

The Scottish Women's Convention

MISOGYNY IN EDUCATION

SURVEY 2025

Alongside our Misogyny in Education Conference, the SWC Team carried out a survey to gather women's views on the topic. Respondents provided many negative experiences of their time in Scottish education, recounting stories of misogyny and violence. Social media was also discussed, with women stating that misogynistic abuse often transferred from online to physical spaces.

When asked what they believe had to be put in place to reduce misogyny in Scottish education, respondents provided multiple solutions. They proposed that misogyny should be embedded across learning and women's achievements should be celebrated. Additionally, they called for improved disciplinary procedures for those perpetuating misogyny and more women in senior leadership roles.

Thank you to those who provided their experiences and views, with the following document outlining key themes.

The Scottish Women's Convention (SWC)

The SWC is funded to engage with women across Scotland to ensure that their views are represented in policy and decision-making processes. The SWC uses the views of women to respond to a variety of parliamentary, governmental, and organisational consultation papers at Scottish, UK and international levels.

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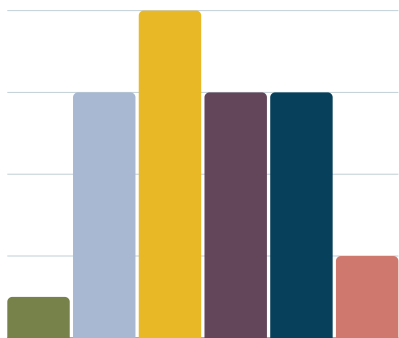
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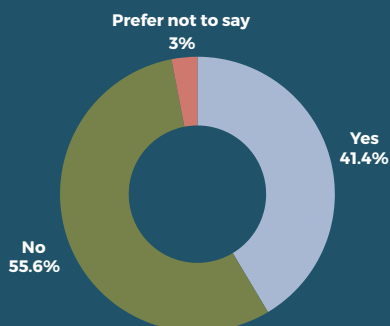
SURVEY RESULTS

AGE

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46-55 56-65 66-75

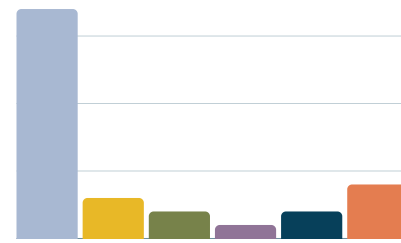


Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting of expecting to last 12 months or more?



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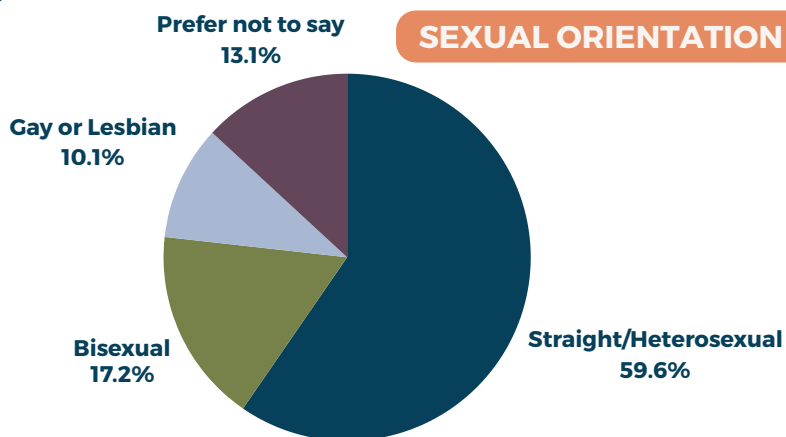
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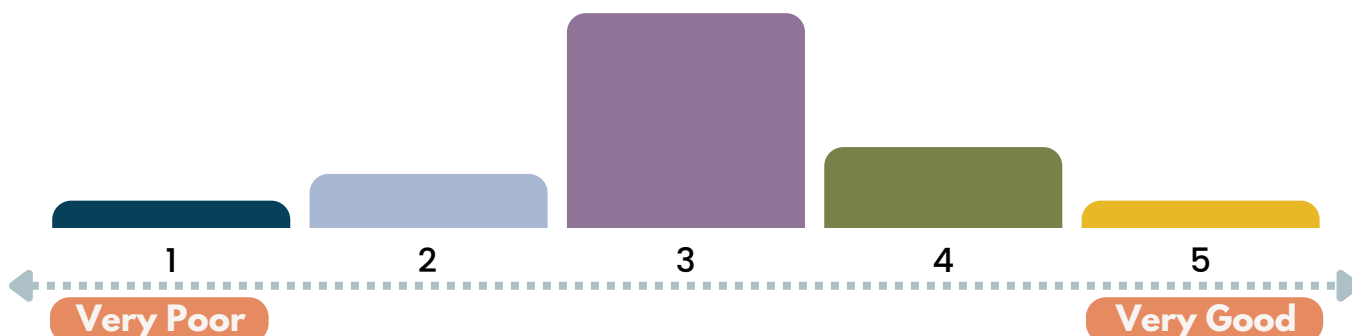
86.7%

of respondents had experienced or witnessed abusive behaviour towards girls/women

SEXUAL ORIENTATION



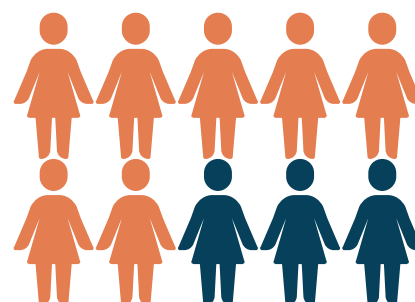
On a scale from 1 to 5, how would you rate your overall experience of Scottish education?



EMPLOYMENT STATUS

We received responses from women who work across the education sector. This includes primary, secondary and further/higher education professionals.

70% of respondents worked in Scottish education.



WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES...

The teaching profession is now undervalued and teachers are treated with disrespect and often targets of malice. The profession was once wonderful...now the job is a stress-inducing calamity for many.

Over the years, I have observed a range of abusive behaviour, the incidence of this is increasing...pupils discussing sexual activity...Pupils making and sharing videos, including sexual or violent content

I have had boys shout misogynistic abuse at me when I was walking home from high school usually pretty sexually explicit comments.

My daughter...has experienced taunting, racial slurs from boys in her class, and only when my daughter reacted...the school took action

One of my high school friends would regularly get catcalled when wearing her school uniform, usually by fully grown men.

WOMEN'S SOLUTIONS...

Educate people from a young age to reject misogynistic myths and attitudes, teach children to respect one another and take swift and appropriate action where misogyny occurs

Social media and messaging platforms are regularly used as part of patterns of misogynistic bullying. Seeing 'incel' pick-up artists and similar influencers online can motivate bad behaviour

Disciplinary frameworks need to be returned to schools. The staffing and resources required to tackle this problem needs to be delivered...Educators need to be enabled to create behavioural codes of conduct

Punish perpetrators, more education, empowering more women to get into senior leadership roles, and support systems for reporting

Incorporate and encourage discussion of women's achievements in all subjects. Clear and consistent consequences, make it a hate crime, and empower staff to challenge