



EUSKO JAURLARITZA
GOBIERNO VASCO

HEZKUNTZA, HIZKUNTZA POLITIKA
ETA KULTURA SAILA
Gazteria eta Kirol Zuzendaritza

DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACIÓN,
POLÍTICA LINGÜÍSTICA Y CULTURA
Dirección de Juventud y Deportes



Gazteen
Euskal Behatokia
Observatorio Vasco
de la Juventud

More than half of Basque youths display a high or average level of social participation

According to the study titled, "Youth and Social Participation in the Basque Country", prepared jointly by the *Basque Youth Observatory* and the *Basque Country Youth Council*, 12.5% of young people display a high level of social participation and 43.3% an average level

At the beginning of the year, 1512 young people responded to a telephone survey designed by the Basque Youth Observatory and the Basque Country Youth Council. The goal of this research project was to identify how young Basque people aged 15 to 29 participate, and the extent of their involvement, in social life.

We are presenting a preview of the most significant data from this research. The complete version will be available at the end of the year:

ASSOCIATIONS. Today, just over half of young people (57.3%) belong to associations; mainly sporting or leisure associations. Six out of every ten young people who belong to an association participate regularly in them and one third do so only occasionally.

VOLUNTEERING. 23.6% of young Basque people are currently involved in volunteer work. Volunteering is understood to include regular work (throughout the year or summer) or occasional collaborations. 17.3% perform regular volunteer work; girls more than boys, especially in the field of educational in their free time. 12.1% of youth volunteers collaborate occasionally, mainly in the field of sport. These forms of volunteering are not mutually exclusive, some young people are involved in both modalities.

SOCIAL ACTIONS. The research also includes other forms of social participation that are not as institutionalized and formal but have become traditional and attract young people. We have selected eight from the wide range of possibilities and analysed youth participation over the last year:

- Popular, cultural or sporting events: 62.6%
- Collecting signatures: 54.5%
- Complaints or discussions on the Internet, social networking or mobile applications: 53.1%
- Demonstrations and rallies: 50.3%
- Fund-raising for social causes: 49.3%
- Assemblies: 41.6%
- Election and voting: 38.8%
- Donating blood or organs: 25.7%

One in every five young people has organized a discussion or complaint on the Internet, on social networks or through mobile applications, which displays the rise of cyberactivism as a new form of social participation.



EUSKO JAURLARITZA
GOBIERNO VASCO

HEZKUNTZA, HIZKUNTZA POLITIKA
ETA KULTURA SAILA
Gazteria eta Kirol Zuzendaritza

DEPARTAMENTO DE EDUCACIÓN,
POLÍTICA LINGÜÍSTICA Y CULTURA
Dirección de Juventud y Deportes



Gazteen
Euskal Behatokia
Observatorio Vasco
de la Juventud

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION INDEX. This index combines the three forms of participation analysed with their levels of intensity or commitment and shows that 55.8% of Basque youths display a high (12.5%) or average (43.3%) level of social participation, i.e. they belong to associations, perform volunteer work and, over the past year, they have organised social actions considered in the research project or they have participated in most of them.