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Malta Pride 2019 Feedback Report

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An online survey was launched on Monday 16th September and closed on Monday 30th September.



Facebook, Mailchimp & WhatsApp messages were the main channels of communication to inform potential respondents about the survey.



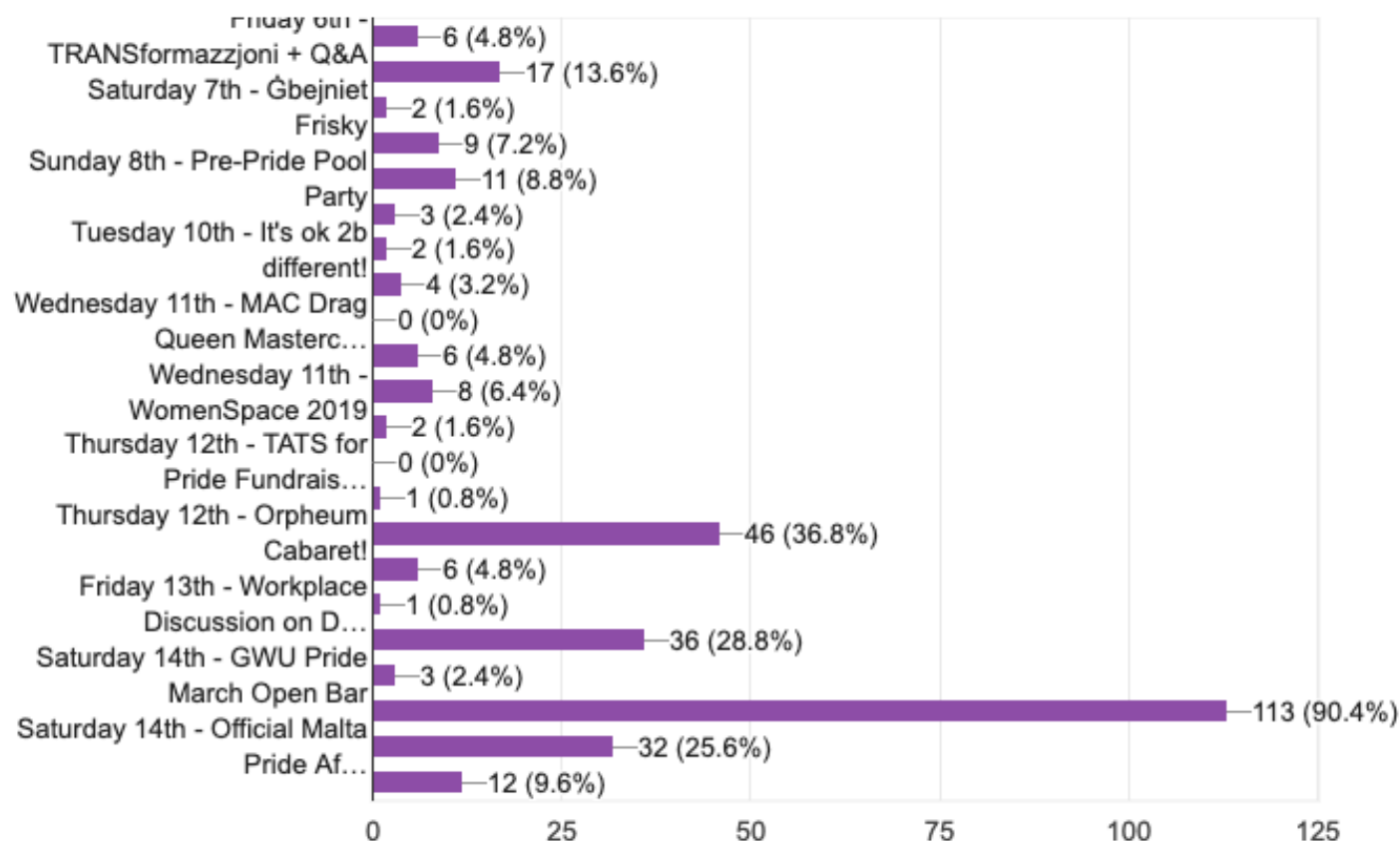
A total of 125 replies were collected.

We deem that this sample size is not representative and the findings are only meant to give an indication

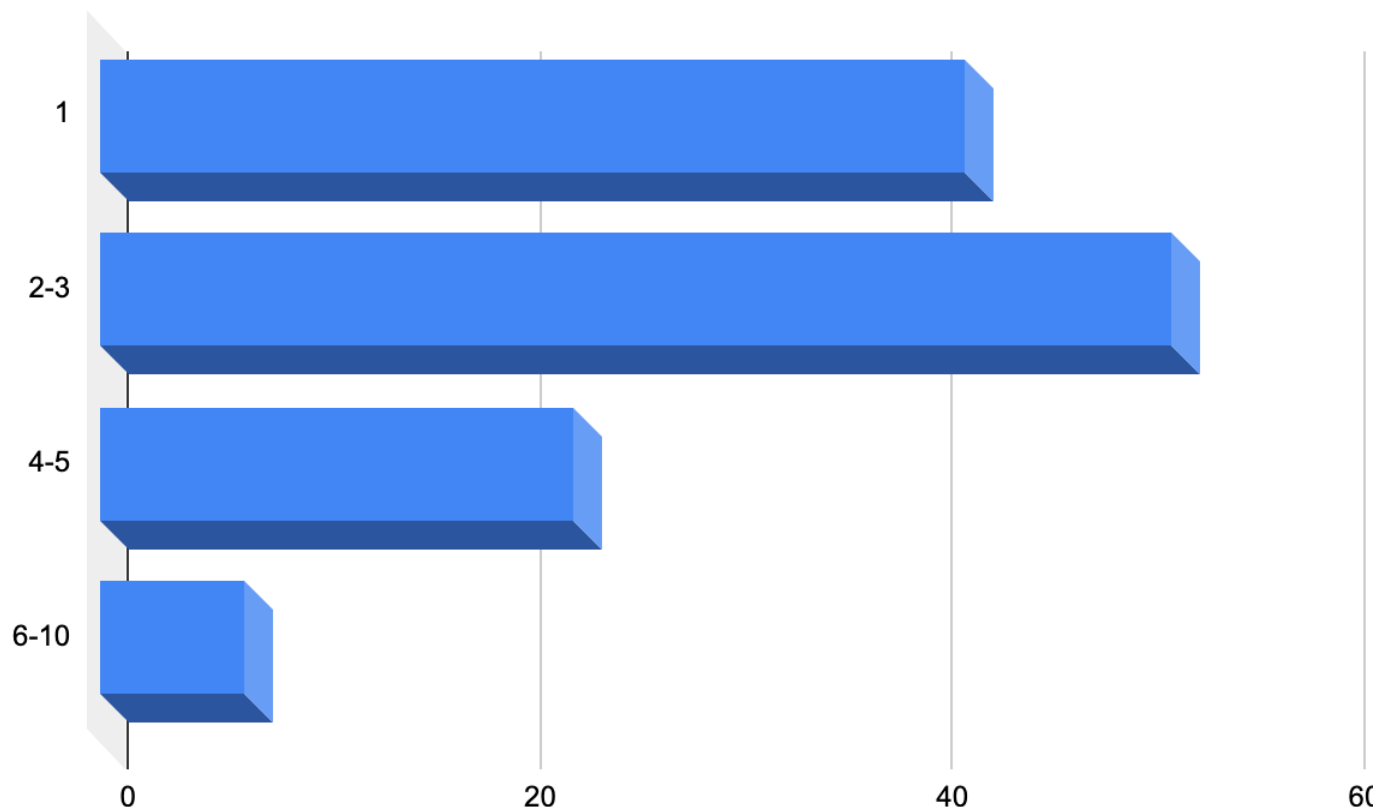
Which of the following Malta Pride Week events did you attend?

A total of 22 events were organised as part of the official Malta Pride Week calendar held between the 6th & 15th September.

Based on the survey, the **Pride March & Concert** was the most attended event (90%) followed by the **Orpheum Cabaret** (37%) and the **Lollipop Pride Opening Party** (29%).



Number of events attended by the respondents

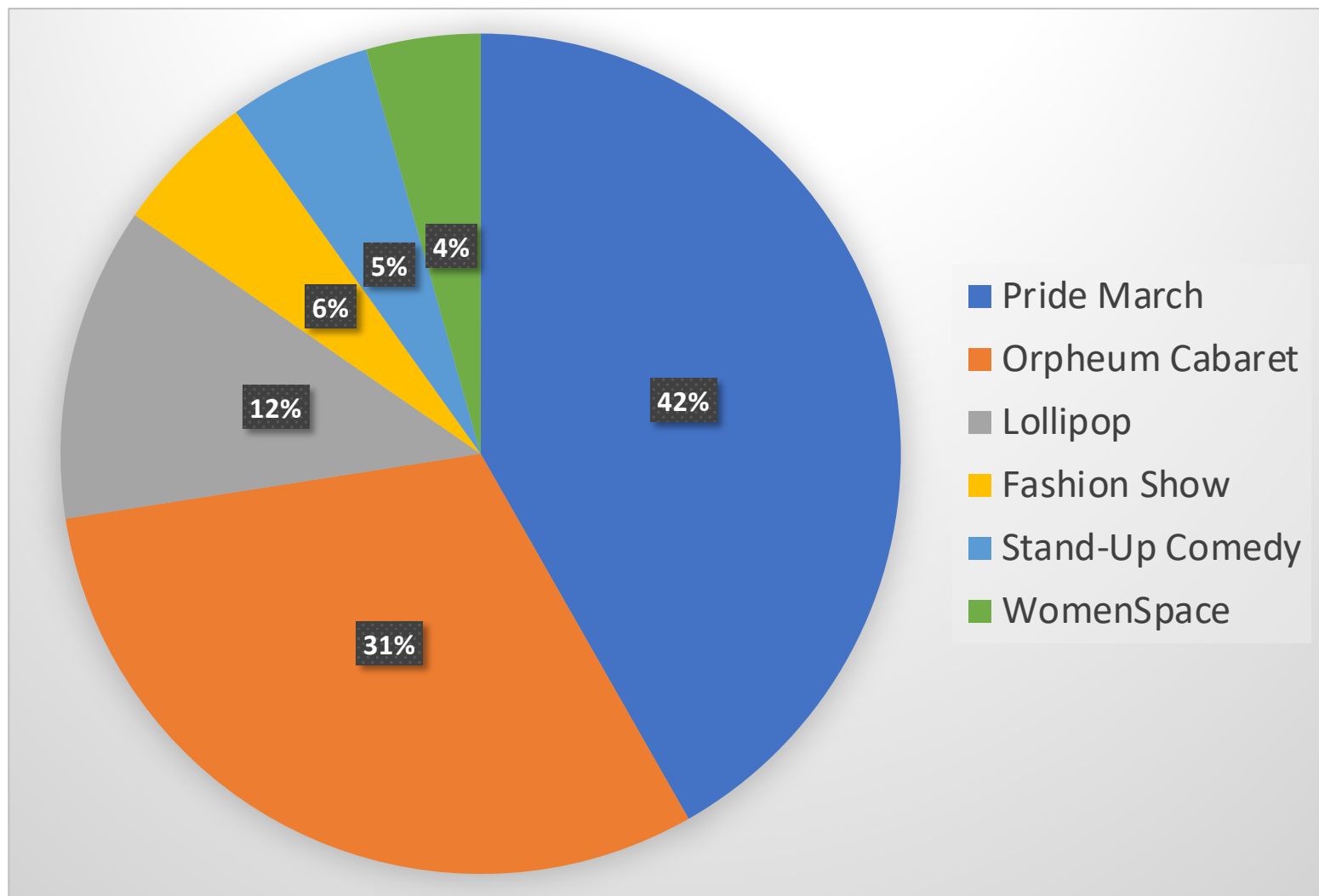


This result offers an encouraging insight into the need to organise a Pride Week with multiple events.

66% of the respondents attended 2+ Events during the week.
An increase of 11% points from 2018

An average of 2.6 events attended by each survey participant

Favourite Event during Pride Week

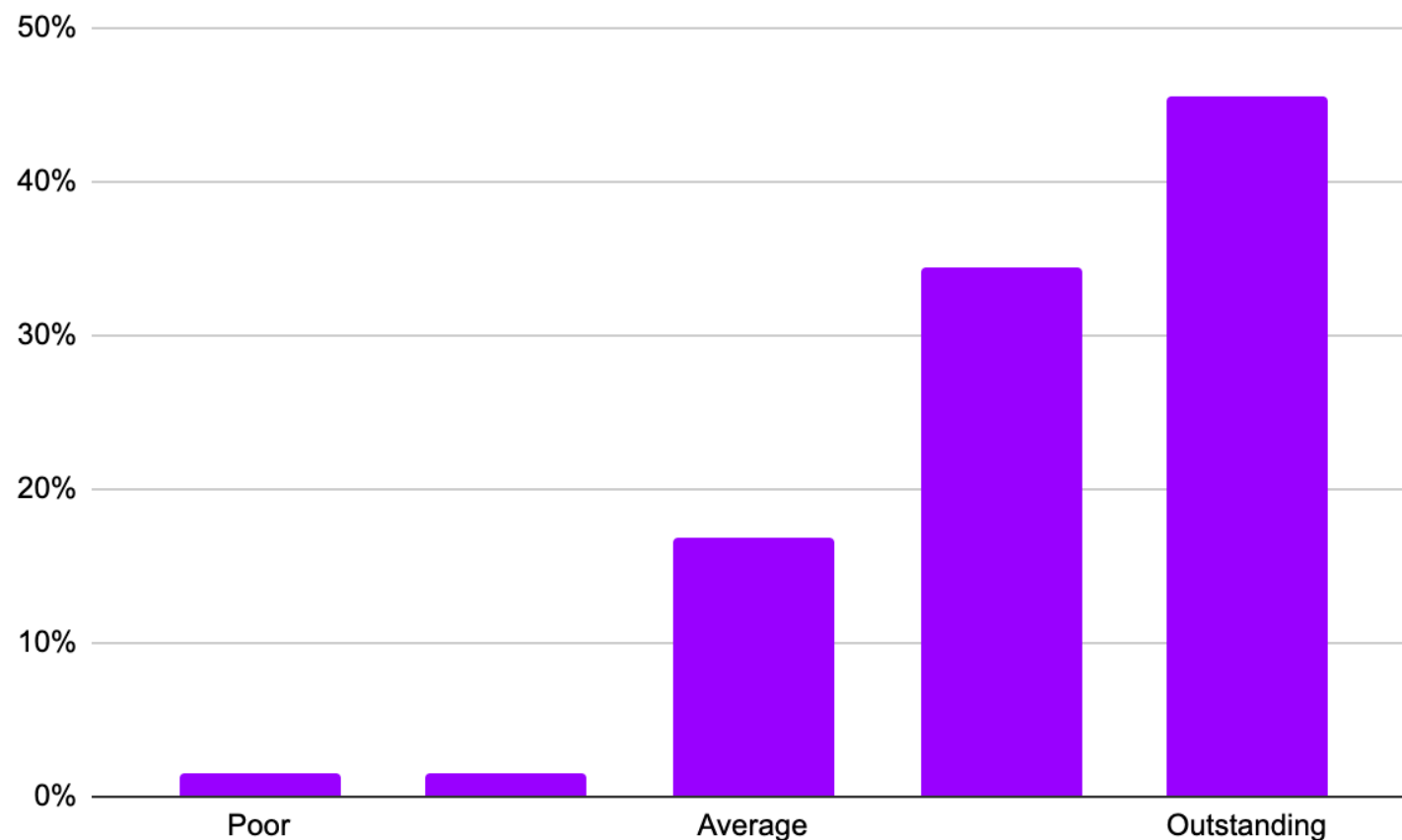


What made these events so special?

Common factors could be noted from the feedback received and these were:

- Make new friends
- Originality
- Positive Vibes
- Feeling Included
- Safe Spaces

How would you rate your experience of the Malta Pride March & Concert?



***80% of the respondents
felt their experience
was good or
outstanding.***

There's a decrease of 1% from 2018.

How did the Pride March make you feel?

As Malta Pride organisers, understanding what Pride means for the rainbow community remains a crucial aspect to our role. At its heart, the Pride March remains the fulcrum of our purpose and its scope should remain a political tool to bring about change and to help in dissolving the years and years of shame that is poured and that keeps being poured upon the LGBTIQ+ community. We feel touched by the answers given and hope that these experiences are enhanced to more and more people as years go by.

I still feel a bit embarrassed to march but it's getting better every year.

Super Happy and Amazing never felt like that before

I wish I was part of the march.. I was on the side walk..

"It made me feel included and made me be proud of who I am and I felt an escape from the tough people I get to see everyday on social media."

I was unsure on whether I should attend or not but I am sooo glad I did because it made me feel loved and accepted.

As an international visitor (from Belgium) I really felt part of the local LGBT+ community. It felt amazing to see how everyone was able to express their true self during this event. I gave me a really warm feeling.

**What did the Pride March make you feel?
(2/3 continued)**

Proud. Buzzed. Excited. Like we matter.

Proud to be half Maltese! Buzzing

It was a very loving environment, which seemed to instill a sense of duty for all to be good to each other, which I hope will continue beyond pride.

Comfortable and safe

Although I understand that some people feel comfortable dressing up for Pride, the community needs more representation to show students, volunteers, educators, workers and people that are leading an inspirational life and are very hard working but do not really feel part of the community

I wasn't expecting to be that big. I felt positive vibes and proud

It was beautiful to see so many people, and since I was volunteering, that gave the opportunity to speak to more new people :)

It was safe. I was glad to see queer people out and about even before/after the parade. I felt proud it was inclusive to some communities thanks to the speeches and the sign language interpreter.

What did the Pride March make you feel?
(3/3 continued)

We also took note of the comments stating that the Pride March is being overshadowed by partisan politics and private companies.

We will do our outmost to ensure that LGBTQ+ voices take lead visibility.

What would you like to see more of?

This open-ended question helps us to understand what the rainbow community would like to see more of in future Pride events. These were the main replies:

I would have liked more commercial vendors such as restaurants, bars, tour guides, yacht tours offered to participants. We would certainly have had a strong preference towards spending money with them.

More Food & Drink Options

Even more lgbt acts on the stage of the concert at pride, just get more and more ♡

A longer route

More events like the Cabaret

More different queer communities involvement. More of an educational aspect perhaps with info panels (canvas etc) or stalls where people can go and have a chat. The parade gathers many people and we should capitalise on this. More stalls too, it did feel pretty empty.

More education in the spectrum example the different genders and the difference between certain sexualities ex bisexuality and pansexuality as they are very different yet not always understood. More acceptance towards those who are questioning. Talks in bisexuality, pansexuality, asexuals, non-binary, and more education.

I would like to see more drag shows featuring respected queens from the UK (or beyond), possibly also sharing a platform with local queens who may be looking for their chance, too.

What would you like to see differently?

Constructive criticism helps us learn on what could be improved in future prides. These were some of the recurrent critique which emerged:

The parade never seems to move quick enough. Too many stops and it loses momentum. Speeches drowned out by music on floats or they started too early.

I would have liked the politicians to have been placed after the community representatives

Emphasis not on just 2 sexualities but on much more. And the talks shouldn't be political but educational.

In celebration of our unique identities, I would like to see a less mainstreamed event aimed towards queer artists/musicians/performing artists/creatives that work specifically outside of the realms of mainstream music and arts

No one allowed to walk on the gay flag, no matter how visually good that looks... you do not walk on a flag! Better sound at concert. No parties scattered around the island but one party in same location and all community does not scatter, plus safer.

The presence of women is still lacking and most health talks have been more directed towards men. Some more visibility is required. HIV and AIDS do not just effect gay men. A lesbian going through a mastectomy because of breast cancer is an issue that women can relate to. Domestic violence in same sex relationships exists - a topic that need to be addressed and made aware. It would be nice to see the different government entities join the march (like some places abroad) (police, nurses, civil servants). The LGBT+ community does not only live in clubs, but they are your doctors, your vets, your police, your nurse, your postman etc.

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