

Report Subject:

Sport volunteering among young people

Title:

How race, gender and income affect volunteering rates

Volunteering index

The diagram shows a “volunteering equity index” for different groups of young people aged 16-24, showing whether those groups volunteer more or less than the average¹. The average volunteering rate for this age group is 17.15% (marked on the equity index as 100)².

Trends

1. Young people from low-income households volunteer less than young people from high-income households³.
2. The difference in volunteering rates between young people from high income households and those from low income households is bigger for young women than for young men.
3. Young women volunteer less than young men.
4. Young Asian people volunteer less than young black people, and young black people less than young white people.
5. The difference in volunteering rates between white, black, and Asian young people is much greater among young women than among young men.

Gender & race linked trends

The volunteering rate for white young people is higher than for black young people almost entirely because white young women volunteer more than black young women. Black young men actually volunteer *more* than white British young men. Black young women do, however, volunteer marginally more than Asian young women.

The volunteering rate for black young people is higher than for Asian young people. The difference in rates is largely male driven – young black men volunteer much more than Asian young men. Black young women also volunteer marginally more than Asian young women.

¹ All figures are from the Active People Survey 2, done in 2007-8.

² Calculation method is based on that used in Sport England's sport equity index (Participation in Sport in England: Sports Equity Index 2002).

³ “Well-off” households are those with household income greater than £45,800. “Poor” households are those with household income less than £15,600.

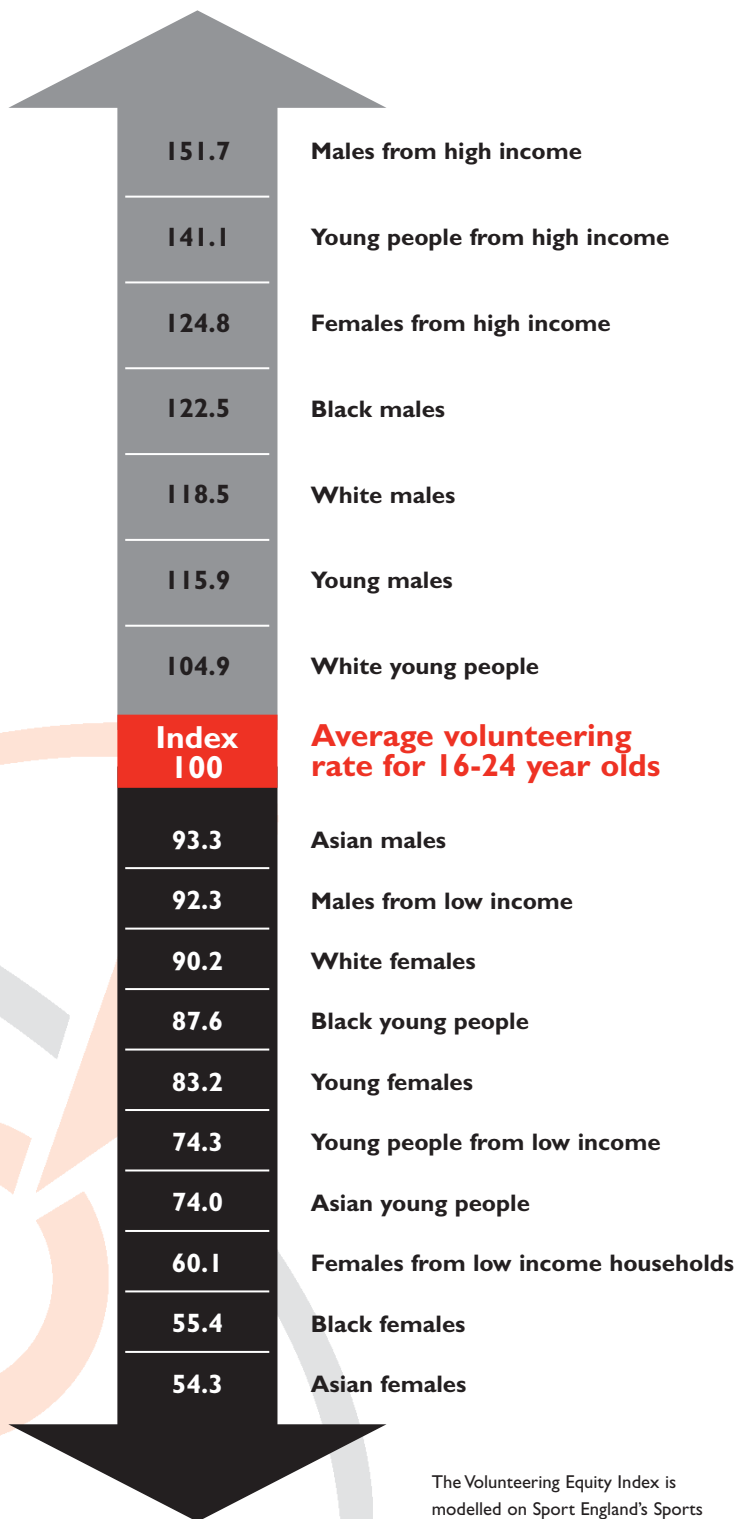
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The charity supports community based sports projects that deliver sport and volunteering opportunities to young people living in the 20% most deprived wards in the UK.

StreetGames works with National Governing Bodies of Sport to establish and develop links between community and mainstream sport. Recognised by the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games Inspire Mark, StreetGames is creating a lasting legacy of doorstep sport in the UK.

Volunteering equity index



The Volunteering Equity Index is modelled on Sport England's Sports Equity Index. We thank them for letting us adapt their work.

