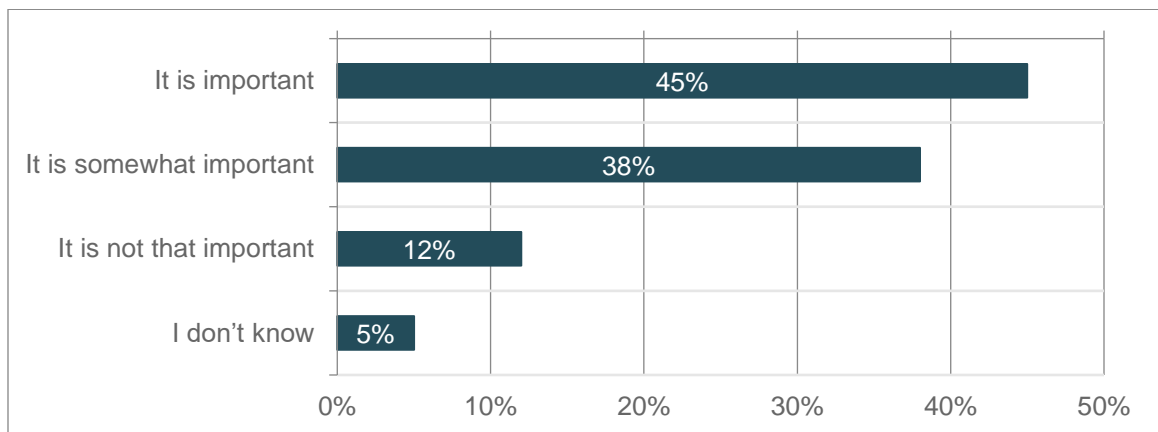
The margin of error is 5 % and thereby the answers are considered to reflect the opinions of the population in Jakobstad.

CULTURAL VOLUNTARY WORK

In the Question of the Week the residents were asked: *“The project Culture with an expert by experience/culture friend is developing the cultural voluntary work so that it is easier for residents in Ostrobothnia and in Kokkola to participate in culture. At the same the well-being and health of the residents as well as their participation and sense of belonging is increasing through culture and art.*

It is often lack of experience and knowledge that is keeping people from participating in culture. Also, loneliness, lack of company, physical hindrances and so on can throw a spanner into the works. The threshold to participate in culture can be lowered if one is accompanied by a person more experienced in participating in culture, who has knowledge and experience about the cultural offering and the contents of it.

One of the towns tasks is to support the well-being of the residents. What do you think about this kind of work to prevent loneliness and increase participation?”



“Do you have suggestions for where you would take someone in need of a culture friend?”

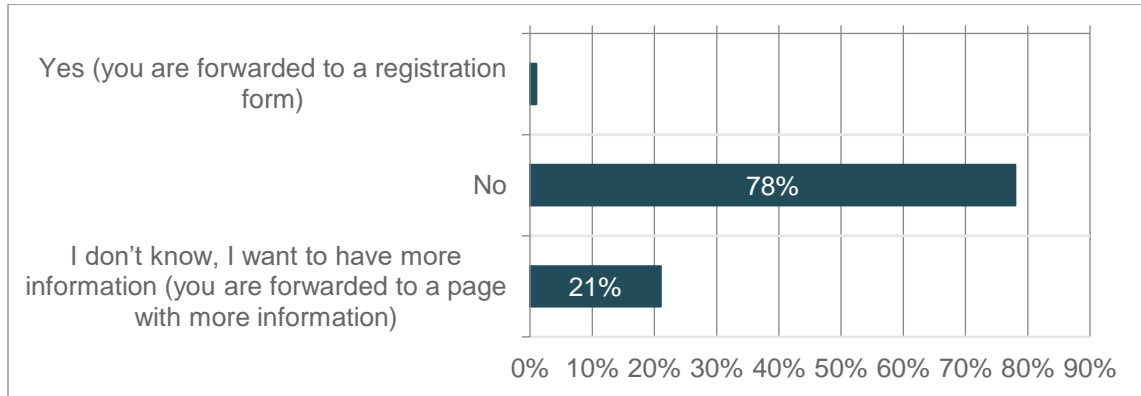
Local cafés and restaurants, cinema, concerts, theatres, parks and events, museums, and exhibitions, Aspegren garden, library, football games, hiking trails and ski tracks, Arbis courses, etc.

“Do you have suggestions for where you can find people who need a culture friend?”

Integration Services, Arbis, Työväenopisto, through media and other campaigns, on social media (a separate group for example), students at Novia, announcements on public noticeboards, the welcome package for new residents, outreach youth work, different homes (retirement homes, youth homes), word-of-mouth, pensioners' associations, and psychosocial associations etc.

“A bilingual course (Finnish/Swedish) for those interested is held by the Regional Council of Ostrobothnia (Österbottens förbund) in Vaasa on Tuesday 9 April at 9.00–14.00. After the course one will have knowledge about the basic things to think about when starting the work and about the different models and ways for doing cultural voluntary work.

Could you see yourself as a voluntary culture friend?”



NEXT STEP

After the course in Vasa on 9 April a separate Facebook group for culture friends will be made, and a local campaign will be held in the town.

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