



# **Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey 2018**

## **Self-completion questionnaire**

**Joint project between  
Queen's University Belfast  
and Ulster University**

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- Q1 How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements about minority ethnic communities in Northern Ireland?  
(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>NIMEC2</i> I personally know quite a bit about the culture of some minority ethnic communities living in Northern Ireland	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>NIMEC3</i> The culture of Irish Travellers is more respected by people in Northern Ireland than it once was	1	2	3	4	5	8

- Q2 Thinking of people from minority ethnic communities and the role that they play in public life, how much do you think that people from minority ethnic communities participate as...  
(Please tick one box on each line ✓)

	A lot	A little	Hardly at all	Can't choose
<i>MECGOV</i> School governors	1	2	3	8
<i>MECPOL</i> Politicians	1	2	3	8
<i>MECBUSNS</i> Prominent business people	1	2	3	8
<i>MECFAITH</i> Leaders within their churches or faith communities	1	2	3	8
<i>MECMEDIA</i> Commentators in the media on issues concerning minority ethnic communities	1	2	3	8

ORGMEC

Q3 And how much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

*Organisations and leaders in public life, such as politicians, community groups and churches, should encourage members of minority ethnic communities to participate in public life*

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	✓
Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
Can't choose	8

RACNEEDS2

Q4 How important or unimportant is it to you that public bodies like local councils, hospital trusts and government departments take into account the needs of minority ethnic communities?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	✓
Very important	1
Fairly important	2
Neither important nor unimportant	3
Fairly unimportant	4
Very unimportant	5
Can't choose	8

Q5 How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements about July and August bonfires in Northern Ireland?

**(Please tick one box on each line ✓)**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>BONLEGIT</i> Bonfires are a legitimate form of cultural celebration	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>BONHLDACC</i> Bonfire organisers should be held to account if there is property damage or injuries as a result of their bonfires	1	2	3	4	5	8

*PLINELIV*

- Q6 How far do you currently live from the nearest Peace Line (such as a wall, gate or security barrier) used to segregate two communities?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	✓
Within a few streets of the nearest Peace Line	1
More than a few streets away but less than 10 miles	2
10 miles or more	3
Can't choose	8

*PLINEREM*

- Q7 Which one of these statements comes closest to your own view about the **Peace Lines** in Northern Ireland being removed?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	✓
I would like things left the way they are now	1
I would like the Peace Lines to come down now	2
I would like the Peace Lines to come down in the future	3
I would like to keep the Peace Lines but have them opened up for some accessibility	4
I would like to keep the Peace Lines but change how they look to make them more appealing	5
Can't choose	8

*SAFEAREA*

- Q8 How safe do you feel living in this area?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	✓
Very safe	1
Fairly safe	2
Neither safe nor unsafe	3
Fairly unsafe	4
Very unsafe	5
Can't choose	8

*RELAREA*

- Q9 Would you describe your area as...

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	✓
Mainly Catholic	1
Mainly Protestant	2
Mixed	3
Can't choose	8

## COMMAREA

Q10 And would you describe your area as...

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	✓
Mainly Loyalist	1
Mainly Republican	2
Neither of these	3
Can't choose	8

Q11 How much do you agree or disagree with each of these statements?

**(Please tick one box on each line ✓)**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<b>AREAREPC</b> People in this area don't feel confident reporting crime and anti-social behaviour to the PSNI	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>PSNISAFE</b> The PSNI keeps this area safe	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>AREALAW</b> People in this area generally abide by the law	1	2	3	4	5	8
<b>AREALAWJ</b> People in this area feel that they are protected by the law and justice system	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q12 Here are some things that other people have said about the neighbourhood that they live in. How much do you agree or disagree with each of these?

**(Please tick one box on each line ✓)**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Can't choose
<i>LOWCRIME</i> There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour in this area	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>SENSECOM</i> There is a strong sense of community in this area	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PGCONTRL</i> Paramilitary groups have a controlling influence in this area	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PGSAFE</i> Paramilitary groups help keep this area safe	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PGFEAR</i> Paramilitary groups create fear and intimidation in this area	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>PGCRIME</i> Paramilitary groups contribute to crime, drug-dealing and anti-social behaviour in this area	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>YPCRIME</i> There is a lot of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour among young people in this area	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>YPINFLPG</i> Young people are being influenced too much by paramilitary groups in this area	1	2	3	4	5	8

Q13 Thinking about policing in your local area. How important do you think it is that ...

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Very unimportant	Can't choose
<i>PSNIVIS</i> ... the PSNI are always visible	1	2	3	4	5	8
<i>LOCALPOL</i> ... the local community feels a sense of ownership over local policing	1	2	3	4	5	8

The final set of questions explore identity and your views on different types of sexual relations.

*SEXBFMAR*

Q14 Do you think it is wrong or not wrong if a man and a woman have sexual relations before marriage?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Always wrong	1
Almost always wrong	2
Wrong only sometimes	3
Not wrong at all	4
Can't choose	8

*ADULTERY*

Q15 What about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than his or her husband or wife, is it?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Always wrong	1
Almost always wrong	2
Wrong only sometimes	3
Not wrong at all	4
Can't choose	8

*SEXHOMO*

Q16 And what about sexual relations between two adults of the same sex, is it?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

Always wrong	1
Almost always wrong	2
Wrong only sometimes	3
Not wrong at all	4
Can't choose	8

**ORIENT2**

Q17 Which of these best describes you?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	✓
I am 'gay' or 'lesbian' (homosexual)	1
I am heterosexual or 'straight'	2
I am bi-sexual	3
Other answer	4
I do not wish to answer this question	8

**GENDERID**

Q18 What is your gender identity?

**(Please tick one box only ✓)**

	✓	
Male	1	Ask Q19
Female	2	
Male to female transgender	3	Skip to end
Female to male transgender	4	
Other (please write in)	5	Ask Q19
I do not wish to answer this question	8	

Q19 Finally, do you personally know anyone who is transgender? That is, someone whose gender identity is different from their sex at birth.

**(Please tick as many boxes as apply to you ✓)**

		✓
TGNOT	No, I don't know anyone who is transgender	1
TGFAM	Yes – a member of my family	2
TGFRIEND	Yes – a friend I know fairly well	3
TGACQNT	Yes – someone I do not know very well	4
TGWORK	Yes – someone at my work	5
TGELSE	Yes – someone else	6
TGDK	Not sure	8

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS INTERVIEW**

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**The results from this year's survey will be put on the website in anonymised form in June 2019.**