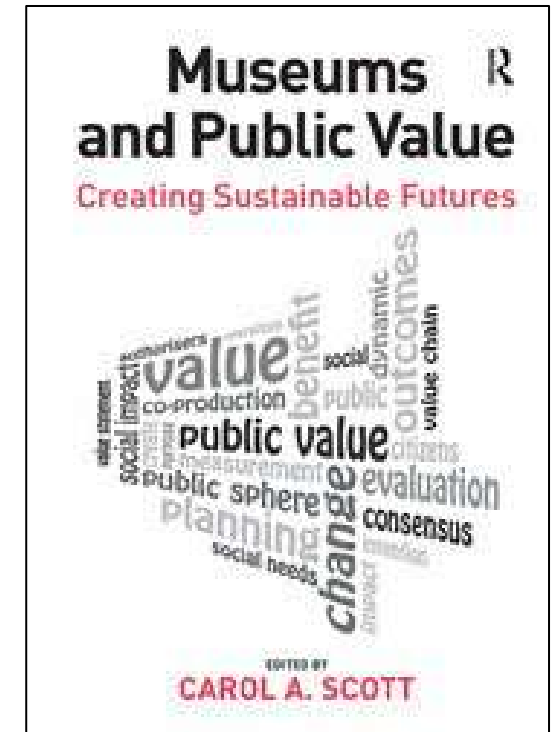
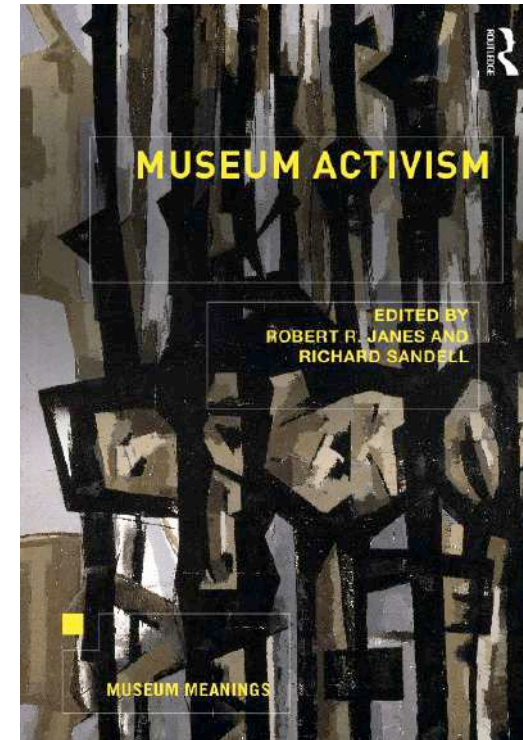


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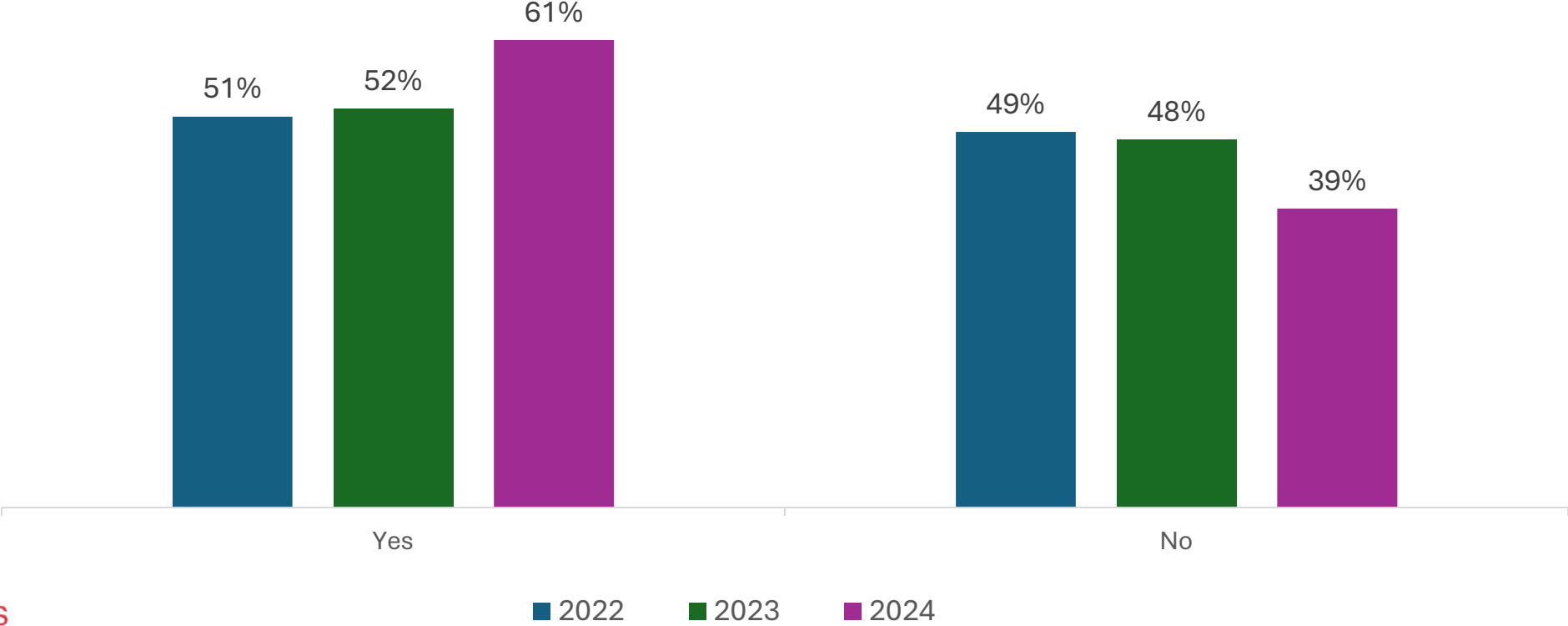
“In the midst of the darkness and brutality of war, museums and art galleries have seized all the available opportunities for spreading the light of learning and culture. Their amazing development during the past 20 years has been tremendously accelerated not retarded as was first anticipated by war conditions.”

Dr F S Wallis, director of Bristol City Museum & honorary editor of Museums Journal 1945

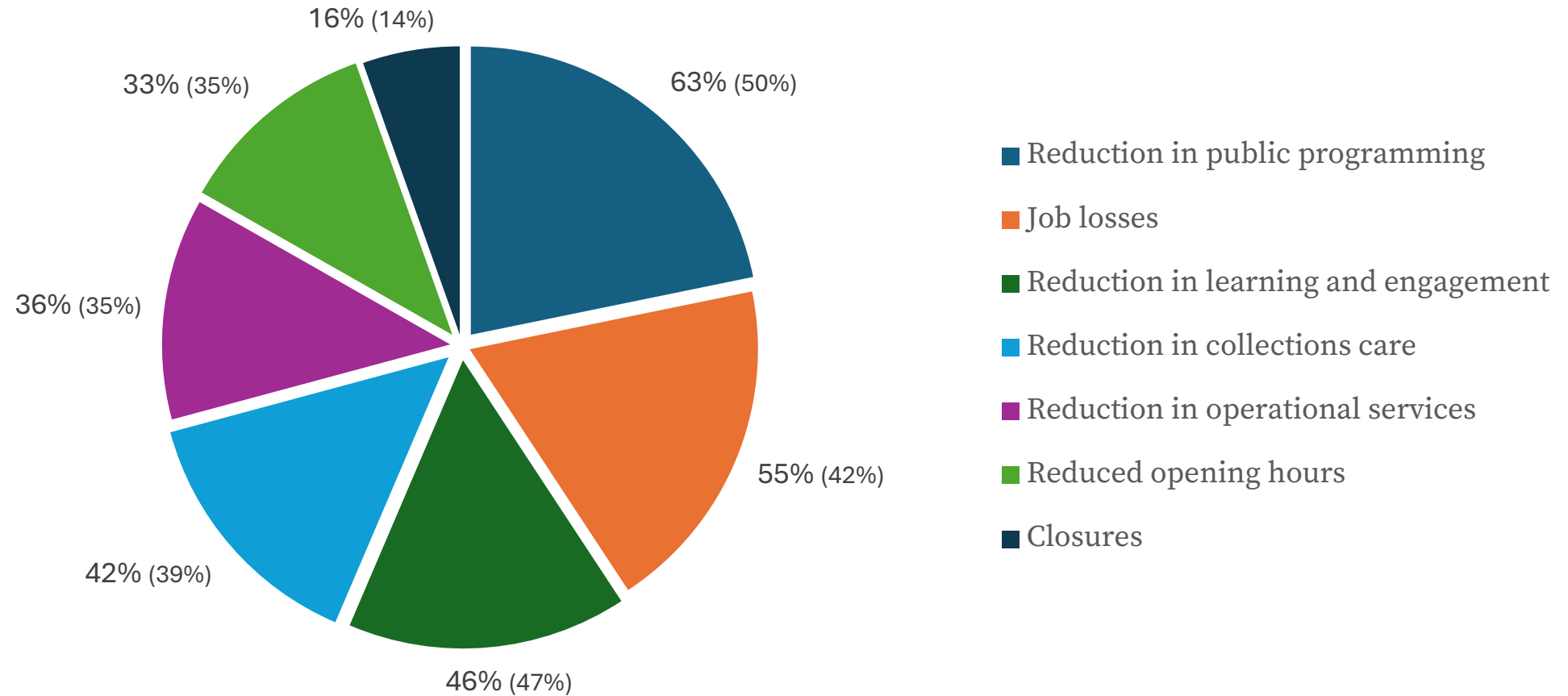
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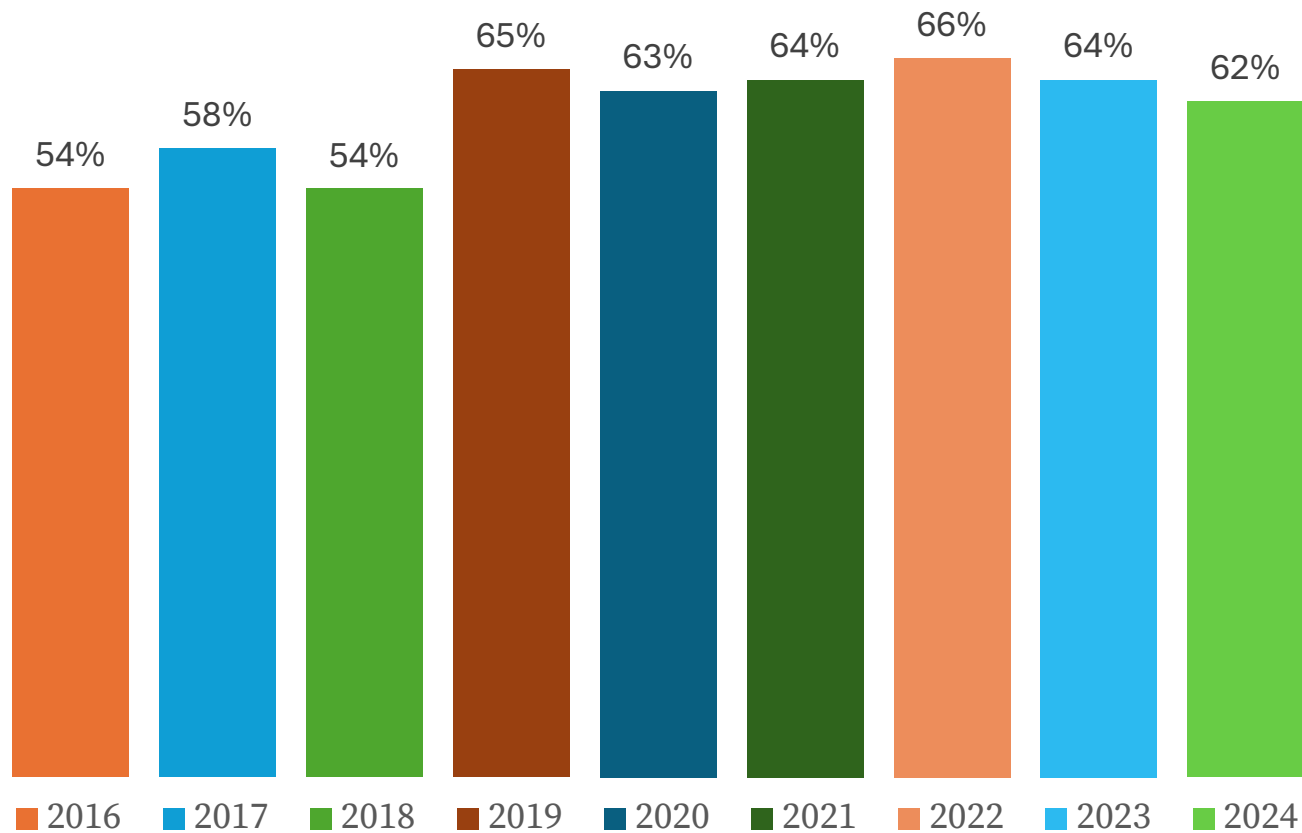


Is your museum or the museum(s) that you work with planning cuts in services as a result of the cost-of-living crisis or other budget pressures?

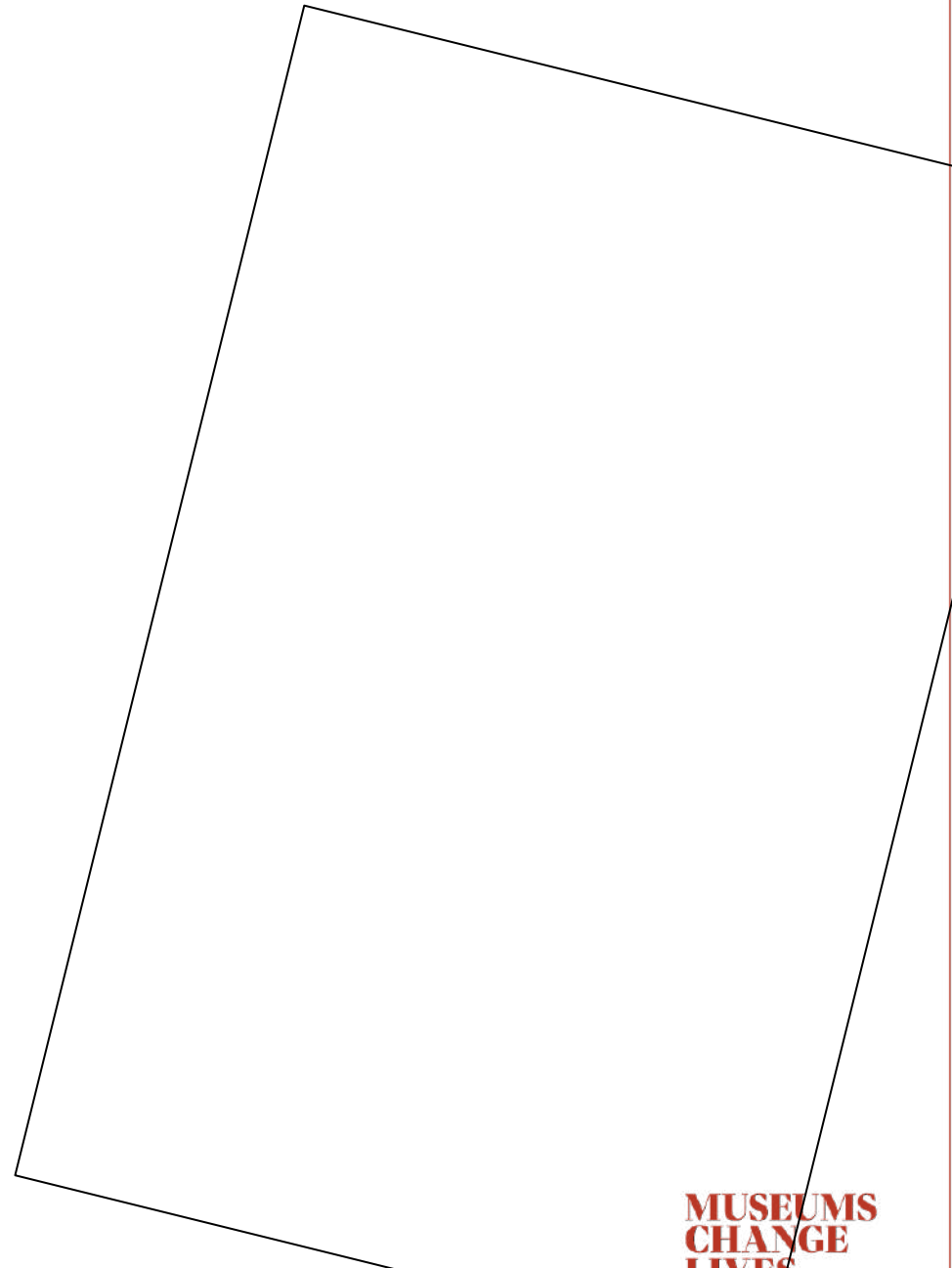
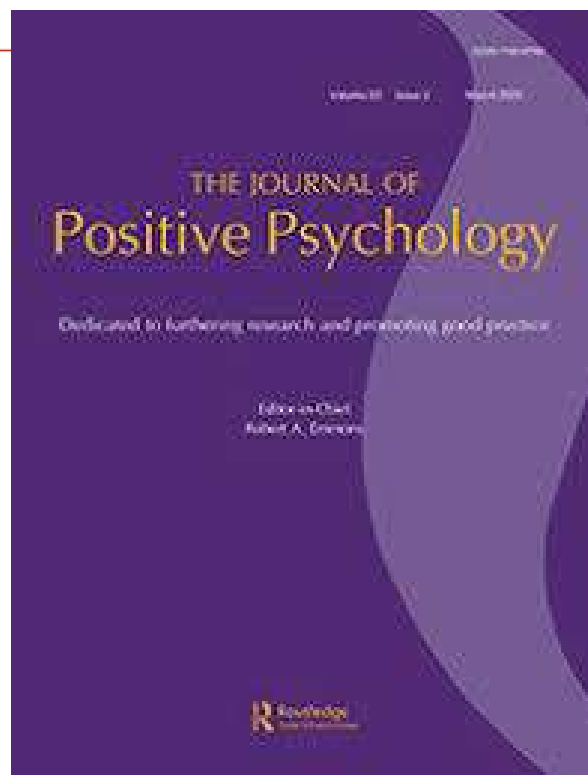


Will any reductions in funding result in: *(Previous year in brackets)*





Does the museum you work for or with proactively have programmes for enhancing health and wellbeing?



- Older adults in England (age 50+) who regularly participate in cultural activities have **nearly half** (48%) the risk of developing **depression** compared to people who do not engage in culture
- Also more likely to have higher levels of **wellbeing**, a lower risk of **loneliness**, developing **chronic pain**, likelihood of becoming **frail**, developing **dementia** or having **poorer cognitive functioning**
- Arts and cultural engagement can have long-lasting effects from childhood to adolescence.
- Eg children aged seven who take part in creative activities have a lower risk of developing **behavioural problems** in early adolescence
- Adolescents also benefit from arts engagement. They are less likely to be **antisocial**, to **behave criminally**, to perceive such behaviour positively, and they are more likely to have better self-control.

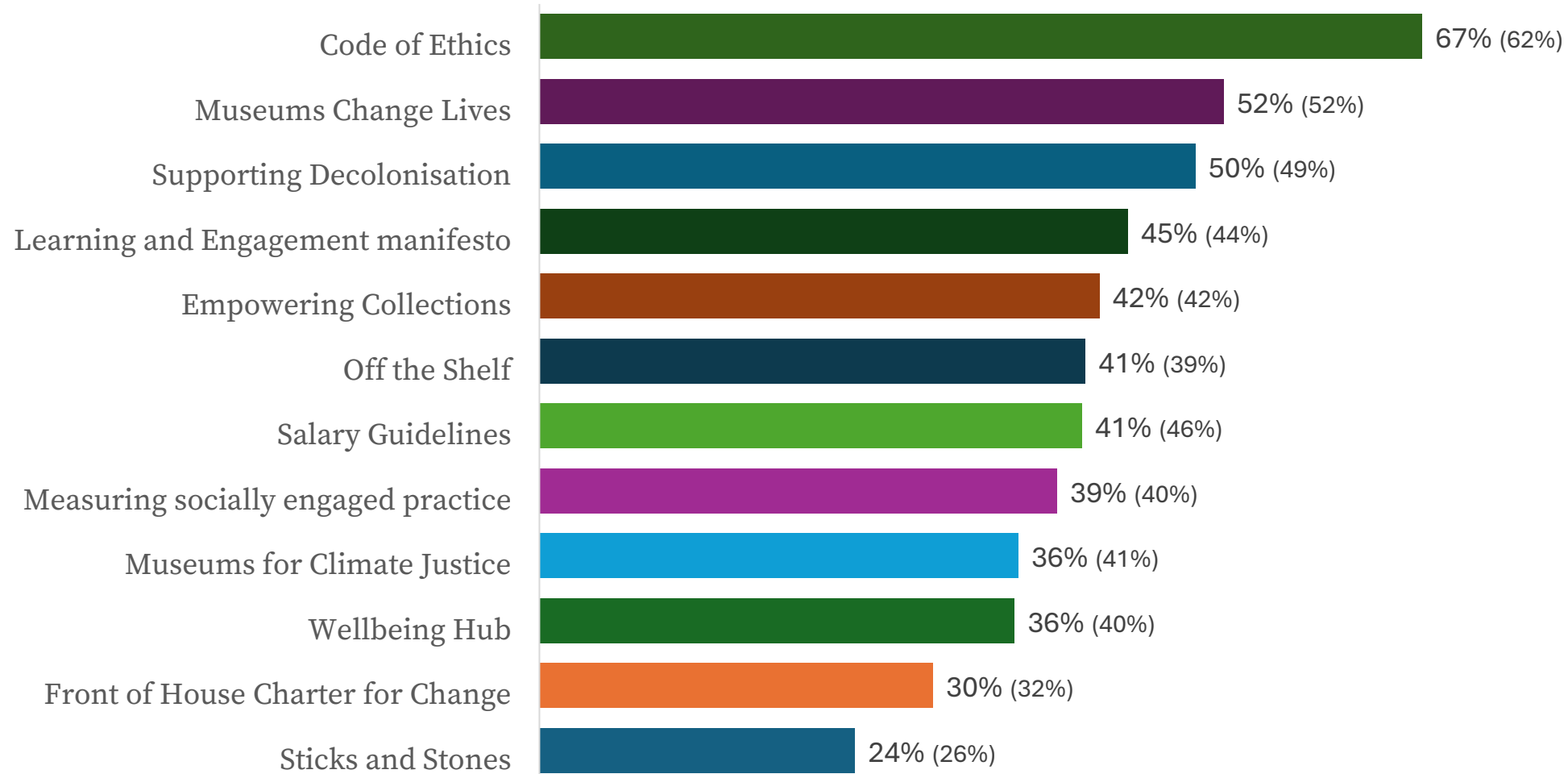


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- Enhance **health** and **wellbeing**
- Create better **places** for us all to live and work
- Create space for **debate, discussion** and **reflection**

9.) Which have you or your organisation used in the past year:





Esme Fairbairn
Communities Collections
Fund - £1m / year

Health and Wellbeing in
Museums Fund - £1.5m
over two years



Credit to The Liminal Space, photo by Mark Newton





Supporting decolonisation in museums

