



Liberation Workshop Series

POTTERY CLASSES FOR
LGBTQIA2S+ SEX WORKERS



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Liberation Workshop Series was a project designed for **LGBTQIA2S+ sex workers ages 18+** who are looking for safe spaces to learn pottery and express themselves artistically.

It aimed to empower them with the space, knowledge, and skills to **create unique pottery pieces, discuss relevant topics, and be celebrated in a showcase event.**

During the course of the program, participants **built community, gained skills, and grew as leaders in their communities!**





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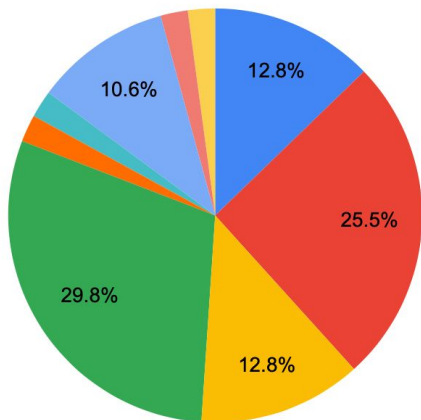
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Liberation Series had **31 applicants** for this year's program! Here's a demographic breakdown:

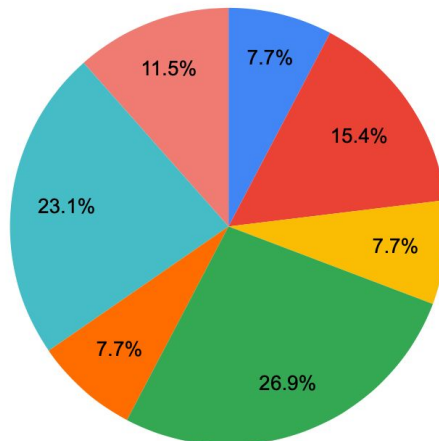
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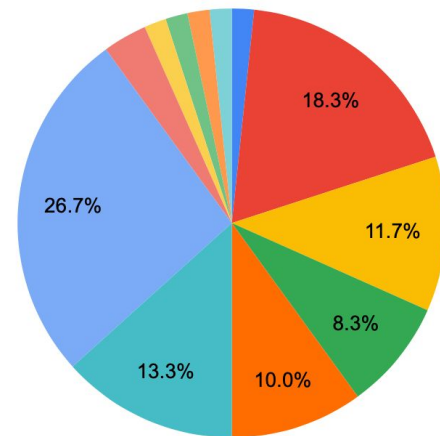
Gender Identity

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- Genderfluid
- Man
- Nonbinary
- Two-Spirit
- Woman
- Other



Sexual Orientation

- Asexual
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- Gay
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- Queer
- Questioning
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- Two-Spirit
- Prefer Not to Share
- Other

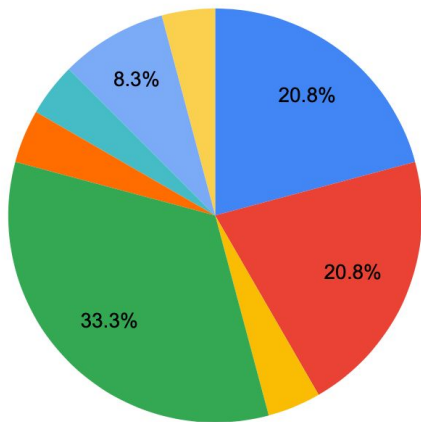


20 Applicants identified as transgender

Of the 31 applicants, **15 were selected** for this year's series. See their demos below:

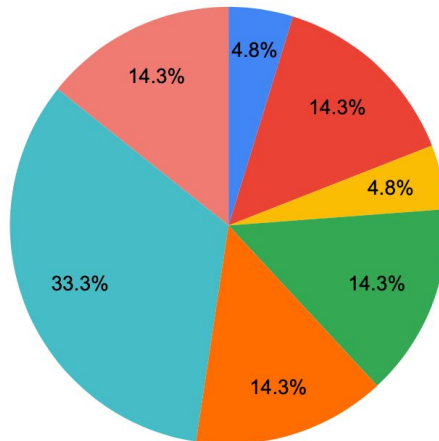
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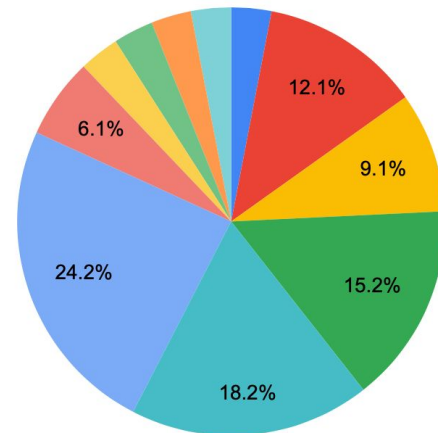
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13 Participants identified as transgender



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Overview of Liberation Workshop Series

(March 25 to April 26, 2024 @ POT Echo Park and Gardens)

Week 1

Introductions
(10 mins)

Lesson: **Basics of
Wheel-Throwing**
(90 mins)

Clean Up
(20 mins)

Group Discussion
(60 mins)

Topic: **Your Sex Work
Story**

Week 2

Introductions
(10 mins)

Lesson: **Review of
Wheel-Throwing**
(90 mins)

Clean Up
(20 mins)

Group Discussion
(60 mins)

Topic: **Sex Work
Stigma-Assumptions**

Week 3

Introductions
(10 mins)

Lesson: **Basics of
Trimming**
(90 mins)

Clean Up
(20 mins)

Group Discussion
(60 mins)

Topic: **Sex Work
Challenge-Triumph**

Week 4

Introductions
(10 mins)

Lesson: **Basics of
Glazing**
(90 mins)

Clean Up
(20 mins)

Group Discussion
(60 mins)

Topic: **Sex Worker
Health & Safety**

Week 5

Introductions
(10 mins)

Lesson: **Practice
Wheel-Throwing**
(90 mins)

Clean Up
(20 mins)

Group Discussion
(60 mins)

Topic: **Reflection &
Discussion**



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Tuesday Group @ POT Echo Park 2-5pm



Thursday Group @ POT Gardens 2-5pm





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Showcase Event - May 10, 2024 Advocacy in Action @ LA Plaza



Participant Feedback

It was very empowering and supportive meeting other sex workers who I could feel safe to share my lived experience with sex work while also building community and a better sense of my mental health/self understanding

everything went perfect in my eyes. the facility was great, there was always a good amount of people participating, loved all of the topics we had each week. would love to do this again with another art.

Met so many amazing trans folks in the Los Angeles community and made some new friends. Was so nice to get my hands back on clay after 15 years! Gained back more of my confidence as a sculptor and made some new friends in the process.

I gained friends and my own strength to prioritize myself and my own healing over showing up for others before myself.





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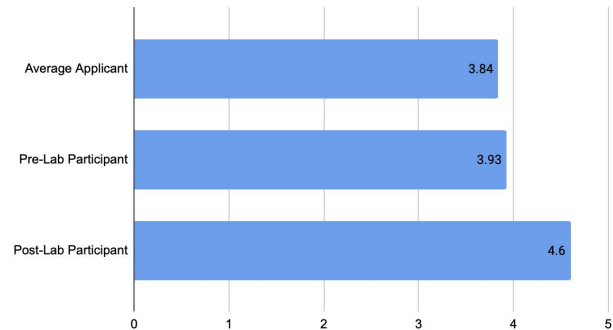


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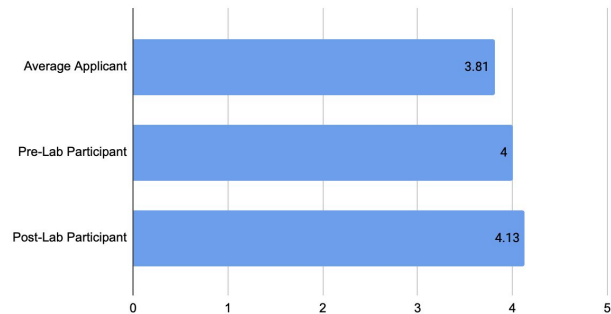


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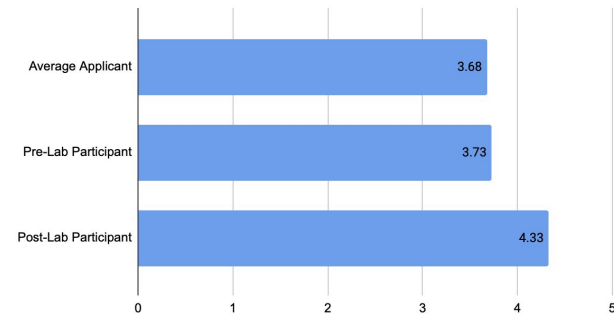
If I have a concern or problem, I know what to do and who to talk to.



I am comfortable seeking mental health assistance when needed, regardless of my sexual orientation or gender identity.



I know the necessary steps it takes to arrange an appointment for myself with a mental health professional if needed





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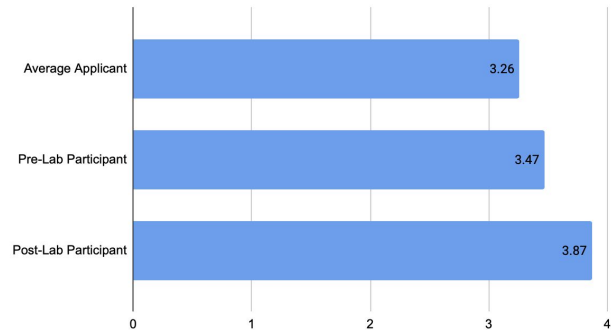


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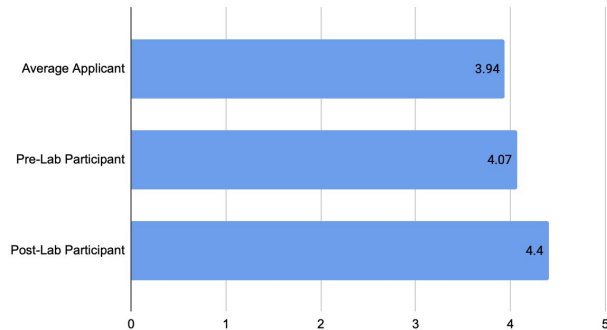


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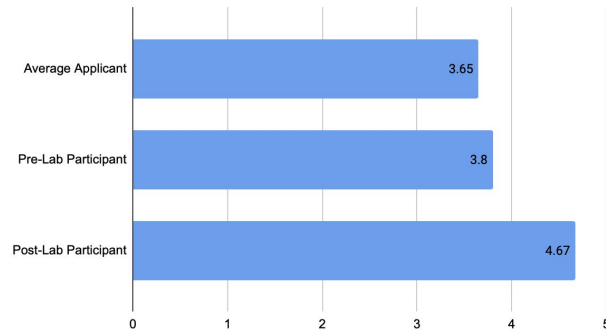
I feel safe when accessing mental health services.



I know ways to advocate for my own mental health.



I know ways to advocate for my community's mental health.





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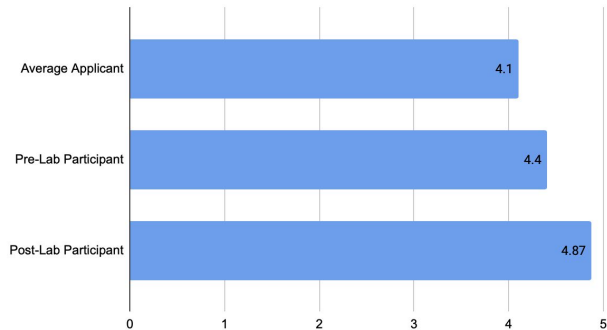


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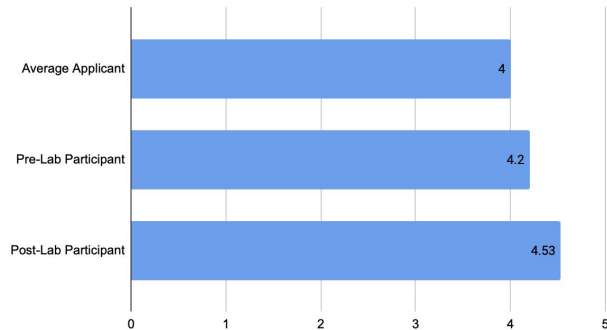


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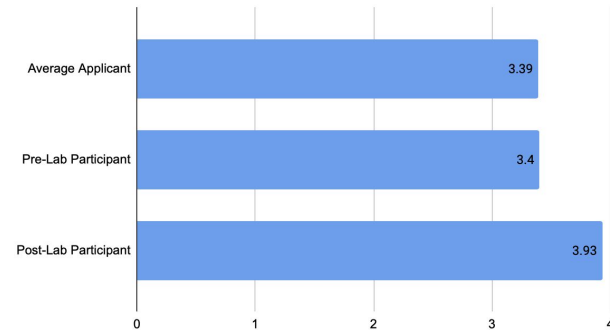
I am comfortable talking about mental health issues with my community.



I am able to distinguish positive and negative coping mechanisms.



When I am in distress, I practice healthy coping mechanisms.





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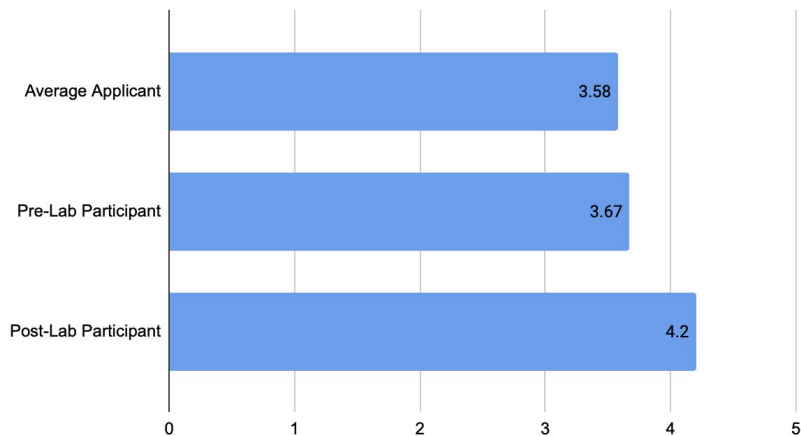


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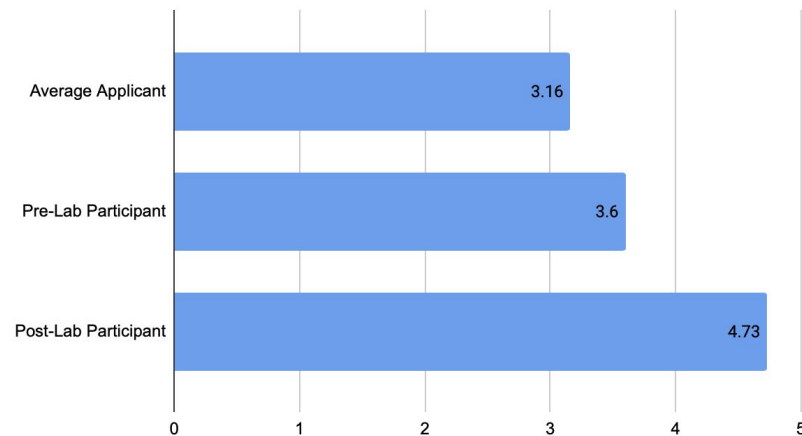


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I see myself as a leader in my community.



I know how to develop user-centered strategies.





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