

**Ready or not?**  
**Preparing youth  
for 21st century  
responsible  
citizenship**



**Round tables in Toronto, Halifax, Edmonton,  
and Winnipeg – between March 22nd and May  
1st, 2012.**

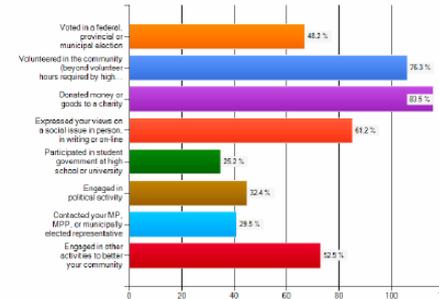
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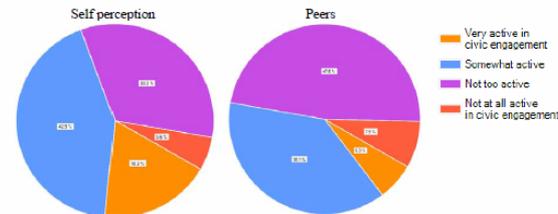
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1. Have you participated in any of the following activities relating to civic engagement in the past year? Check all that apply:



2. Considering your answers to the previous question, how active in civic engagement do you consider yourself to be? What about your peers?



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# Headline Visions

**The categories that emerged...**

- **Increased electoral participation**
- **Engagement in citizenship activities**
- **Influence and impact**
- **System change, and**
- **Leadership**



## Calls to action

- **Make responsible citizenship education a priority**
- **Learn through experience**
- **Ground education in real world issues**
- **Empower youth as change agents**
- **Support teachers: Pre-service and in-service**