

# Sexual

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## Workshop

## Statistics

Every Fresher's week, your Student Union enables students in every single college to lead open discussions about a topic many consider taboo - sexual consent. We believe that everyone deserves a space to talk honestly and freely about consent.

This report aims to let you know how the workshops went, and also to give some insight into the feedback we've collected from the last three years. If you've got concerns or questions, or if you're interested in getting involved.

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# Michaelmas 2016 **Sexual Consent Workshops** Statistics

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♥ We trained approximately 500 continuing students to facilitate workshops for approximately 6100 incoming first year students, both graduate and undergraduate.

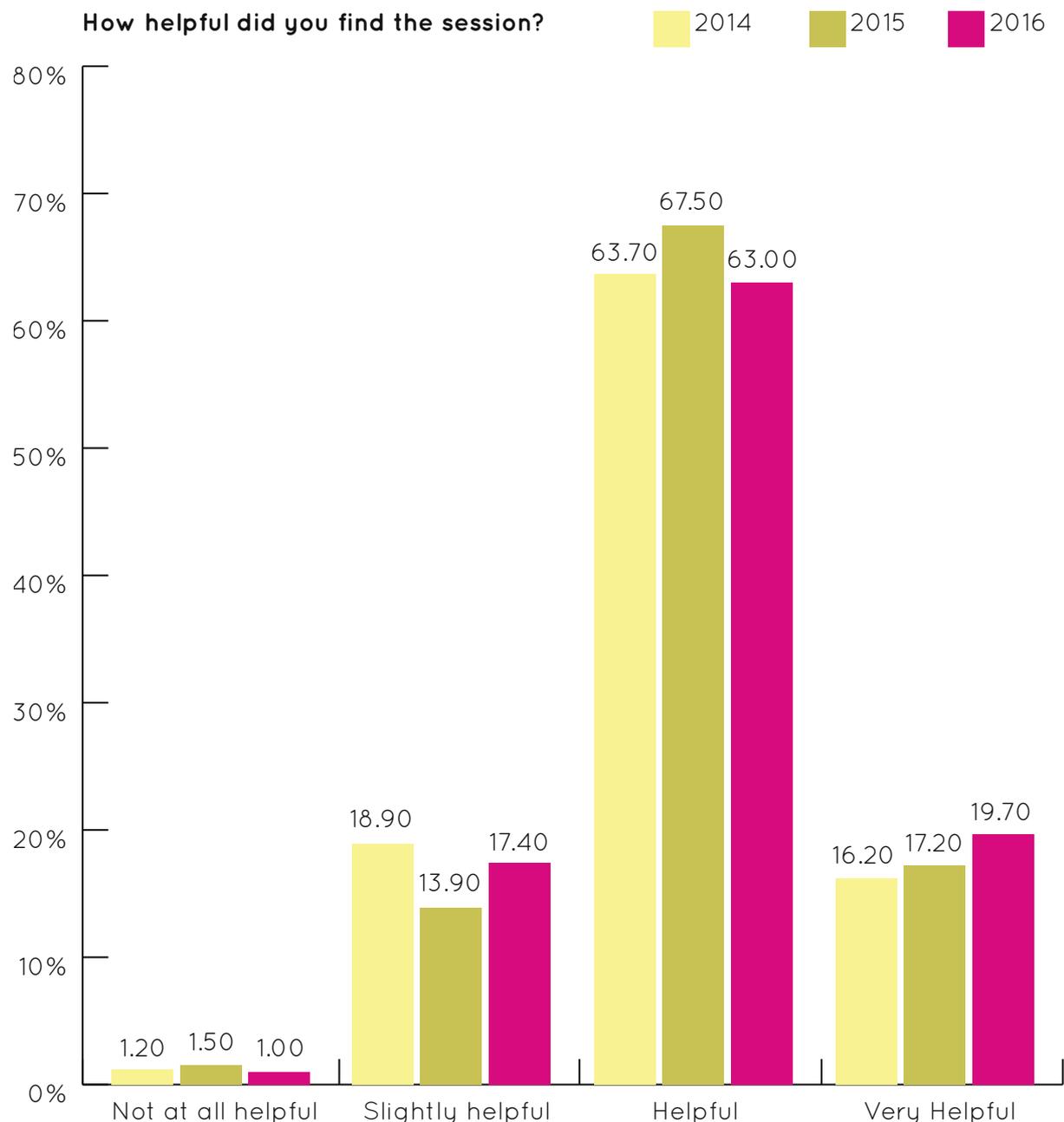
♥ The majority of these workshops took place over a single week.

♥ We personally folded, stapled and prepared over 7000 booklets.

♥ Orla, the Vice President for Women (2016-17), nearly fell off a borrowed bike three times during an urgent mission to deliver booklets on time.

Amidst press outcry, printer problems, biking issues and minor stapler incidents, we managed to make sure everything ran pretty much smoothly. For that, we have you to thank everyone who organised, facilitated or attended a workshop!

As well as running the Fresher's Week consent workshops, this year your Students' Union took the opportunity to look back on the three years of feedback we've had so far - 2016, 2015 and 2014.



## ♥ Other key findings:

In 2016, 99% of undergraduates and 97% of graduates found the workshops at least slightly helpful. 83% of undergraduates and 72% of graduates found the workshops helpful or very helpful. We're really proud of these numbers, but we also have to recognise that this is a significant difference between graduate and undergraduate experiences. At OUSU we're working hard to ensure that the workshops are relevant and helpful for graduate students, and we hope to keep increasing graduate satisfaction with them!

## ♥ Statements

Part of the feedback form asks participants to state how much they agree or disagree with a set of statements about the workshop. Two, in particular, had some really interesting answers which developed over the years we've been running the workshops:

*Due to the nature of sexual acts, it will always be unclear whether consent has been given. For every year, students are 0.775 times less likely to agree with this statement than students from earlier years. In other words, students are more and more aware that consent isn't mysterious or a 'grey area'.*

*I can explain why sexual consent matters to a friend. For every year, students are 1.3 times more likely to agree with this statement than students from earlier years. In other words, students are getting more and more comfortable talking about consent and why it matters within their communities.*

The changing trend in how students answer these questions indicates a really positive shift in attitudes towards consent. We can't take overall credit for this – there's nothing to suggest that these changes are purely down to the existence of consent workshops. What we can say, though, is that Oxford students are part of a steady cultural shift towards a culture that says no to sexual violence. And that's pretty incredible.

The consent workshop project is your project. You facilitate and organise workshops, your concerns and feedback change the materials and your engagement with the project makes it all worthwhile.

**Thank you all so much, and we'll see you next Fresher's Week!**



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