

# **The Awareness of Young Carers in Japan**

**~ For the youth to become a window of discovery ~**

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# **Background Information**

# Definition

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“A Young Carer is a child or young person under the age of 18 carrying out **significant tasks** and **assuming a level of responsibility** for another person which would **normally be taken by an adult.**”

**Action for Young Carers (AYC)**

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Simply  
Helping  
family

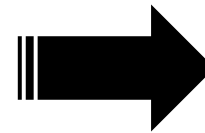


Young Carers

**Young carers have been  
around for a long time.**



**Assisting,  
Helping**



**Japanese  
culture**

**SDGs**

**Goal.4**

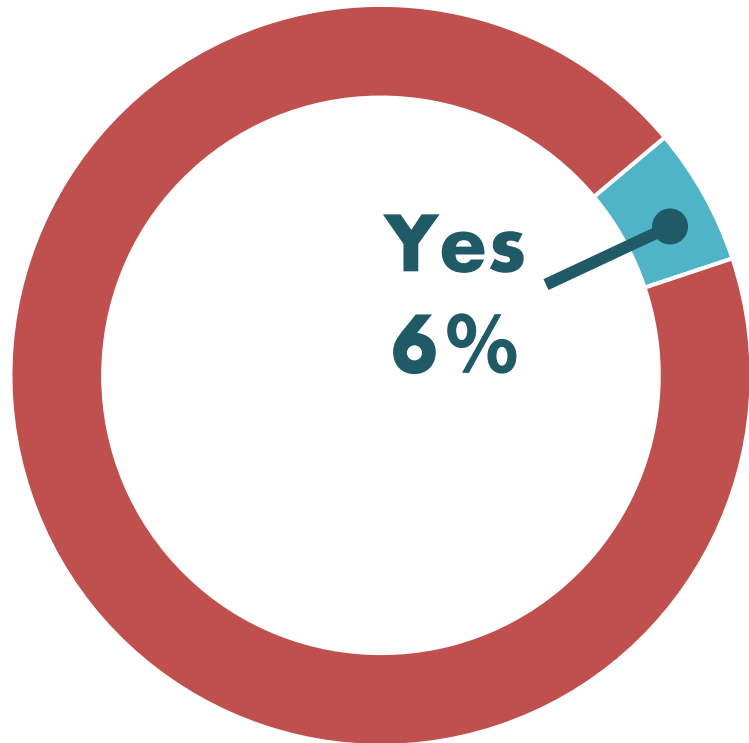
**Quality  
Education**



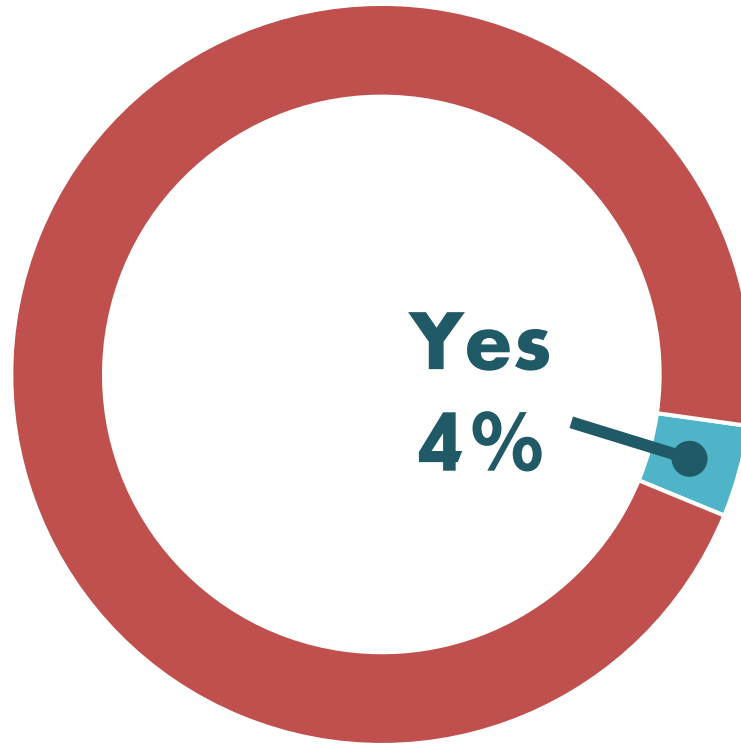
# **Data and Analysis**



# Do you take care of family members?

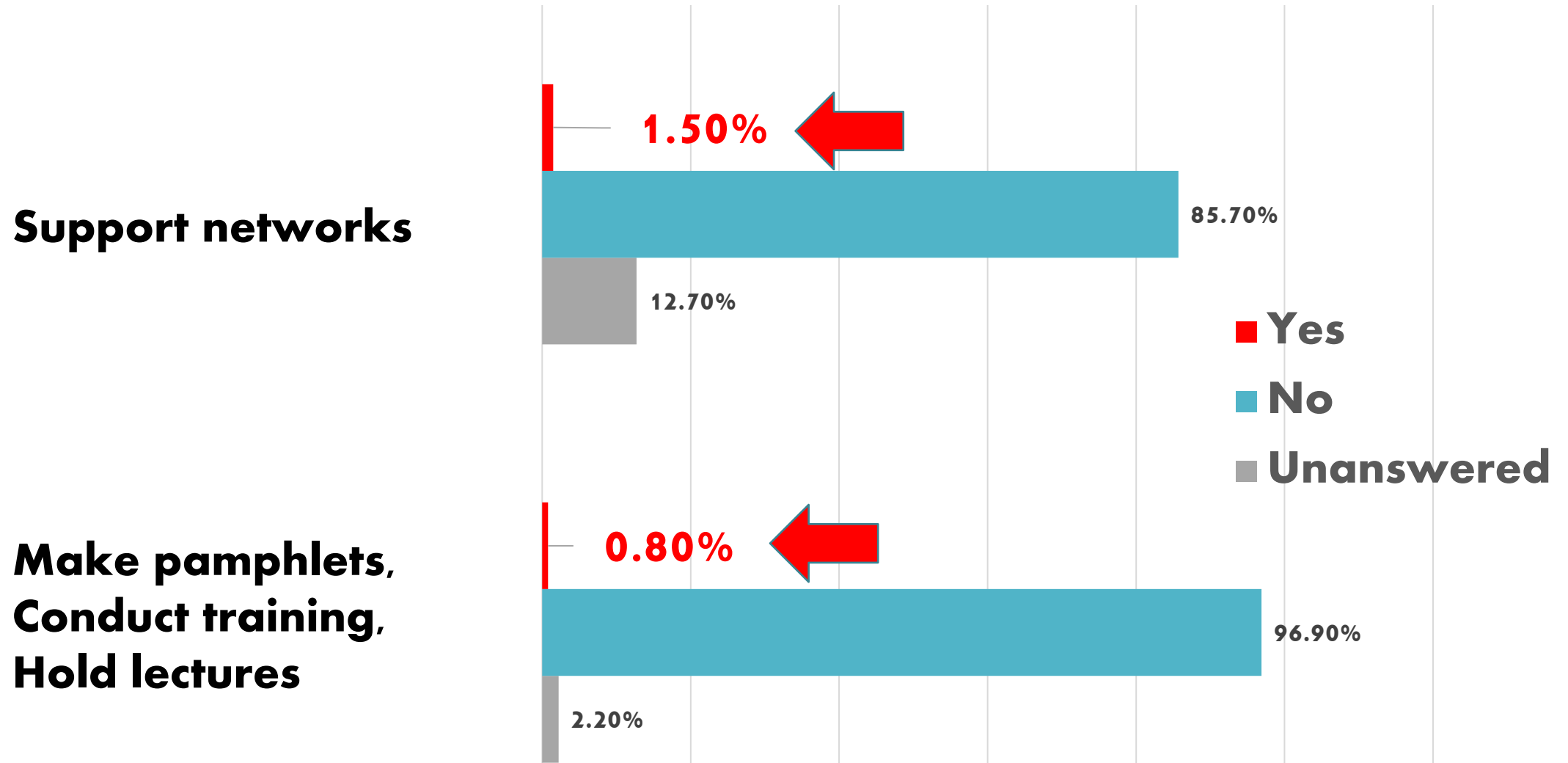


**Junior high school**



**High school**

# Do local governments take action to assist young carers?



**In the U.K.**



**Saul Becker**  
Social scientist

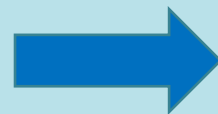
**“ Young Carer ”**



**Health**



**Education**



**Happiness**

	<b>Level of support</b>	<b>Applicable countries</b>
<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Be provided with sustained support</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Be provided with advanced assistance</b>	<b>UK</b>
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Moderate support</b>	<b>Australia, Norway, Sweden</b>
<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Support in preparatory stage</b>	<b>Austria, Germany, New Zealand</b>
<b>Level 5</b>	<b>Awareness of the need for assistance is rising</b>	<b>Belgium, Ireland, Italy, Switzerland, America, Western Sahara, Netherlands</b>
<b>Level 6</b>	<b>Growing recognition of the need for support</b>	<b>Greece, Finland, U.A.E., France</b>
<b>Level 7</b>	<b>No support</b>	<b>others</b>

# In an interview of government Welfare Agency...

**Number of Young  
Carers asking for help**

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**Number of reports from  
concerned citizens**

**Because...**

**Taking care of family is  
part of everyday life for  
Young Carers.**

**It is my  
job.**

**It is  
nothing  
special.**



**To raise awareness and concern about young carers is the most important thing.**



**Raise  
Awareness  
and Support**

# **Research Question**

**How can youth raise  
awareness of  
Young Carers in Japan?**



# **Discussion**



<https://youtu.be/IML15qQxYfM>

AC Japan and NHK

**This video:**  
**Boy taking care**  
**of his mother...**



**Many other**  
**duties**

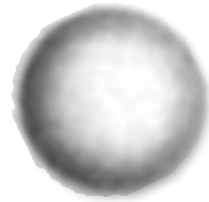
# Unrecognized Work of Carers



# **Suggestions**



Social  
Network  
Services



# To make videos



**Fee: Free**

**Types: Animation, documentaries**

**Script and actors: Students and actual carers**

**Anyone can make them!!**



# Other suggestions

- A conference for students
- A training session for teachers
- Hold a workshop as part of the **Dec 24 WWL Online Event** hosted by Fukiai High

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