

# IoPPN Youth Awards 2023

## Evaluation Report



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# About the IoPPN Youth Awards 2023

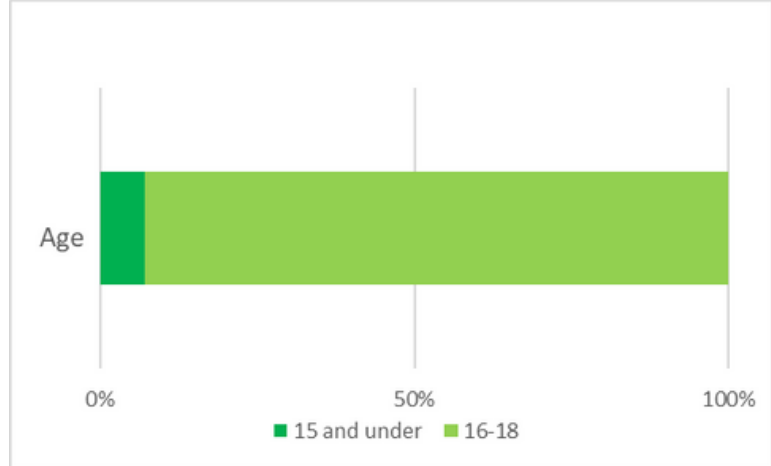
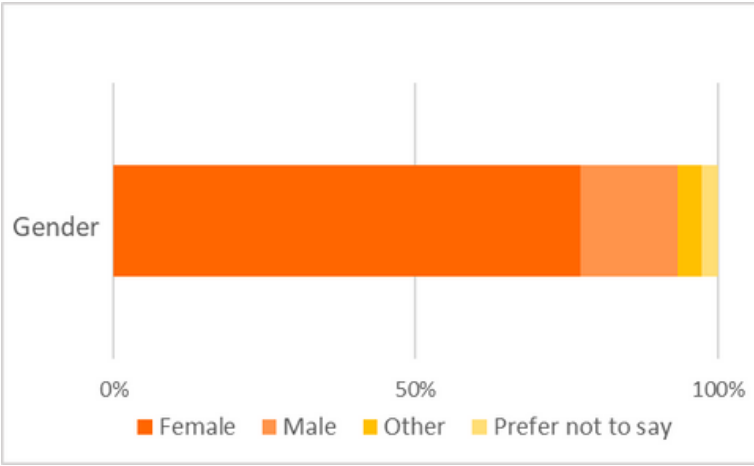
The Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience (IoPPN) has offered various Youth Awards since 2013 that aim to encourage young people from the local area to stay in higher education and develop a career in science, technology, engineering or maths (STEM)

This year, 75 successful applicants received an award in one of the following departments:

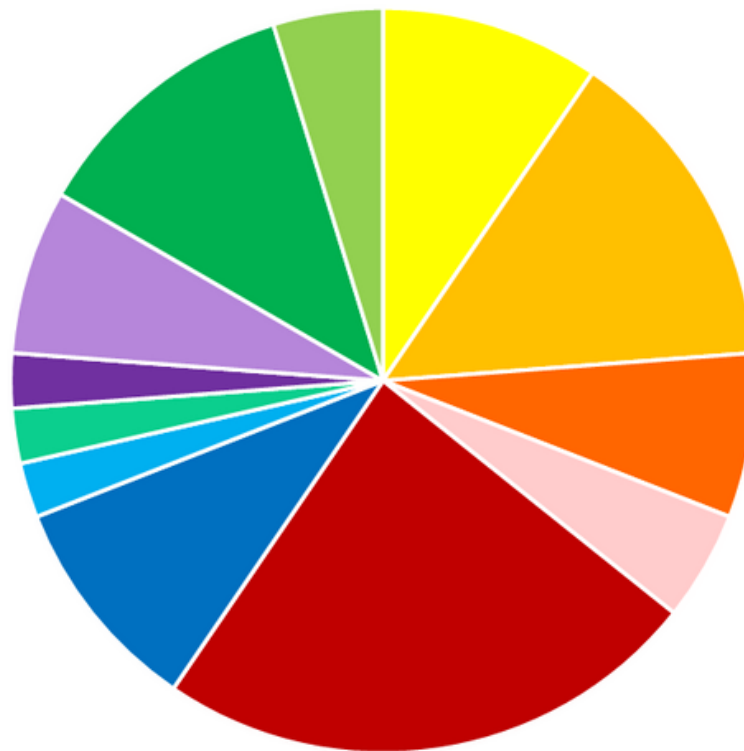
- Biostatistics and Health Informatics
- Neuroimaging
- Psychology
- Social, Genetic, Developmental Psychiatry Centre
- Mental Health Policy

Successful applicants participated in work experience in one of departments outlined above between July-September 2023. In addition to covering materials relevant to the department, workshops covered topics such as introduction to university, academia and research, as well as science communication, Q&A with academics and health professionals. Successful applicants were awarded with £50 book vouchers.

About the students:

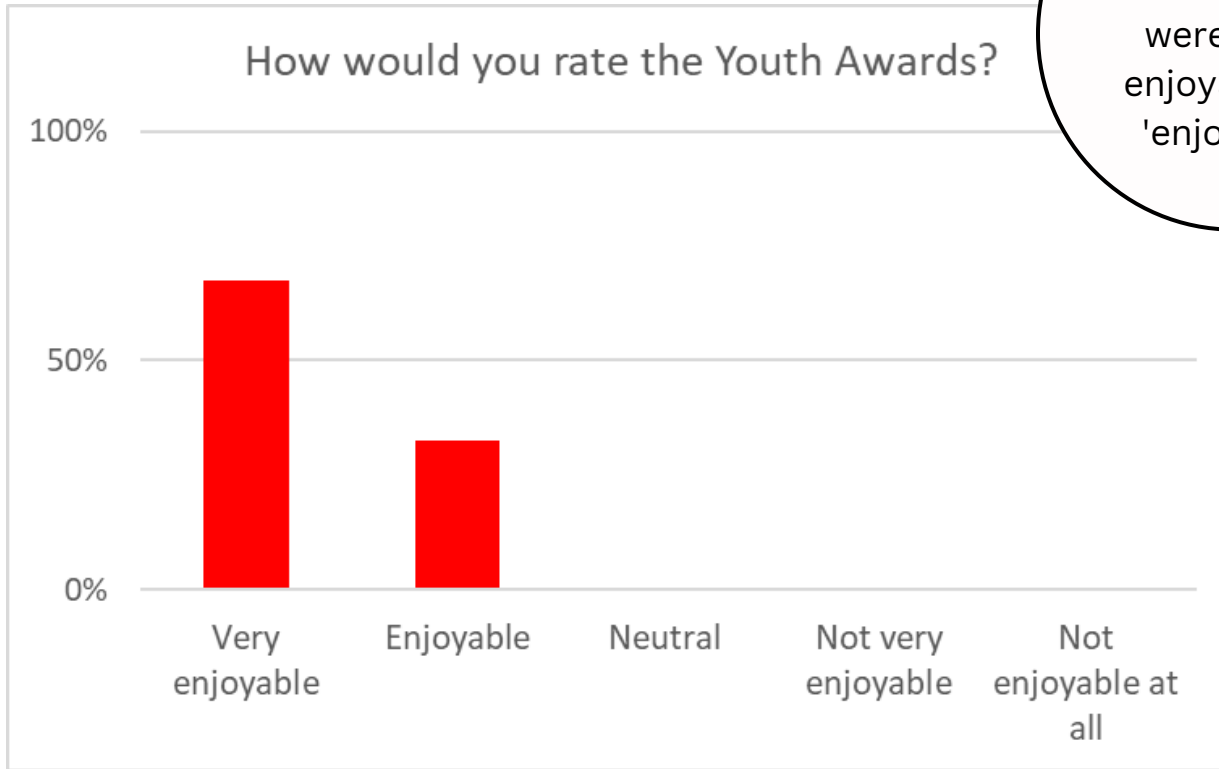


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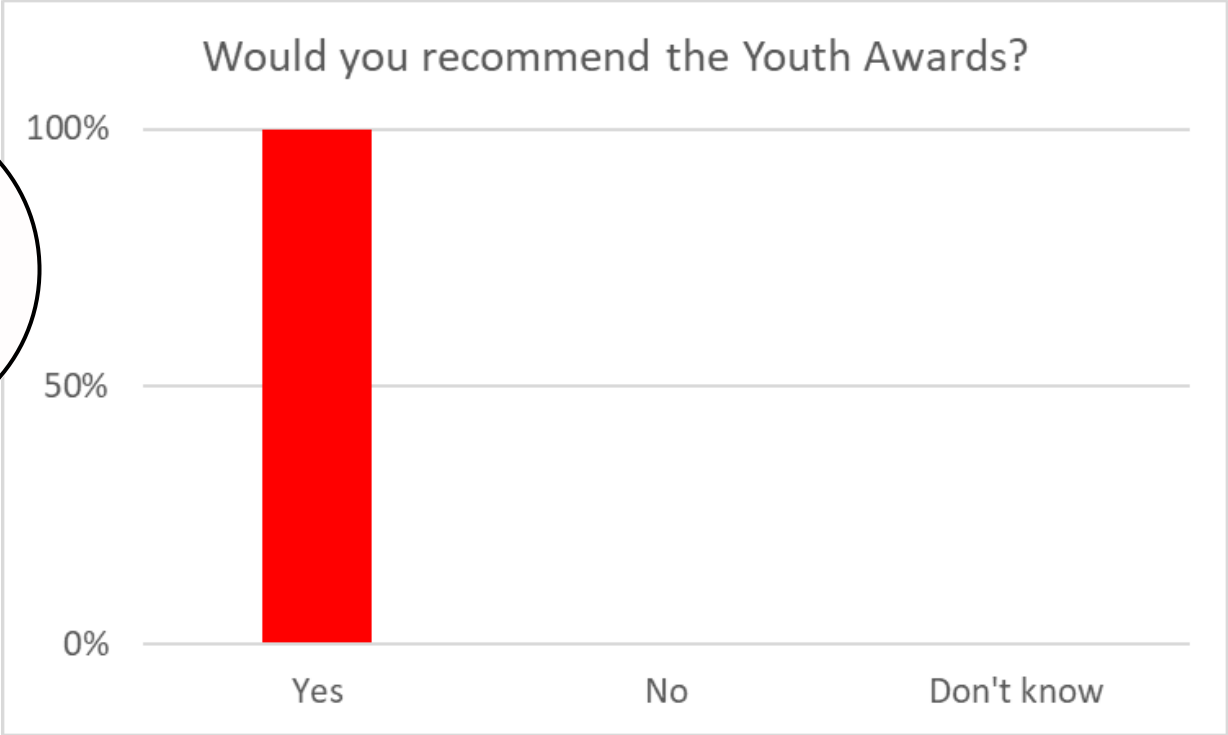
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| Asian - Bangladeshi                                   | Asian - Indian         |
| Asian - Other                                         | Asian - Pakistani      |
| Black - African                                       | Latin American         |
| Mixed - White and Black African                       | Mixed- White and Asian |
| Mixed - Other                                         | White - Other          |
| White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British | Prefer not to say      |

## Feedback on this year's Youth Awards:



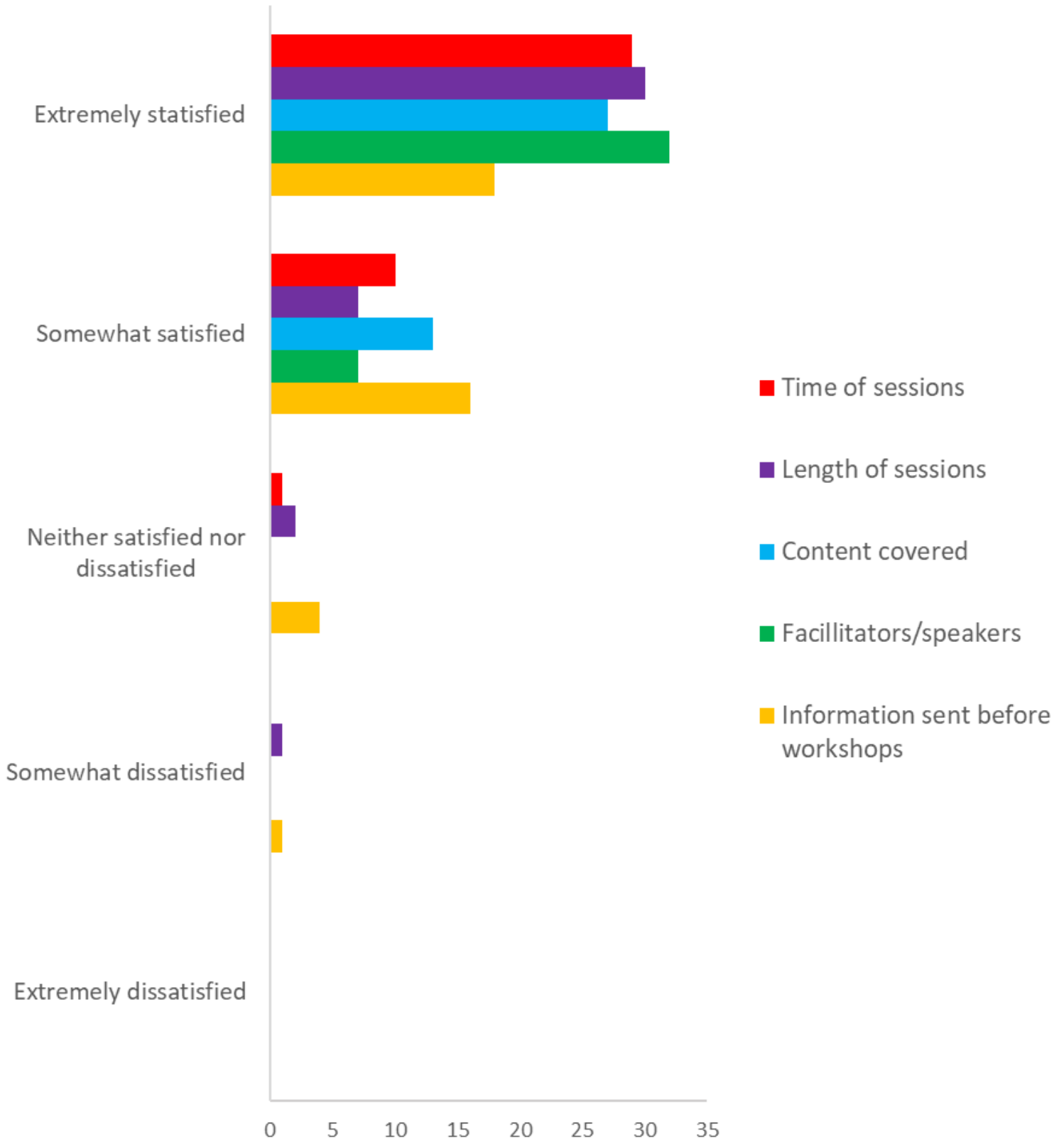
100% of students said the awards were 'Very enjoyable' or 'enjoyable'

100% would recommended the awards to others



NB: Data collected from voluntary feedback forms (N = 42)

## Feedback on this year's Youth Awards: Satisfaction with...



## Feedback on this year's Youth Awards:

### Positive feedback

I really enjoyed getting to do the EEG; as it was the first time I was actually able to do the physical element of things myself.

You get a great insight into the life of a PhD student such as an understanding of the support they receive from their supervisors and some of the responsibilities a PhD student has.

The practicality, we were able to do hands on work which was good.

The practical sessions were extremely valuable as I got to extract DNA from strawberries.

The quality of the content was sufficient in being challenging but also straightforward in a manner that still enabled us to engage and come up with interesting thought patterns between the content.

Very informational, learnt a lot about psychology topics and how a job in the psychology field would be like in the future.

We got a better insight into what psychology is and what psychology isn't to understand what exactly we would learn in university.

We get to ask all the questions we have to professionals which helped get a clearer idea about that profession

I learnt many new things and managed to gain a better insight into the different parts of psychology.

Interesting networking with professionals and seeing the labs and positive atmosphere

it was so interactive and we did so many things of different specialities

The fact that a wide range of students were able to present (from pre-GCSE to post- A-Level)

## Feedback on this year's Youth Awards: Most helpful aspects

Learning how to code information in qualitative data

Opportunity to talk to researchers

Talking/asking question to professionals in the industry

I really enjoyed learning about the different routes taken by different researchers which made me feel more confident in my educational journey.

Being able to meet like minded individuals that have similar interests and learn more about psychology as a whole and what a future career in it might entail.

The variety of talks contributed to my decision of what to study at uni

It helped me break a plethora of misconceptions I held before about quite popular topics in todays media (machine learning/artificial intelligence). And it helped me gain insight into the practicalities of how modern innovations are being used to help approach real world problems

Insight into topics covered in university and discussing with unfamiliar students.

The things I found most helpful was the session on brain anatomy where we got to understand the different functions of the brain and the spinal cord.

Increased my interest in real life application of statistics so helped me learn more about how what I study is applied in the real world

I had been able to apply research methods to real life

Having insight into seeing real patients going into a MRI scan

Gave me an idea of alternative routes into the course I want go in

Talking to the academic staff about my career aspirations and receiving advice.

It's given me an insight into University life

Meeting people who want to do similar things as me and learning about more specific areas in Psychology.

## Feedback on this year's Youth Awards: How to improve

Have an online form to ask questions given out every day to ask any questions, and having an answer session of 20/30mins the next morning to answer those form questions

Make it longer I'd love to learn more

Please could you provide seats for some of the sessions e.g. when we were visiting the animal testing facility, there weren't that many seats. It got tiring standing for long, especially before lunch.

More activities and interational activities rather than just talking.

Information sent before - give rough outline what students do

A small insight into the building would of been very useful too. Like a tour.

The sessions could have a mix of more group/interactive tasks as well as the lecture style.

I wish it was a bit longer as although it was good that it took multiple days, 3 days feels a bit too short to get to know the people you are with.

More career paths information.

Provide a timetable or schedule in advance so we know what we are going to cover, so we could better prepare or research beforehand incase we had any questions on topics of interest.

Maybe make the day a bit shorter

Potentially holding the awards over a week instead of two days as the content felt quite condensed in order to fit the time schedule.

I would also find it helpful to have sent the presentations by email, so I could refer back to them.

More in depth discussion of people's current research. I also felt that the range of ages made it harder for speakers to address the differing knowledge ranges within the group.

Some of the sessions could've been a little bit more interactive and shorter in length.

Make some of the content more in depth about certain areas or provide a handout that go more in detail.



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