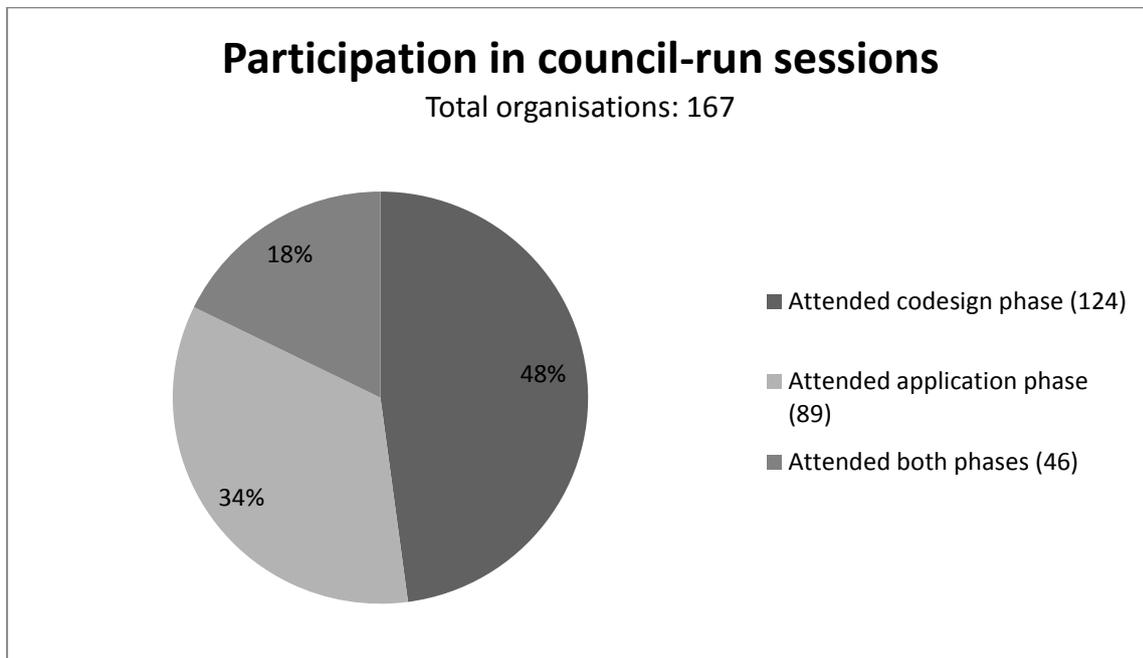


Training and Support

After the Local Community Fund had opened for applications, two parallel programmes were run by the council and THCVS. The council ran a series of application workshops explaining how to access the online application portal and taking potential applicants through the organisational and project forms. These sessions were all run at the PDC in Bethnal Green and took place in the first half of the 8 week application process:

- 3rd April – 38 attendees
- 9th April – 20 attendees
- 13th April (Sat) – 11 attendees
- 18th April – 27 - attendees
- 25th April (evening) – 16 attendees

The application workshops saw 112 attendances overall from at least 89 individual organisations, bringing the total number of organisations attending council-run LCF training and support sessions, including the briefing sessions prior to the launch of the programme, to 167

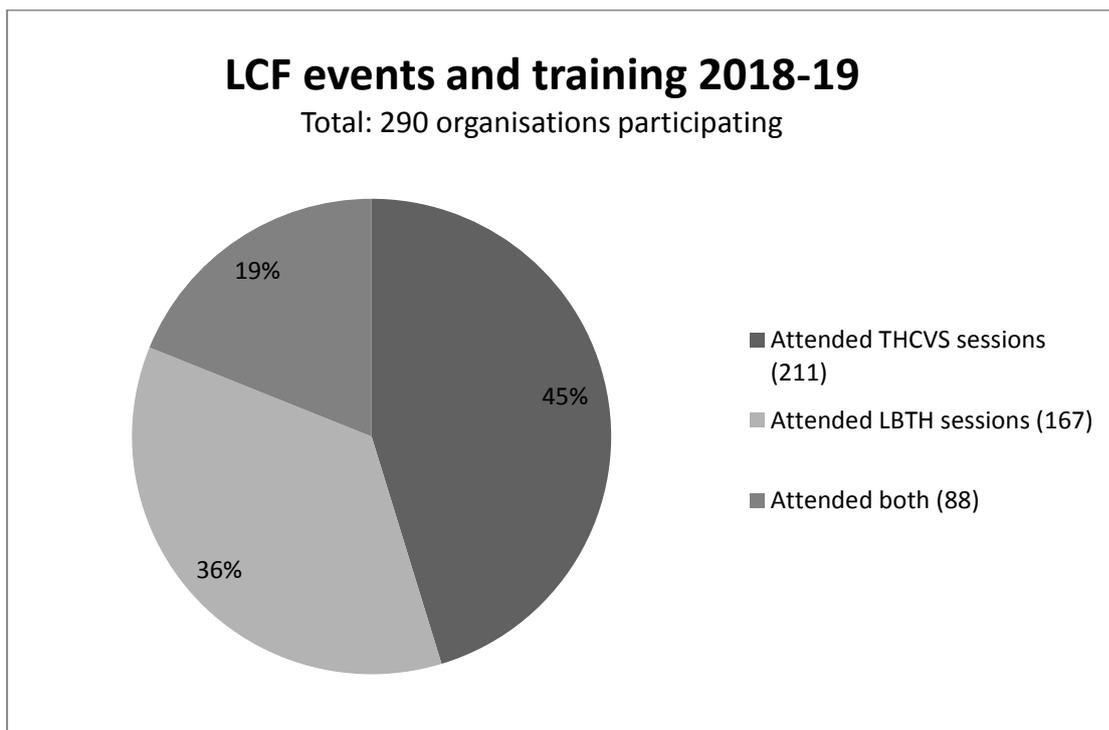


THCVS also ran a programme of events, training and one to one support for organisations applying to the Local Community Fund. They sent weekly LCF bulletins to their mailing list during the LCF bidding process and provided useful resources including a template business plan and a word version of online application form. THCVS sessions focussed on the Local Community Fund and offered options for those deciding not to apply, particularly those currently in receipt of Mainstream Grant. Key events were:

- Digital Inclusion Networking Event, 23rd January – 32 attendees
- Employment and Skills Networking Event, 13th February – 41 attendees
- Training Employment and Enterprise Forum, 14th March – 11 attendees
- Health and Wellbeing Forum, 20th March - 25 attendees
- Meet the Funders event, 26th March – 167 attendees
- Partnerships Speed Dating: Health and Wellbeing, 10th April – 28 attendees
- Bid Writing Top Tips, 11th April – 21 attendees
- Speed dating: Digital, 24th April – 22 attendees
- Finance and Budgeting for LCF, 25th April – 19 attendees
- Bid Writing workshop, 29th April – 32 attendees
- Co-production training, 2nd May – 34 attendees
- Bid Writing for LCF, 8th May – 14 attendees
- Finance and Budgeting for LCF, 9th May – 15 attendees

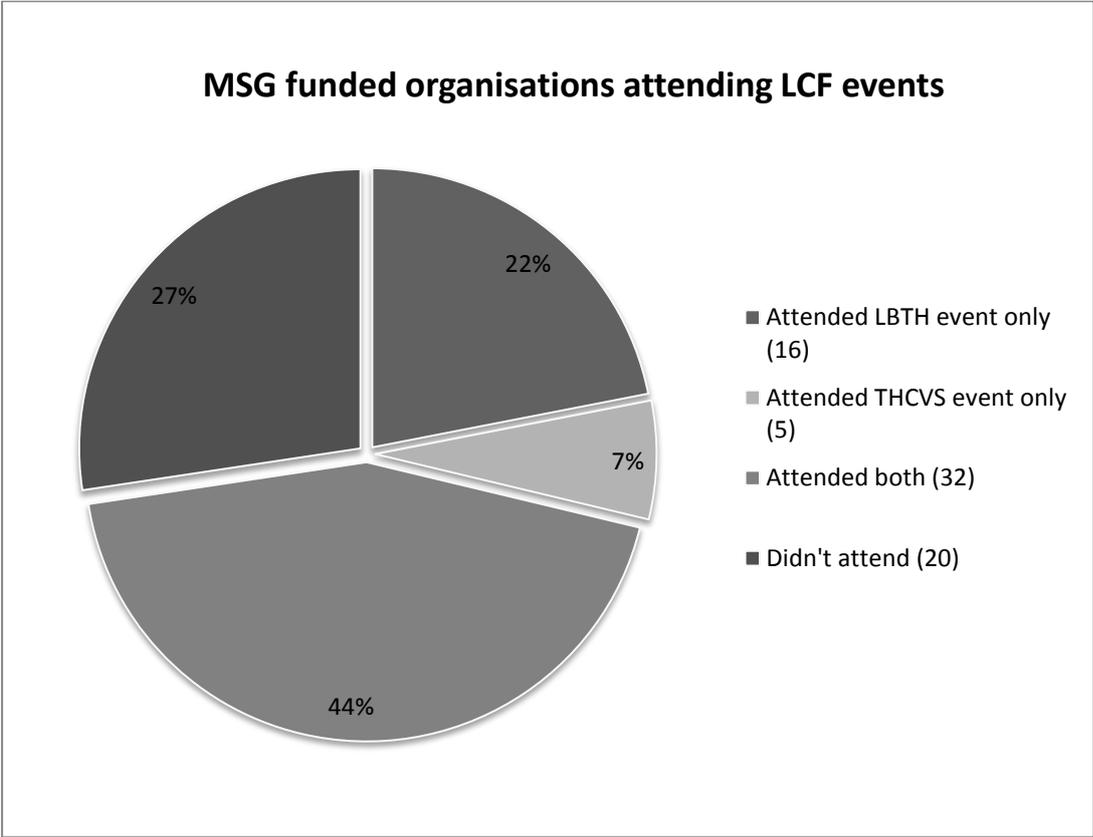
THCVS also provided one to one support by phone, over email and in person, working with individuals and small groups of applicants to help them develop their bids. They undertook outreach to current holders of council MSG funding, targeting the smaller groups and offering support to apply. Their bid checkers reviewed and gave feedback on a total of 26 bids from 21 organisations.

Over the course of phases 2 and 3 the LCF training programme reached 291 organisations:



Currently funded organisations accessing support

In terms of support for currently funded groups whose funding will be coming to an end in September 2019, of the 71 organisations listed as main grant holders under the MSG programme just under three quarters at least one event by either THCVS, the council, or both.



These headline figures only represent the main grantholders rather than partners in MSG funded projects, and only cover the main programme of public events. In addition, THCVS reports 77 instances of MSG funded organisations attending one to one sessions, phone advice, email support, bid checking and business planning support.

Applicant organisations accessing support

When the list of organisations accessing events and training is mapped against the list of organisations that submitted LCF applications received, it is clear that nearly three quarters of applicants came to application events.

LCF applicants attending training and events

