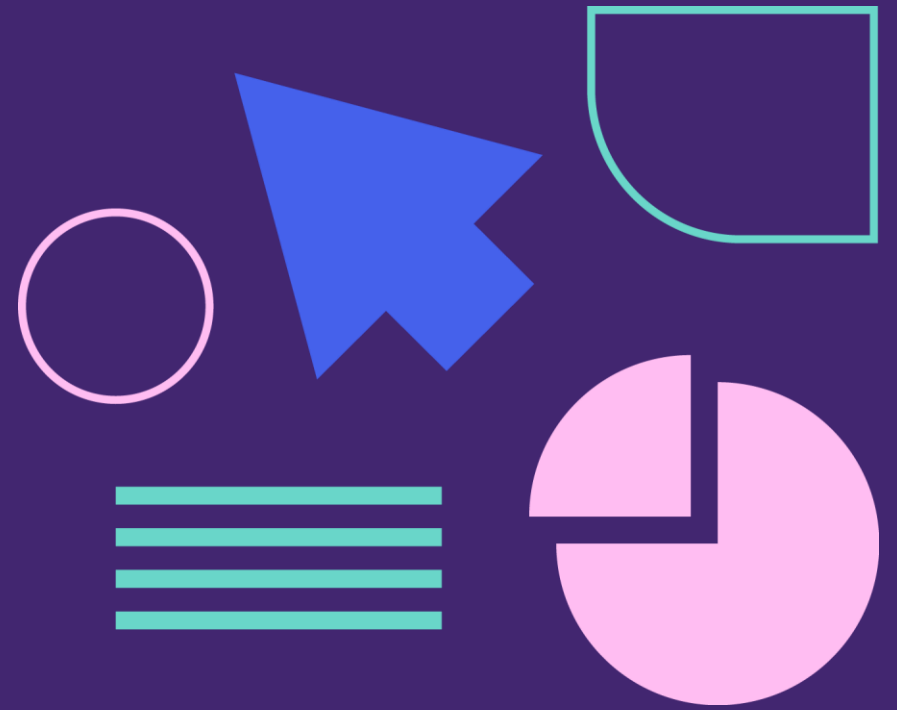


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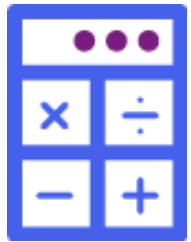
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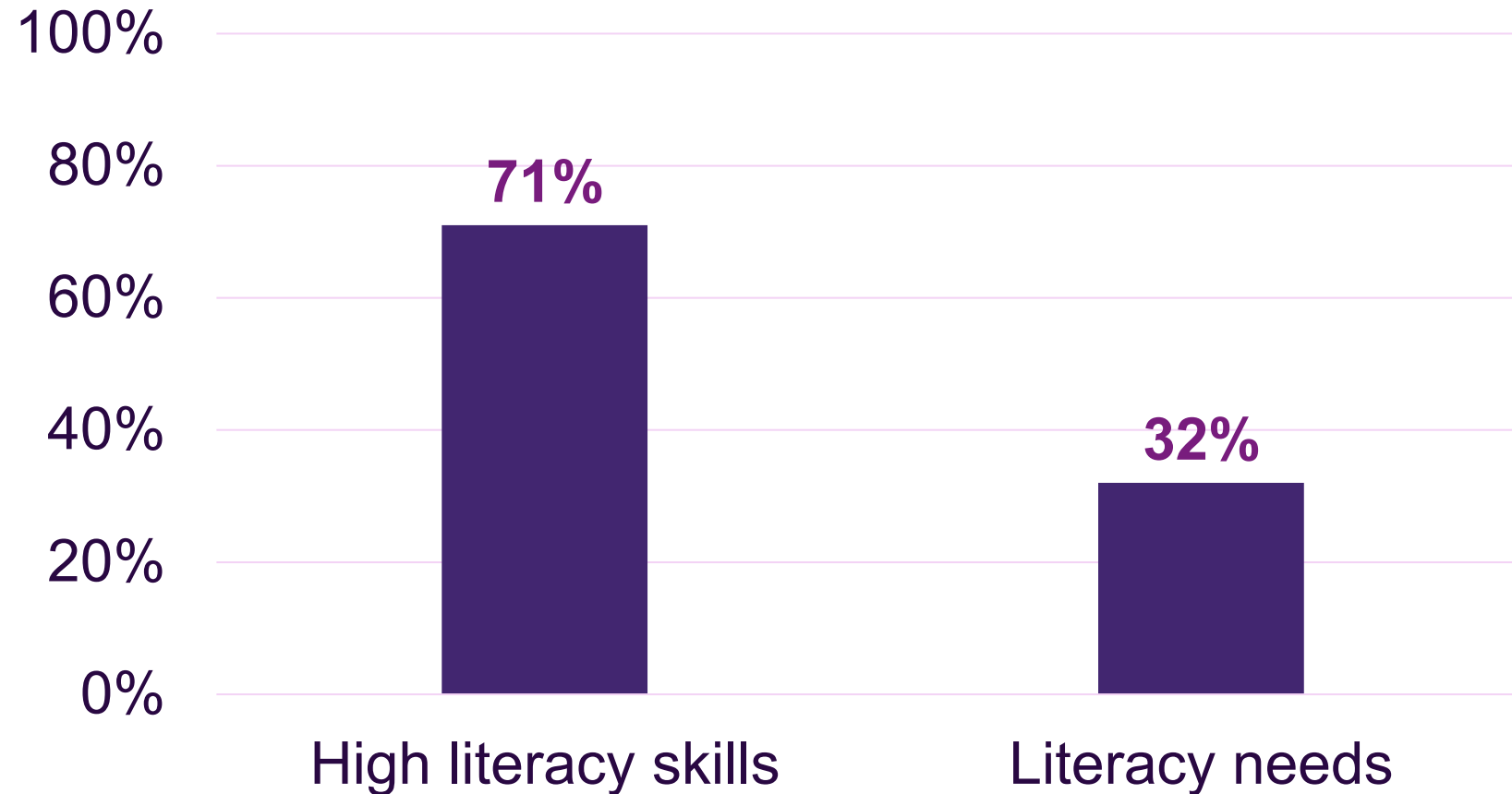




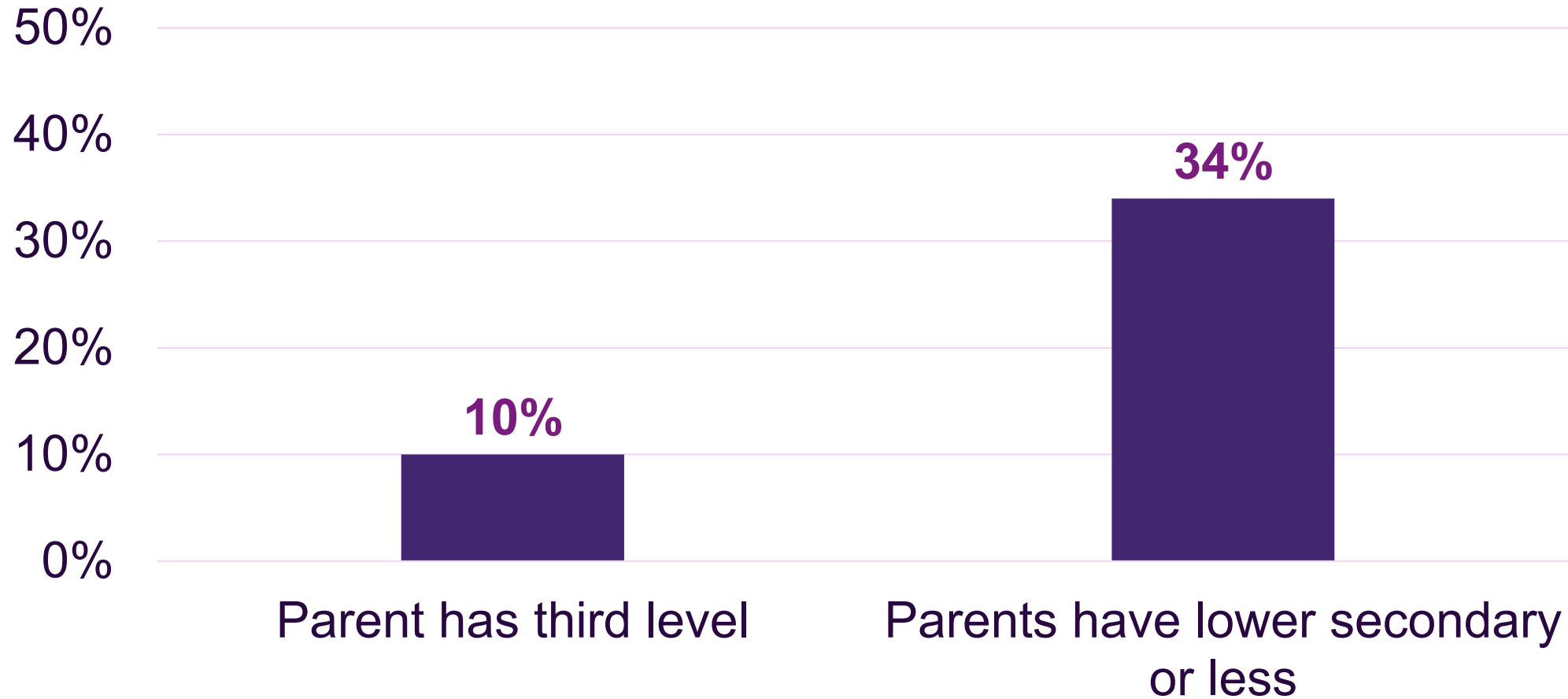
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Adult learning rate by literacy level



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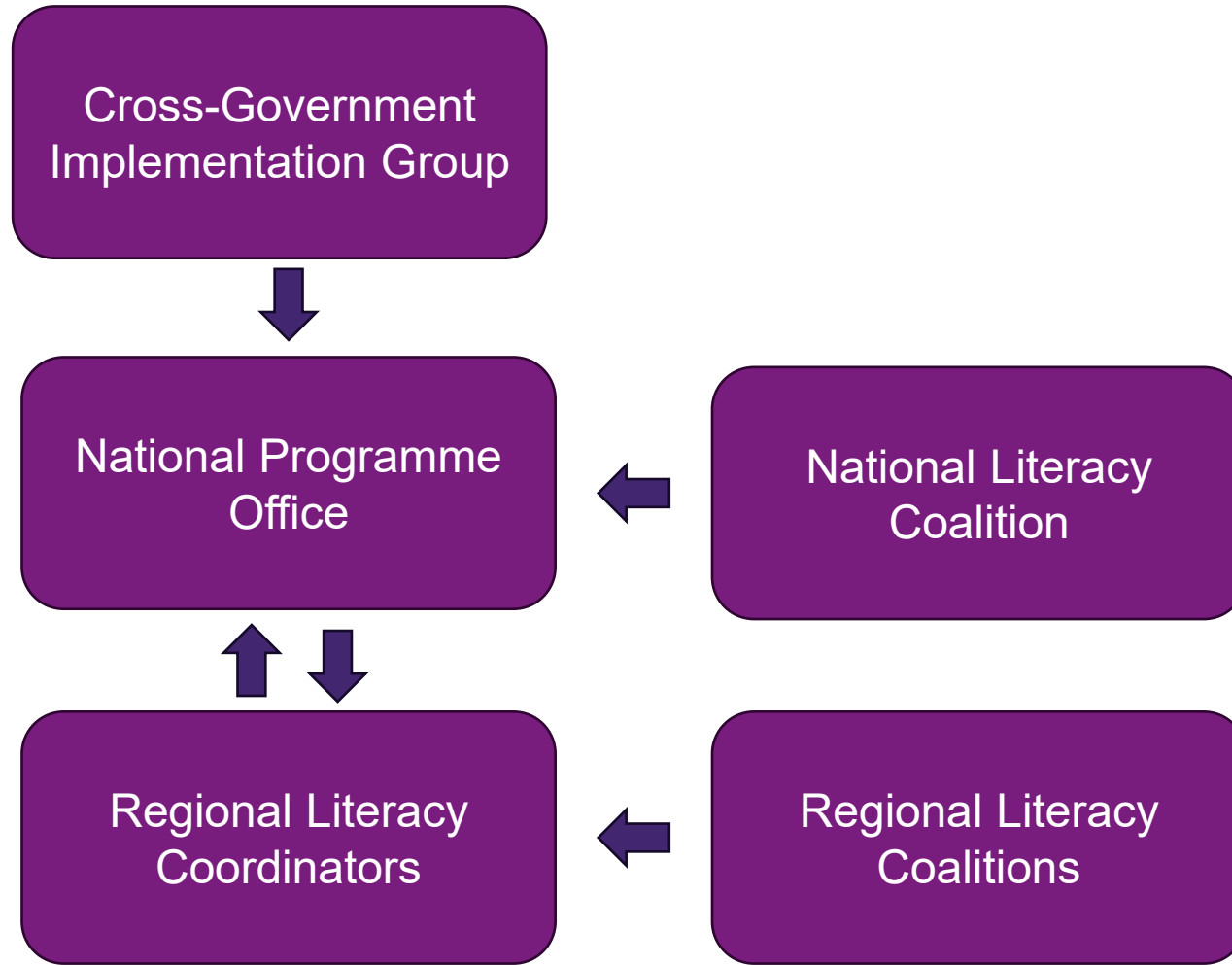
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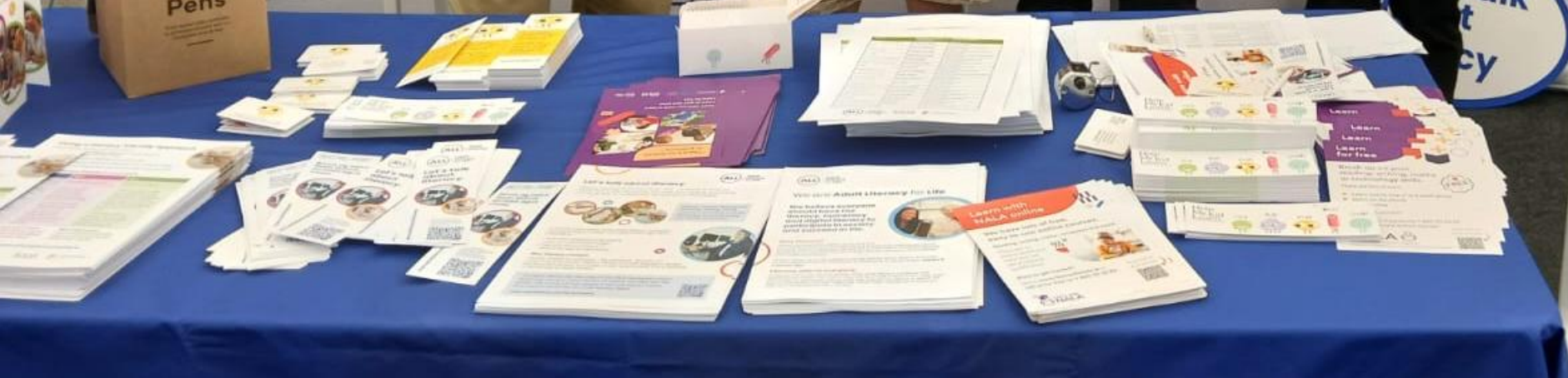
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Priority groups under ALL

Older Adults (55+)	Members of the Traveller Community	Persons with Disabilities
Low-paid Workers	Carers	One-parent Households
Incarcerated Persons and Ex-Offenders	Persons Recovering from Addiction	Long-term Unemployed
Migrants	International Protection Applicants	People with Language Needs

Regional Literacy Co-ordinators



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Our story so far

Guest Speaker
Kathleen Murphy



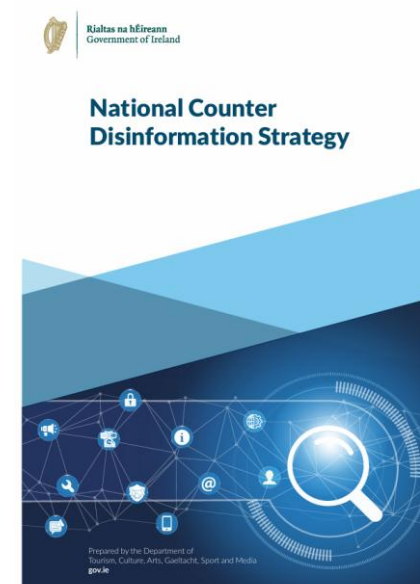
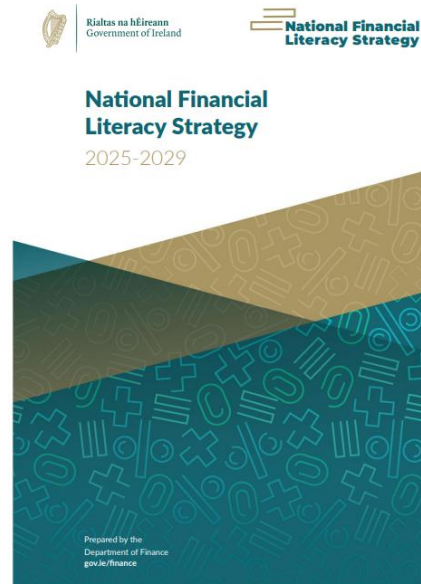
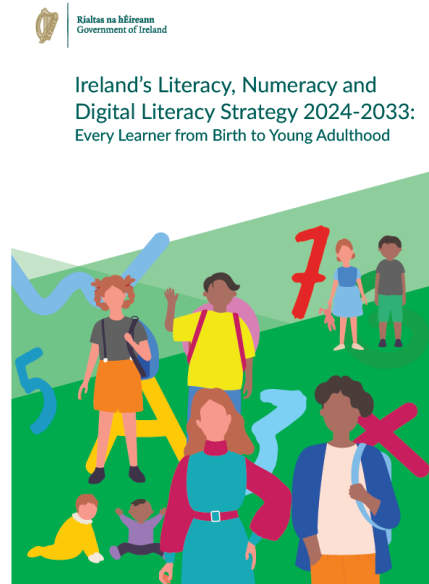
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Other strategies



...adult literacy in
Ireland been like over the past year or so?

Discuss in groups – 25 minutes

Share feedback – 15 minutes

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"Education opens
up a whole new
world"

Table 3





**Thank you
Díolch**

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