

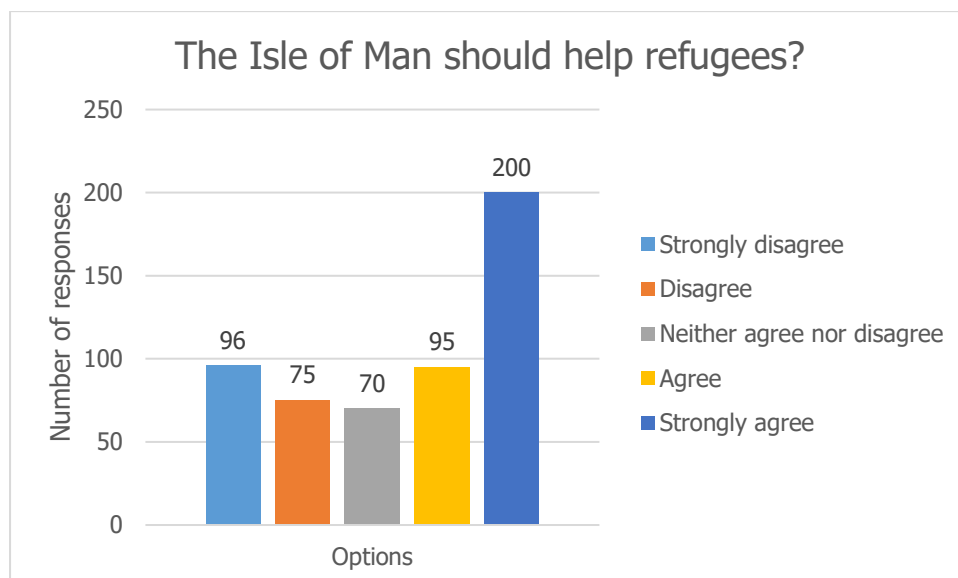
Refugee Policy Consultation Summary

The following data was collected from the public consultation on the future of the Island's Refugee Policy in late 2022.

- A total of 548 responses were received.
- The consultation attracted very polarised views.
- The value of this consultation lies within the qualitative data rather than the quantitative data.
- Despite clarifying that respondents were to answer in regard to refugees of any nationality, a percentage of respondents answered the consultation in specific relation to the war in Ukraine.
- Where the respondent answered 'strongly disagree' or 'disagree' to answer 7, the respondent would typically answer against any provision for refugees throughout the consultation. This factor is to be considered in any analysis of the quantitative data.
- Many respondents went on to add caveats to their responses.
- When reviewing open text boxes for comments, the most common themes/answers have been detailed.

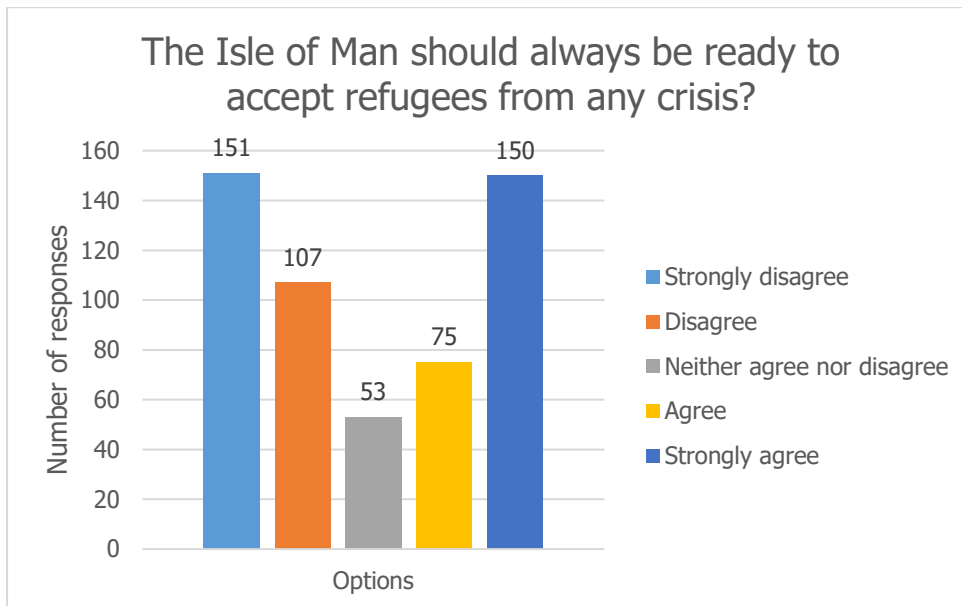
Questions 1-6 – General

Question 7

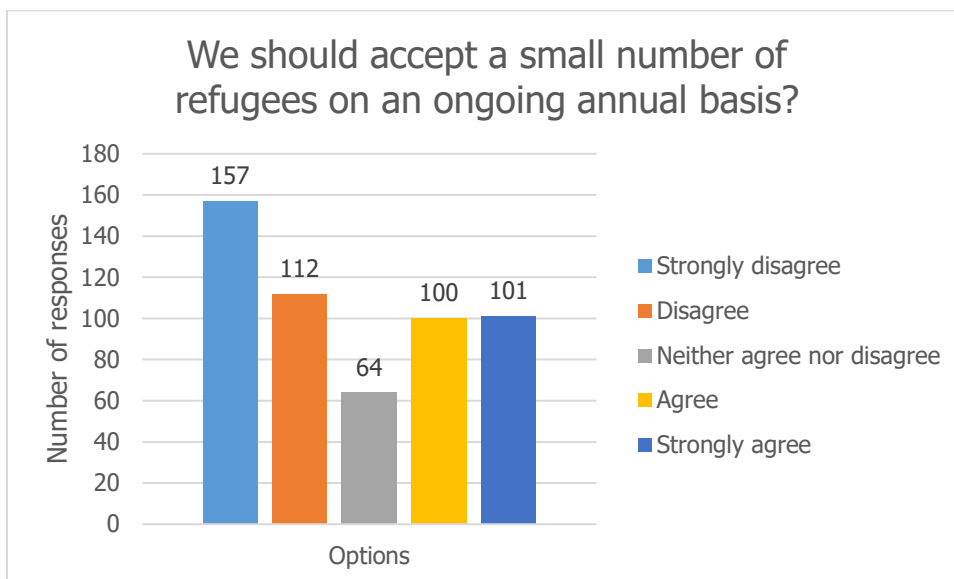


- What constitutes as 'help' differs greatly among responses

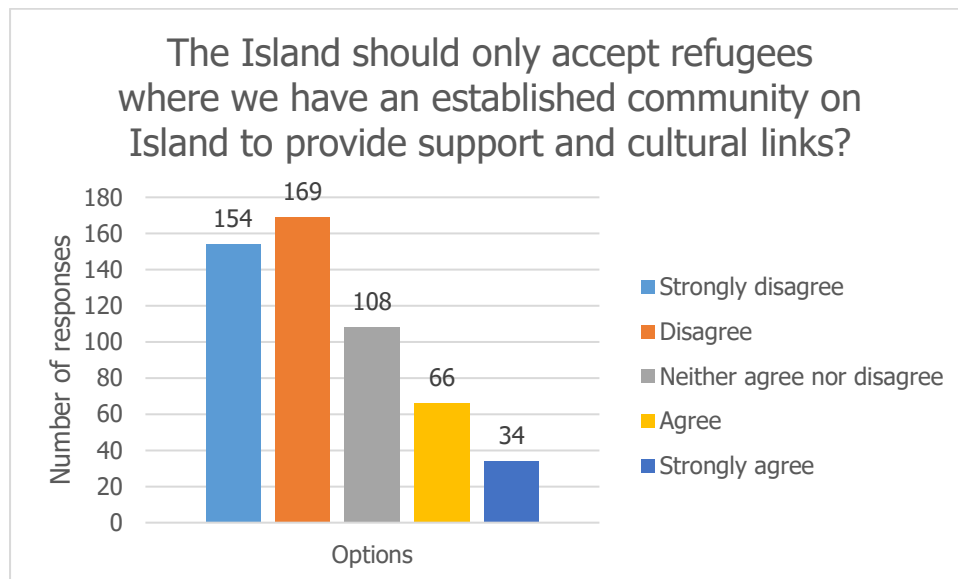
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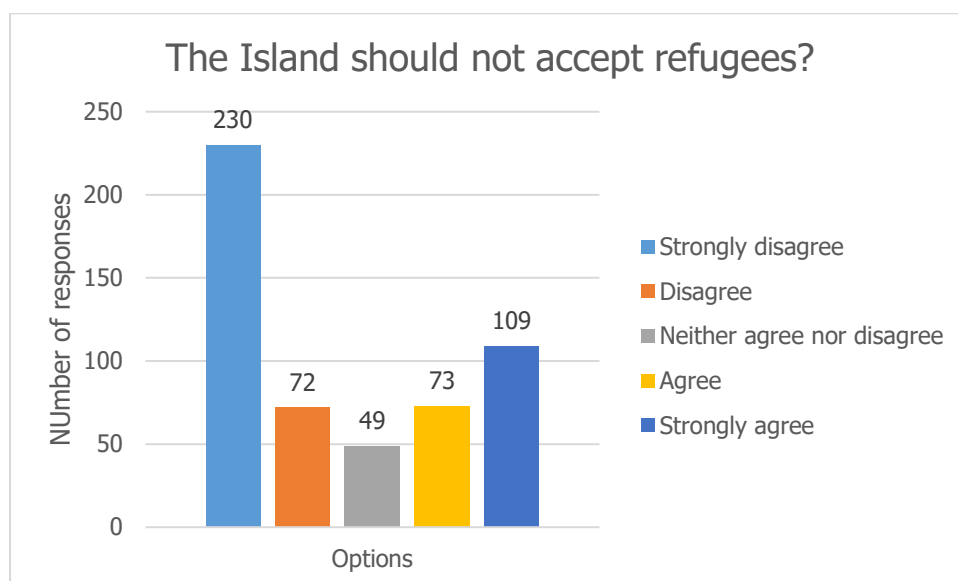
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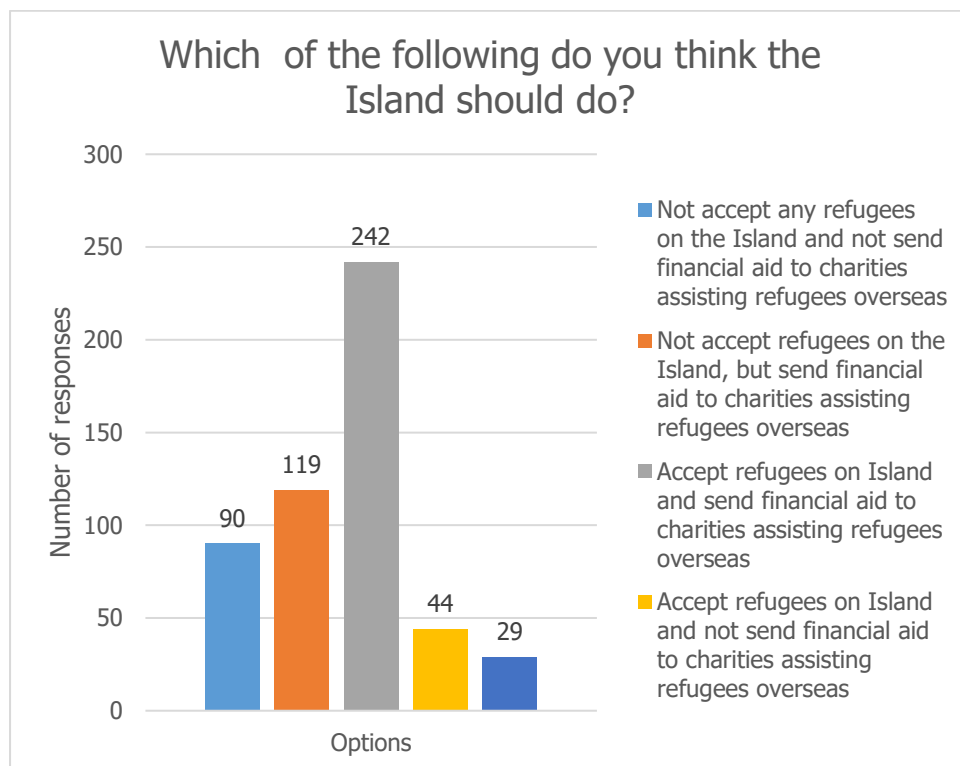


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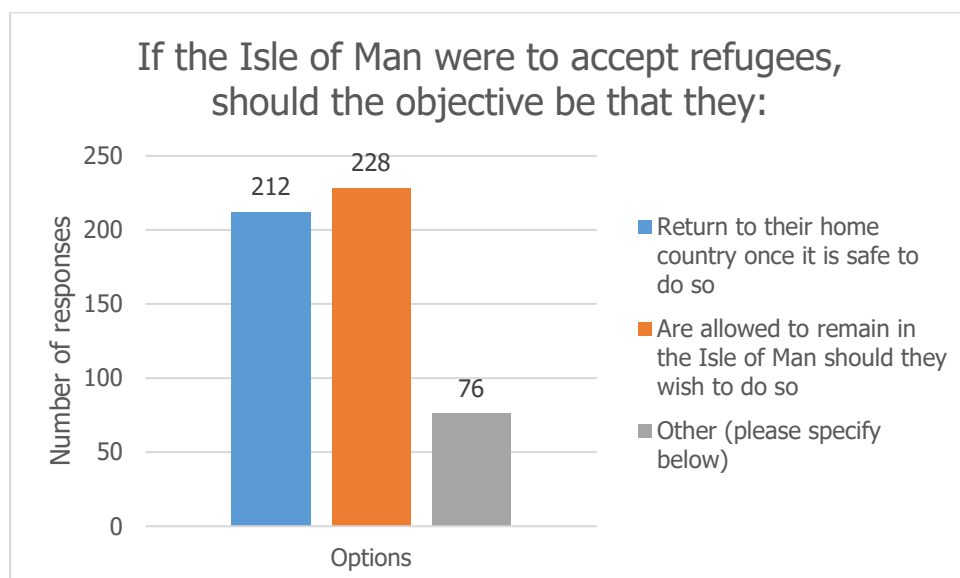


- Views on how this could be done greatly varied

Question 12



Question 13



Question 14: Do you think there are any benefits to the Isle of Man welcoming refugees to the Island?

- In line with Island's Economic Strategy
- Potential to alleviate demographic issues
- Alleviate skills and workforce shortage
- Increasing multicultural society and cultural enrichment and awareness
- International responsibility and recognition

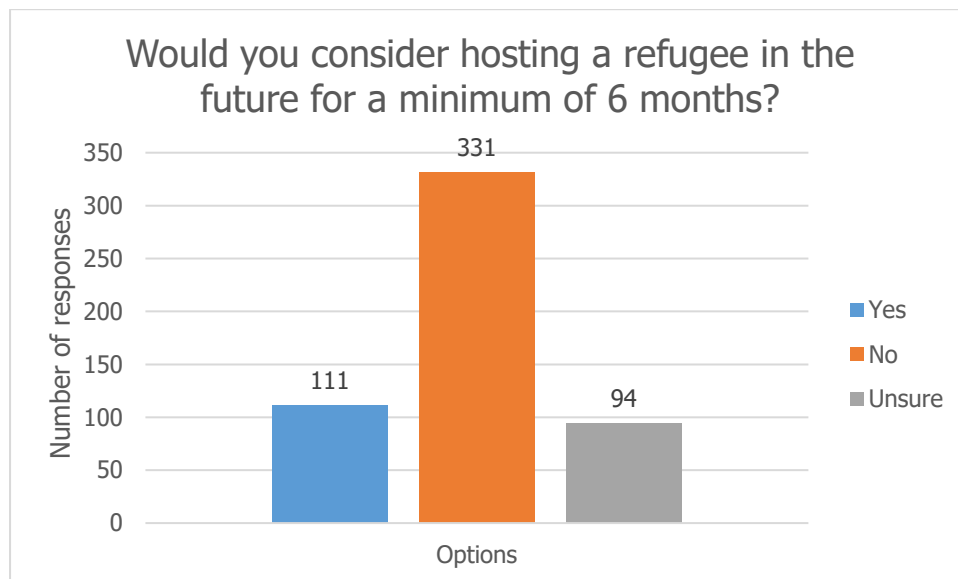
Question 15: Do you think there are any risks to the Isle of Man by welcoming refugees to the Island?

- Potential personal and community security risks
- Cultural clashes
- Physical and mental health issues
- Reliance on support from Government
- Pressure on housing
- Language barrier
- Pressure on Manx Care
- Lack of sufficient mental health support available
- Local resentment
- Unsustainable if not well managed
- Lack of integration
- Increase in xenophobia/racism
- Potential hostility within the local community

Question 16: What third sector organisations would you like to see involved in the effort to support refugees?

- Foreign language support
- Housing support
- Mental Health and well-being support
- Religious organisations
- Humanitarian-focused organisations
- Large scale off-island non-governmental organisations
- Disability support
- Manx cultural and historical charities and organisations
- Children's charities
- Financial support organisations
- Crisis care
- Employment focused organisations

Question 17

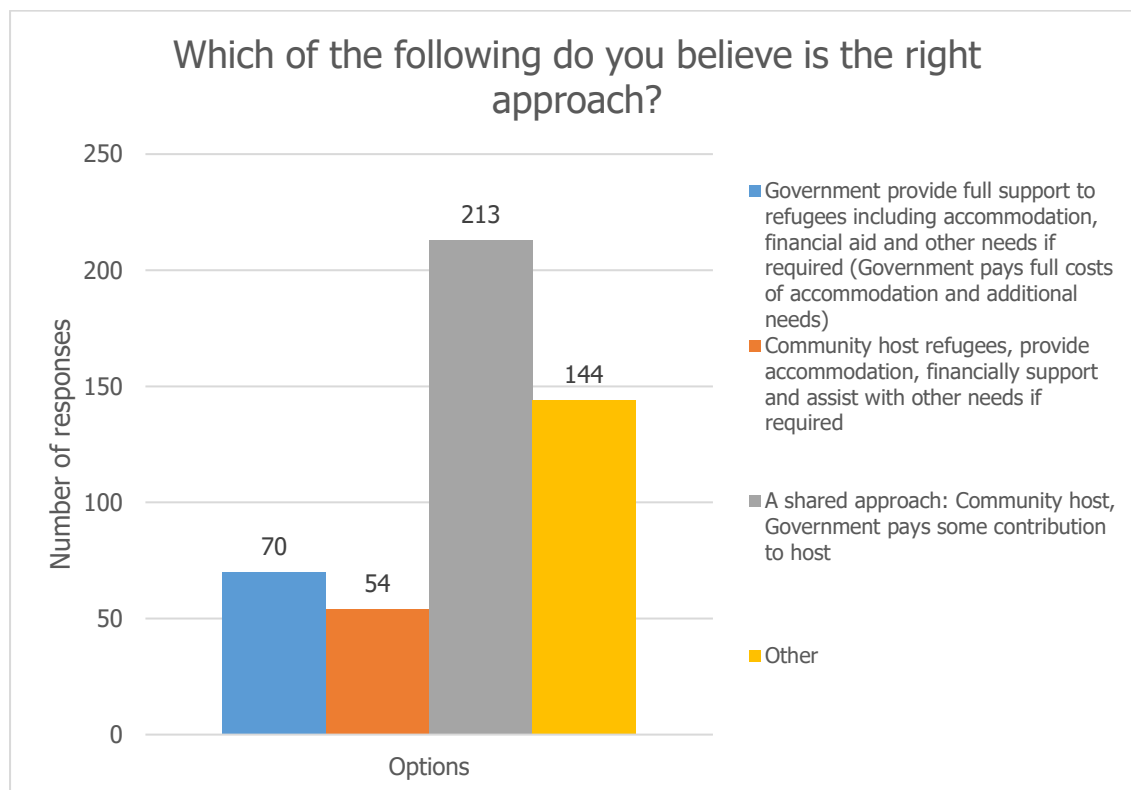


- A percentage of respondents answering 'no' were unable to host under current circumstances
- A percentage of those answering 'yes' would only under specific circumstances

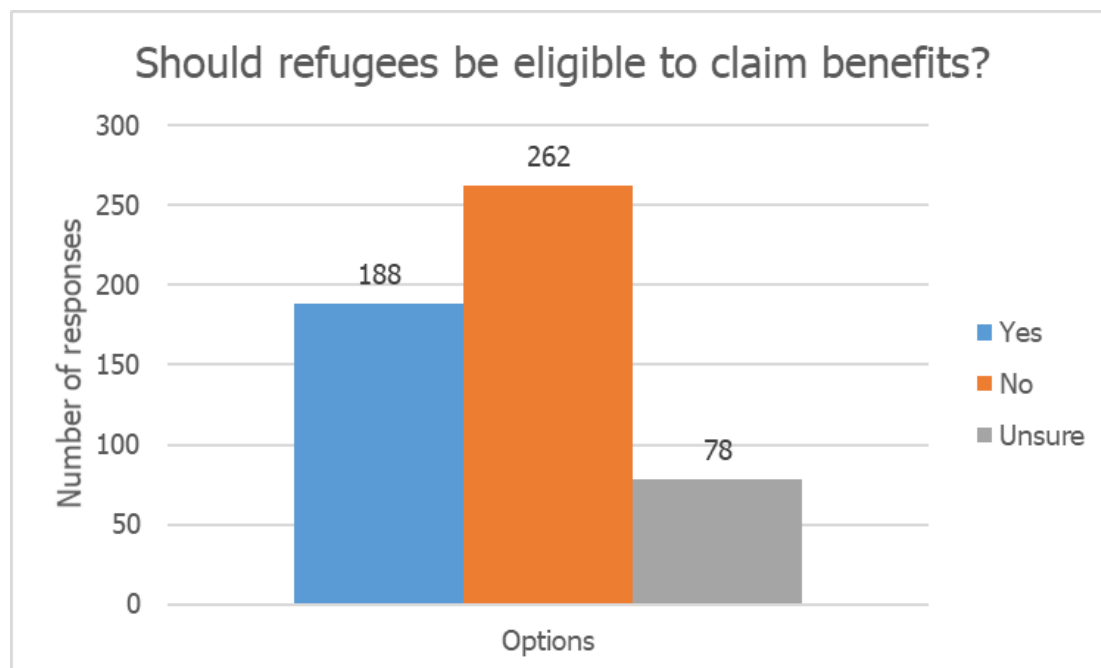
Question 18: What incentives do you believe Government could provide to encourage people to host refugees?

- Direct financial support
- Information on the refugee's culture
- Increase in global education
- Information on support available
- Tax relief
- Rates reduction
- Energy vouchers
- Reduce bureaucracy
- Free entry to MNH locations
- Free entry to community events
- Mentoring system
- Buddy system
- Training sessions
- Special leave granted by employer
- Discounted travel
- Security checks
- Support throughout the process
- Vouchers for Manx produce
- Underwriting of insurance
- Assistance with finding furniture
- Administrative assistance and support
- Government provides all resources

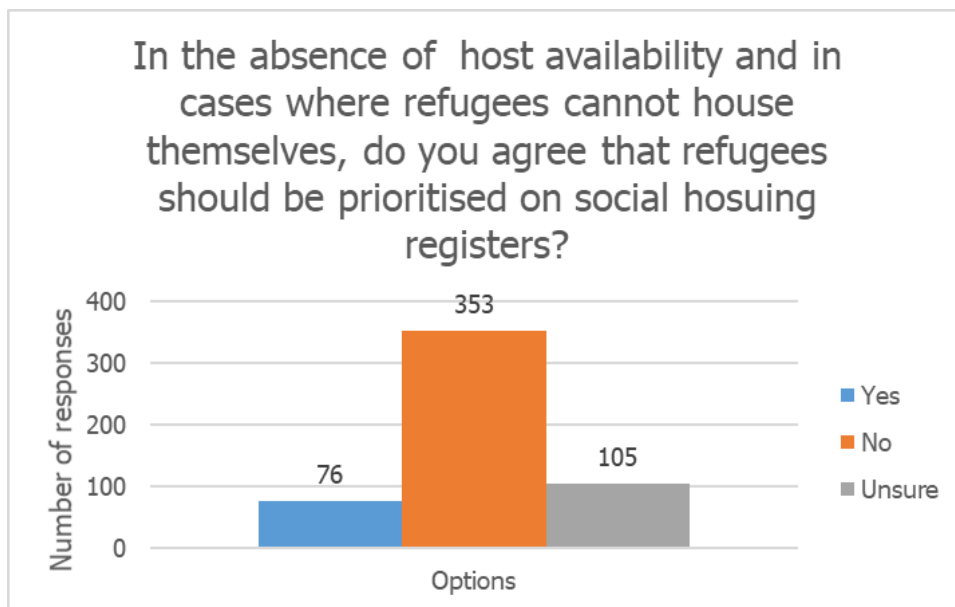
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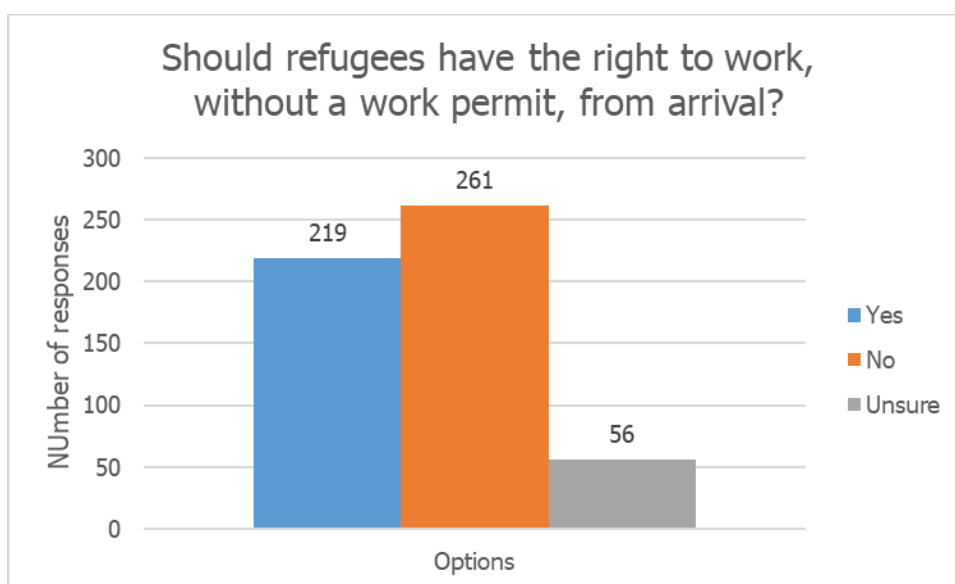
Question 20: Do you believe refugees should be eligible for benefits like Job Seeker's Allowance, Income Support, Employed Person's Allowance, and Child Benefit?



Question 21: In the absence of host availability and in cases where refugees cannot house themselves, do you agree that refugees should be prioritised on social housing registers?



Question 22: Should refugees have the right to work, without a work permit, from arrival?



- Some respondents were unsure on the parameters under which an individual is eligible for a work permit under normal circumstances
- A number of respondents were dissatisfied with the work permit system altogether

Question 23: What barriers do you think might exist to the successful integration of refugees on the Isle of Man?

- Local feels of racism and xenophobia
- Difference in language
- Cost of living crisis
- Cultural norms
- Availability of housing
- Potential social isolation
- Pressure on services such as Manx Care
- Potential exploitation
- 'Poor' transportation links
- Recondition of qualifications
- Provision of work permits
- Trauma
- Lack of specialist staff and services
- Pressure of Government's resources
- Distance and cost to further afield
- Lack of similar cultural connections
- Isolation
- Insufficient support

Question 24: What could Government change to make the chances of integration more successful?

- Increase global education and diversity training
- Public awareness campaigns
- Increase modern foreign language provision
- Make provisions for refugees available to all
- Provide support networks, housing, direct financial support and work permits
- Financially support third sector
- Put the experience of refugees first/evidence-based approach
- Resettle with or close by to those speaking same language
- Ensure sustainability
- Only accept those with similar cultures/values
- Accept those irrespective of nationality
- Employment assistance
- Transport assistance
- Bring in expertise from international organisations
- Health screening
- Security checks
- Put in place appropriate restrictions

Question 25: What could the third sector do to make the chances of integration more successful?

- Language support
- Cultural support
- Support networks

- Employment assistance
- Act alongside Government
- Global education awareness

Question 26: Do you have any further comments?

- No new information