

OUTREACH

all science-communication activities “designed for an audience outside academia”

used among particle physicists to refer to:

- working with schools
- direct dialogue with the public
- disseminating information through the media
- and more...

definition

*The term “outreach” refers to all science communication and education activities that bring scientific research to audiences outside the research community. It is also known as “popularisation”.**

* Note included at start of survey

Other groups mentioned in the survey:
 Other scientists, Press officers, Teachers, University students, General journalists, Other media, Politicians, Industry

ATTITUDES towards OUTREACH in

PARTICLE PHYSICS

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CERN represents the population of particle physicists under study

By CERN’s estimate, half of all 20,000+ particle physicists in the world come to the lab for their research*

* See: home.cern/about/member-states

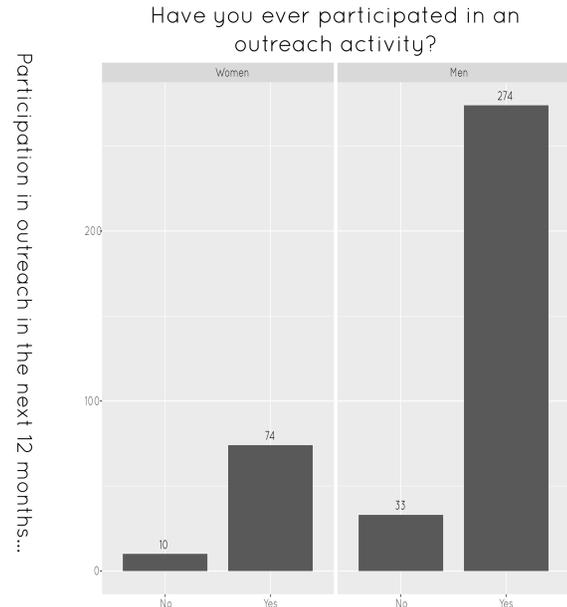
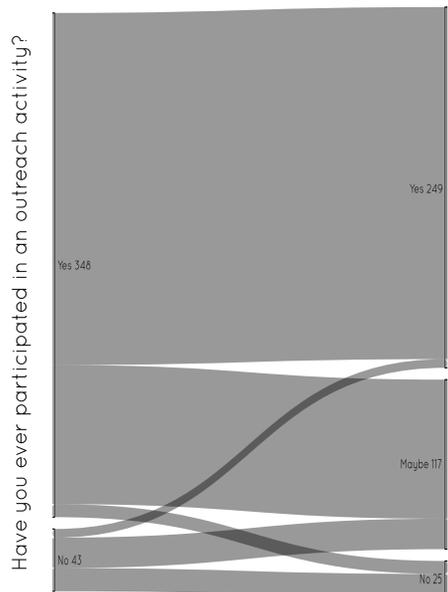
demographic

The CMS Collaboration (June 2015)

- over 4000 physicists, engineers, students (not including technicians and admin)
- 183 institutes, universities, laboratories from 42 countries
- 80+ nationalities

Electronic survey

- Over 400 responses
- 391 valid (some duplicates)



Outreach activities

- Most respondents to survey have participated in outreach in the past
 - Ratio of women/men who have participated: -same
- Most said they will participate in the coming 12 months

Attitudes to specific groups

- Colleagues -- most important, most knowledgeable, easiest to communicate with
- Science journalists, school students, non-specialist public on par for importance and for ease of communication
- Science journalists more knowledgeable than students and public

CONCLUSIONS

Known issues and follow up

- Sample size is not very large, but is sufficient to perform statistically meaningful analysis
- Engineers are very underrepresented in the respondents
- Qualitative data will be collected by the end of the year with personal interviews
 - Sample size for interviews TBD

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