

# 2009 Young Life and Times Survey

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**The first questions we would like to ask are about you and your family.**

**RSEX**

1. Are you male or female?

Male  
Female

✓  
 1  
 2

**YEARSNI**

2. How many years have you lived in Northern Ireland? (*Please write in*)

Years

**WHERELIV**

3. If you have not always lived in Northern Ireland, what other countries have you lived in?

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**PLACELIV**

4. Would you describe the place where you live as...

✓  
A big city  1  
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city  2  
A small city or town  3  
A country village  4  
Or, a farm or home in the country?  5  
Don't know  6

**ETHNCAT**

5. To which ethnic group do you consider you belong?

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**MEMMEC**

6. Do you consider yourself to be a member of a minority ethnic community?

✓  
Yes  1  
No  2

**THISOCT**

7. What have you been doing since October 2009?

(*Please tick one box only*)

✓  
At school or college full time  1  
Working full time  2  
Working part time  3  
At school or college and working part time  4  
On a training scheme  5  
Unemployed  6  
(*Please say why you think you are unemployed*)

Other (*Please write in*)  7

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**OCT2YRS**

8. What do you think you will be doing in two years time, in October 2011? (*Please tick one box only*)

✓  
Going to college or university full time  1  
Working full time  2  
Working part time  3  
At college or university and working part time  4  
On a training scheme  5  
Unemployed  6  
(*Please say why you think you will be unemployed*)

Other (*Please write in*)  7

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**TYPESCHL**

9. What type of school do you attend? If you have left school, what type of school did you last attend?

✓  
Planned Integrated  1  
Grammar  2  
Secondary  3  
Irish language  4  
Special School  5  
Other (*Please write in*)  6

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**RELSCHL**

10. Would you describe your school as ...

✓  
All or nearly all Protestant  1  
All or nearly all Catholic  2  
Mostly Protestant  3  
Mostly Catholic  4  
About half Protestant and half Catholic  5  
Don't know  6

## LIVEPAR

11. Do you currently live with your parents, including adoptive parents?

- Yes, with my mother and my father in the same household  1  
Yes, with my mother, but not my father  2  
Yes, with my father, but not my mother  3  
Yes, with my mother for some of the time, and with my father for some of the time  4  
Other (*Please say who you live with*)  5
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## CAREHOME

12. Some people have extra family responsibilities because they look after someone who is sick, disabled or elderly. Is there anyone **living with you** who is sick, disabled or elderly whom you personally look after or give special help to?

- Yes  1  
No  2  
Don't know  3

## CARESEP

13. What about people **not living with you**, do you personally provide some regular service or help for any sick, disabled or elderly relative, friend or neighbour not living with you?

- Yes  1  
No  2  
Don't know  3

## WELLOFF

14. How well off do you think your family is financially?

- Not at all well off  1  
Not very well off  2  
Average  3  
Well off  4  
Very well off  5  
Don't know  6

## CLFRREC

15. How many close friends do you have – friends you could talk to if you were in some kind of trouble? (*Please write in*)

## DISAB1

16. Do you have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? By long-standing we mean anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time?

- Yes  1 (*Please go to the next question*)  
No  2 (*Please go to question 18*)

## LIMDISAB

17. Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?

- Yes  1  
No  2

**The next four questions are related to young people's rights.**

**KNOWRIGH**

18. Which statement below best describes what you know about the rights of children and young people living in Northern Ireland?

- We don't have rights  1
- We have rights, but I don't know anything about them  2
- We have rights, and I could list a few  3
- We have rights, and I know a great deal about them  4

✓

**HEARDUNC**

19. Have you ever heard about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

- Yes  1 (Please go to the next question)
- No  2 (Please go to question 21)
- Don't know  3 (Please go to question 21)

✓

**KNOWUNC**

20. How much do you know about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

- A lot  1
- A little  2
- Nothing  3
- Don't know  4

✓

**GOVPROCH**

21. How well do you think the government protects your rights as a young person?

- Not a lot  1
- A little  2
- Adequately  3
- Very well  4
- Don't know  5

✓

**The next few questions we would like to ask you relate to volunteering.**

**Volunteering is the commitment of time and energy for the benefit of society and the community and can take many forms. It is time that is given freely and without pay. This can involve unpaid work or activities for the benefit of a cause or with a local community group, sports organisation, arts and cultural group or religious group as well as activities associated with the environment or animals. Volunteering excludes things you do for your relatives.**

22. If you wanted to find out about volunteering opportunities, how would you like to receive such information?

**VOLINFO**

(Please tick all that apply.)

- Through your school  1
- Through a special telephone line  1
- At a centre where I could find out about volunteering  1
- In articles and adverts in the media (newspapers, TV, radio)  1
- Through information in job centres  1
- In the Internet (e.g. Facebook and Bebo)  1
- By text messages, or emails  1
- Through word-of-mouth  1
- Other (Please write in)  1

✓

- None of these  1
- Don't know  1

**EVMILVOL**

23. Have you ever heard of the Millennium Volunteers Programme? ✓

- Yes  1 (Go to next question)  
 No  2 (Go to question 25)  
 Don't know  3 (Go to question 25)

**MILVOL**

24. How have you heard about the Programme? (Please tick all that apply) ✓

- Through school  1  
 Through a youth club  1  
 Community/youth organisation/group  1  
 Through friends or family  1  
 Through newspaper or poster campaigns  1  
 Other (Please write in)  1  
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**VOLPAST**

25. Have you volunteered in the past 12 months? (Please tick one box only) ✓

- Yes, I have volunteered for one or more than one organisation  1  
 Yes, I have volunteered informally (not for an organisation)  2  
 Yes, I have volunteered both for an organisation as well as informally  3  
 No, I have not volunteered  5 (Please go to question 36)

26. And how often have you volunteered in the following fields in the past 12 months? (Please tick one box in each row) ✓

	Once a week	Once a fortnight	Once a month	Less than once a month	Only once in the last year	I haven't done this
Within your school <b>VOLSCHL</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Sports/exercise <b>VOLSPORT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Health and social welfare <b>VOLHEALT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Conservation, environment and heritage <b>VOLHERTG</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Animal welfare <b>VOLANMAL</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Local community, social or youth groups <b>VOLLOCAL</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
In a church or religious organisation <b>VOLCHRCH</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Other (Please write in) <b>VOLOTH</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

**OTHVOLWHAT**

**VOLWHAT**

27. What type of roles do you undertake when volunteering? *(Please tick all that apply)*

- Organising or helping to run an activity or event  1
- Visiting people, befriending or mentoring people  1
- Coaching in a sport  1
- Helping in church or a religious organisation  1
- Secretarial, administration or clerical work  1
- Practical help (e.g. shopping, gardening, building, meal on wheels)  1
- Looking after a property or a pet for someone who is away  1
- Improving the environment (e.g. wildlife conservation or picking up litter)  1
- Other *(Please write in)*  1

None of these  1

**WHYVOL**

28. Why did you become involved in volunteering? *(Please tick all that apply)*

- I wanted to improve things / help people  1
- I wanted to meet people / make friends  1
- The cause was really important to me  1
- My friends / family also volunteered  1
- I thought it would give me a chance to learn new and/or use existing skills  1
- I was asked to help  1
- It helps me get on in my career / build up my CV  1
- It's part of my religious belief or philosophy of life to help people  1
- Other *(Please write in)*  1

Don't know / I can't remember  1

**OPPVOL**

29. And how did you find out about the opportunity to volunteer? *(Please tick all that apply.)*

- From someone else already involved in volunteering  1
- From a friend or family member  1
- Through a church or a religious organisation  1
- Through school  1
- Through the Internet  1
- Via leaflets, newspapers, TV or radio  1
- I have used the services of the organisation in the past  1
- Other *(Please write in)*  1

30. Please say how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about volunteering. *(Please tick one box in each row)* ✓

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
a. I'm given the opportunity to do the sort of things I'd like to do. <b>STATVOL1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
b. I get bored or lose interest in my involvement. <b>STATVOL2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
c. I can cope with the things I'm asked to do. <b>STATVOL3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
d. My efforts are appreciated by the organisation or people I volunteer for. <b>STATVOL4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
e. I find it difficult to balance my volunteering commitments with my other commitments (work/school/home). <b>STATVOL5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
f. In the course of my volunteering, I have received training that helps me in my role as volunteer. <b>STATVOL6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

**HOURVOL**

31. Approximately how many hours have you spent volunteering in the past 4 weeks?

	✓
Less than one hour	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
1-5 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
6-10 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
More than 10 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

**BENVOL**

32. What benefits do you get from volunteering?

*(Please tick all that apply)*

I meet people and make friends through it	✓	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
I really enjoy it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
It broadens my experience of life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
It gives me a sense of personal achievement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
It gives me the chance to learn new skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
It improves my confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
It gives me the chance to get a recognised qualification, improve employment prospects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Other <i>(Please write in)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

**VOLEXP**

33. And what kind of expenses does the organisation you volunteer for pay you?  
 (Please tick all that apply)

- My travel expenses  1
- Money spent on meals  1
- Child / dependent care  1
- Expenses for special equipment I need to use when I volunteer  1
- Costs for telephone or postage if volunteering from home  1
- Other (Please write in)  1

None  1

**FRNDVOL**

34. Since you began your volunteering work, has your network of friends increased, decreased or remained the same?

- Increased  1
- Remained the same  2
- Decreased  3
- Don't know  4

**CRFRNVOL**

35. And how about your contact with people of a different community or religious backgrounds? Has this increased, decreased or remained the same?

- Increased  1
- Remained the same  2
- Decreased  3
- Don't know  4

**Now please go to question 39.**

**YNVOL**

36. Which of the factors below help explain why you do not volunteer?  
 (Please tick all that apply)

- I have too many other commitments (e.g. work, at school, at home)  1
- I feel haven't got the right skills or experience to be able to help  1
- I wouldn't know how to find out about getting involved in voluntary activities  1
- I think I am too young  1
- I've never thought about it  1
- I am already doing enough  1
- None of my friends are volunteering  1
- It's not a cool thing to do  1
- Other (Please write in)  1



**STOPVOL**

37. If you have stopped volunteering in the past 12 months we would be interested to find out why. *(Please tick all that apply)* ✓

- Due to the higher levels of home and schoolwork I now have  1
- Volunteering took too much time  1
- I was not able to do the things I liked to  1
- I felt my efforts weren't always appreciated  1
- I was out of pocket due to my volunteering  1
- Other *(Please write in)*  1

I have never volunteered  1

**ENCOUVOL**

38. Among the factors below, which would encourage you to volunteer? *(Please tick all that apply)* ✓

- Having a flexible opportunity to volunteer that suits my free time  1
- A recognition of my efforts by businesses and universities  1
- To gain an experience that I am looking for  1
- To be given incentives to encourage me to keep volunteering (e.g. free t-shirts, trips etc.)  1
- To be able to choose the organisation I would like to volunteer with  1
- Plenty of fun  1
- Other *(Please write in)*  1

None of these  1

**If you would like to find out more about volunteering please visit the following website**



**We ask the next few questions on behalf of the Patient and Client Council (PCC). The aim of the PCC is to ensure a strong patient and client voice in health care provision in Northern Ireland. The PCC is interested in hearing from young people about mental and emotional health care provision for them.**

**PROFHELP**

39. All young people have problems at some time or another, and sometimes they may try to get help. Have you **in the past year** had any serious personal, emotional, behavioural or mental health problem for which you felt you needed professional help (for example, from a GP, social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist or telephone helpline)?

*(Please tick one box only)* ✓

- Yes, but I did not try to get professional help  1
- Yes, and I did ask for professional help  2
- No, I have had few or no problems  3
- I have had, or now have, serious problems, but have never felt the need for professional help  4

40. Below is a list of people and sources that some young people may contact if they have emotional or mental health problems. If you had such emotional or mental health problems, how helpful, do you think, these people or sources would be to you?

*(Please tick one box in each row)* ✓

	Not at all helpful	A little helpful	Quite helpful	Very helpful	I don't know	I don't have this person or source
Friends <b>HLP_MH1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Your father <b>HLP_MH2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Your mother <b>HLP_MH3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Your brother or sister <b>HLP_MH4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
A teacher <b>HLP_MH5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
A minister, priest or other religious leader <b>HLP_MH6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
A local GP <b>HLP_MH7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
A school nurse <b>HLP_MH8</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
A counsellor <b>HLP_MH9</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

The internet <b>HLP_MH10</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
A youth group <b>HLP_MH11</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Other ( <i>Please write in</i> ) <b>HLP_MH12</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

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**PROFSUP**

41. What kind of professional response from a doctor, nurse or social worker would be helpful to a young person who has emotional/mental health problems?

*(Please tick all that apply)* ✓

Support and information from <b>one</b> understanding professional	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Support and information from a <b>team</b> of understanding professionals (e.g. GP, nurse and counsellor)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Prescription medication (e.g. anti-depressants)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Referral to a specialist service (e.g. Psychotherapy)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Other ( <i>Please write in</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

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**EMOPRB**

42. Which of the following things cause you emotional problems?

*(Please tick all that apply)* ✓

Not being confident with the opposite sex	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Thinking I may be gay	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Having too much homework	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Having to cope with criticism from family and teachers	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Being pressurised to take drugs	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Thinking about suicide	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Being concerned that I drink too much	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
My appearance or body shape	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Being in debt	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
Something else ( <i>Please write in</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> 1

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None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
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43. Below are a number of statements in relation to mental and emotional health. Please say how much you agree or disagree with these statements ✓

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
a. I believe that doctors and nurses understand and respect my right to confidentiality when it comes to my emotional or mental health problems. <b>STATEH1</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
b. I often worry about being bullied. <b>STATEH2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
c. <b>STATEH2</b>						
d. There are very few services for young people who have emotional or mental health problems. <b>STATEH3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
e. When you have emotional or mental health problems it is easy to trust and talk to school nurses and health visitors. <b>STATEH4</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
f. The voice of young people who have emotional or mental health problems is not heard by health professionals. <b>STATEH5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
g. I feel that I could get help from services in an emergency if I had emotional or mental health problems. <b>STATEH6</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
h. Young people are able to influence the delivery of health care that relates to their emotional or mental health needs. <b>STATEH7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
i. There is no support in the health service for families who have a young person with emotional or mental health problems. <b>STATEH8</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
j. When young people have emotional or mental health problems there are	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

suitable activities and facilities in the local community that they can attend to help them.

**STATEH9**

k. At times I feel I am no good at all. **STATEH10**     1     2     3     4     5     6

l. Young people like me have difficulty talking to anyone about their own emotional or mental health issues.     1     2     3     4     5     6

**STATEH11**

m. There are lots of organisations that can help me if I have emotional or mental health problems.     1     2     3     4     5     6

**STATEH12**

**Stress and depression are quite common among young people in Northern Ireland. If you are affected by problems like these and want to speak to someone, call one of the helplines below.**

***DON'T IGNORE PROBLEMS LIKE THESE!***

**Youthline Northern Ireland 24/7:**

**0808 808 80 00**

**Samaritans:**

**Text: 07725 90 90 90**

**Textphone (for deaf or hard of hearing):**

**e-mail:**

**08457 90 90 90**

**jo@samaritans.org**

**08457 90 91 92**

**You can also find useful information at:**

**[www.heads-away-just-say.com](http://www.heads-away-just-say.com)**

**[www.mindingyourhead.info](http://www.mindingyourhead.info)**

The next few questions are about community relations in Northern Ireland and relations between people of different ethnic backgrounds.

**RELAREA**

44. Would you describe your area as...

- ✓
- Mainly Catholic  1
- Mainly Protestant  2
- Or mixed?  3
- Don't know  4

**ANYRELIG**

45. Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?

- ✓
- Yes  1 *(Please go to the next question)*
- No  2 *(Please go to question 47)*

**RELIGION**

46. If yes, which?

- ✓
- Church of Ireland (Anglican)  1
- Catholic  2
- Presbyterian  3
- Methodist  4
- Baptist  5
- Free Presbyterian  6
- Brethren  7
- Other *(Please write in)*  8
- \_\_\_\_\_

**RELIDIMP**

47. Some people feel very strongly about their religious identity, that is, whether they are Catholic, Protestant or something else – even if they don't go to church. Other people say that their religious identity is not important to them. How important is religious identity to you?

- ✓
- Very important  1
- Quite important  2
- Neither important nor unimportant  3
- Not very important  4
- Not at all important  5
- I don't have a religious identity  6

**NINATID**

48. Which of these best describes the way you think of yourself?

- 1
- British  1
- Irish  2
- Ulster  3
- Northern Irish  4
- Other (*Please write in*)  5
- \_\_\_\_\_  6
- Don't know  6

**PROTCATH**

50. And do you see yourself as:

- 1
- Part of the Protestant community  1
- Part of the Catholic community  2
- Neither  3

**RLRELAGO**

51. What about relations between Protestants and Catholics? Would you say they are better than they were 5 years ago, worse, or about the same now as then?

- 1
- Better  1
- Worse  2
- About the same  3
- Other (*Please write in*)  4
- \_\_\_\_\_  5
- Don't know  5

**REL GALWY**

53. Do you think that religion will always make a difference to the way people feel about each other in Northern Ireland?

- 1
- Yes  1
- No  2
- Other (*Please write in*)  3
- \_\_\_\_\_  4
- Don't know  4

**NATIDIMP**

49. Some people feel very strongly about their national identity, that is, whether they feel British or Irish or something else. Other people say that their national identity is not important to them. How important is your national identity to you?

- 1
- Very important  1
- Quite important  2
- Neither important nor unimportant  3
- Not very important  4
- Not at all important  5
- Don't know  6

**RLRELFUT**

52. And what about in 5 years time? Do you think relations between Protestants and Catholics will be better than now, worse than now, or about the same as now?

- 1
- Better  1
- Worse  2
- About the same  3
- Other (*Please write in*)  4
- \_\_\_\_\_  5
- Don't know  5

**MXRLGNGH**

54. If you had a choice, would you prefer to live in a neighbourhood with people of only your own religion, or in a mixed-religion neighbourhood?

- 1
- Own religion only  1
- Mixed-religion neighbourhood  2
- Other (*Please write in*)  3
- \_\_\_\_\_  4
- Don't know  4

**MXRLGWRK**

55. And if you were looking for a job, would you prefer a workplace with people of only your own religion, or a mixed-religion workplace?

- Own religion only  1
  - Mixed-religion workplace  2
  - Other (*Please write in*)  3
- 
- Don't know  4

**OWNMXSCH**

56. And if you were deciding where to send your children to school, would you prefer a school with children of only your own religion, or a mixed-religion school?

- Own religion only  1
  - Mixed-religion school  2
  - Other (*Please write in*)  3
- 
- Don't know  4

**IMPACT**

57. Thinking about how you feel about people from other ethnic backgrounds to yourself, what do you think has been the most important influence on your views?

- My church or place of worship  1
  - My family  2
  - My school  3
  - My friends  4
  - The media  5
  - Other (*Please write in*)  6
- 
- Don't know  7

**FEELMEC**

58. How favourable or unfavourable do you feel about people from minority ethnic groups?

- Very favourable  1
- Favourable  2
- Neither favourable nor unfavourable  3
- Unfavourable  4
- Very unfavourable  5
- Don't know  6

**SOCDIFF**

59. How often do you socialise or play sport with people from a different ethnic background to yourself?

- Very often  1
- Sometimes  2
- Rarely  3
- Never  4
- Don't know  5

**SETHFRND**

60. About how many of your friends would you say are the same race or ethnic origin as you?

- All  1
  - Most  2
  - Half  3
  - Less than half  4
  - None  5
  - Don't know  6
  - Other (*Please write in*)  7
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**RACOWNKD**

61. How much do you agree or disagree with the statement, "In relation to colour and ethnicity, I prefer to stick with people of my own kind"?

- Strongly agree  1
- Agree  2
- Neither agree nor disagree  3
- Disagree  4
- Strongly disagree  5
- Don't know  6



**COMMENTS**

62. Is there anything else you would like to say about community relations in Northern Ireland?

**Every year we ask respondents what they think we should be asking the 16-year olds in next year's survey. Below are some questions that last year's respondents suggested we should ask.**

**SEXATT**

63. Which of the following statements applies best to you?

I have felt sexually attracted:

- ...only to females and never to males  1
- ...more often to females and at least once to a male  2
- ...about equally often to females and males  3
- ...more often to males and at least once to a female  4
- ...only to males and never to females  5
  
- I have never felt sexually attracted to anyone at all.  6



**CRRCRUNCH**

64. To what extent has the recent economic crisis ('credit crunch') affected you and your family?

- Not at all  1 *Please go to question 66*
- A little  2
- Quite a bit  3
- A lot  4
- I don't know  5

65. Please give details

**HOWCRUNCH**

**INTERVIEW**

**If you have been affected by the recent economic crisis we would like to hear from you further. If you are willing to be interviewed about this, please tick this box  and fill in your contact details on the last page of the questionnaire. We will pay £15.00 for each completed interview.**

66. We will be running another Young Life and Times Survey next year. Is there anything that you think we should be asking about life in Northern Ireland?

The results of this survey will be available in Spring of 2010.

If you would like an invitation to the launch of the findings, please tick this box  and fill in your contact details below.

If you would like a summary of the results, please tick this box  and fill in your contact details below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## **Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire**

**If you have completed this questionnaire, please send it back in the Freepost envelope provided. Please note that you do not need a stamp.**

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