

Young Life and Times 2023 survey questionnaire Version A

Topics included:

- Background
- Cost-of-Living Crisis
- Good Relations
- Attitudes to Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Gender-based Violence
- Personal Relationships



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

1.	What is	your gender	identity	RSEX
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Male	1
Female	2
Non-binary	☐ 3
Male to female transgender	<u></u> 4
Female to male transgender	<u></u> 5
Other (type in)	<u></u> 6

2.	How many years	have you live	d in Nort	hern Ire	land?	YEARSN
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YEARS		

3.	If you have not always lived in	Northern Ireland,	, what other	countries have y	ou lived in?
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4. Would you describe the place where you live as ... PLACELIV

A big city	
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city	
A small city or town	<u>3</u>
A country village	4
A farm or home in the country	<u></u> 5
I don't know	<u> </u>

5. And would you describe your area as... (Please tick ONE box only) LIVEAREA

Mainly Catholic	1
Mainly Protestant	2
Neither Catholic nor Protestant	<u></u> 4
Mixed	3
I don't know	<u></u> 5

6. What have you been doing since October 2022? THISOCT

At school or college full time	<u> </u>
Working full time	2
Working part time	<u></u> 3
At school or college and working part time	4
On a training scheme	<u></u> 5
Unemployed	□ 6
Other (type in)	□ 7



7. What do you think you will be doing in two years' time, in October 2024? OCT2YRS

Going to college or university full time	<u> </u>
Working full time	2
Working part time	<u></u> 3
At college or university and working part time	4
On a training scheme	<u></u> 5
Unemployed	□ 6
Other (type in)	7

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

Planned Integrated	1
Grammar	2
Secondary	<u></u> 3
Irish Language	4
Special School	<u>5</u>
Further Education College	□ 6
Other (type in)	7

9. Would you describe your school/college as... SCHGEND

An all-girls school/college	<u> </u>
An all-boys school/college	2
A mixed boys and girls school/college	3

10. Would you describe your school as ... RELSCHL

All or nearly all Protestant	1
All or nearly all Catholic	2
Mostly Protestant	<u></u> 3
Mostly Catholic	4
About half Protestant and half Catholic	<u></u> 5
I don't know	<u> </u>

11. Do you have any physical, mental or developmental/sensory health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more? DISAB

Yes		Go to next question
No	<u>2</u>	Skip to question 13

12. Does your condition or illness/do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to day activities? LIMDISAB

Yes, a lot	1
Yes, a little	2
No, not at all	3



13. Which of the following statements applies best to you? SEXATT

I have felt sexually attracted:

only to females and never to males	<u> </u>
more often to females and at least once to a male	2
about equally often to females and males	<u>3</u>
more often to males and at least once to a female	<u> </u>
only to males and never to females	<u></u> 5
I have never felt sexually attracted to anyone	<u> </u>

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

Yes, with my mother and my father in the same household	<u> </u>
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	<u> </u>
the time	
Other (Please type in who you live with)	5

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

Not at all well off	
Not very well off	2
Average	☐ 3
Well off	<u> </u>
Very well off	<u>5</u>
I don't know	□ 6

You may have heard people talking about the 'Cost of Living Crisis' that is affecting everyone in our country. This means that lots of things that families need every day like food, electricity, gas, and oil cost more now than they did a year ago.

16. In the last six months have you been doing the following things more often, less often or about the same? (Please choose one answer in each row)

	More	Same	Less	I don't know
Eating 3 meals each a day COLCRIS1	1	2	3	4
Receiving treats like sweets/games COLCRIS2	1	2	3	4
Leaving electrical items e.g. TV or gadgets on during the day COLCRIS3	1	2	3	4
Attending after school clubs and activities COLCRIS4	1	2	3	4



17. Families and carers have to pay for a lot of things for their children. There are ordinary things like food and clothes, and special things like holidays and birthday presents. How do you think your family/carer(s) is managing with money for these things? FAMMONEY

I think we have enough money for ordinary things and special things	1	(Skip next question)		
I think we have enough money for ordinary things but not for some special things	2			
I don't think we have enough money for ordinary things or for special things	3			
I don't know	<u> </u>	(Skip next question)		
18. What are some of the things that there is not enough money for? FAMNOMON				

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

Yes (Please go to the next question)	□ 1
No (Please go to question 21)	<u> </u>

20. If yes, which? RELIGION

Church of Ireland (Anglican)	<u> </u>
Catholic	_ 2
Presbyterian	3
Methodist	4
Baptist	<u>5</u>
Free Presbyterian	□ 6
Brethren	7
Muslim	8
Other (Please type in)	9

21. Which of these best describes the way you think of yourself? (Please tick all that apply)

British	NINATIDBR	1
Irish	NINATIDIR	
Ulster	NINATIDUL	
Northern Irish	NINATIDNI	
Other (Please type in)	NINATIDOT	1
I don't know	NINATIDDK	



22. To which ethnic group do you consider you belong? Please choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background ETHNCAT1

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1. White	
2. Irish Traveller	
Mixed ethnic background	
1. White and Black Caribbean	
2. White and Black African	
3. White and Asian	
4. Any other Mixed/multiple ethnic background, please describe	
Asian/Asian British	
1. Indian	
2. Pakistani	
3. Bangladeshi	
4. Chinese	
5. Any other Asian background, please describe	
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Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British	
1. African	
2. Caribbean	
3. Any other Black/African/Caribbean background, please describe	
Other ethnic group	
1. Arab	
2. Any other ethnic group, please describe	

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

Yes	
No	2



The next few questions are about your experiences of community relations in Northern Ireland.

Some people feel a sense of belonging in their neighbourhood because they have things in common with other people living there, for example, they might have lots of friends and family or there might be people of the same religion. Other people feel a sense of belonging just because they know their neighbours and people say hello to them in the street. Sometimes people don't feel that they belong because other people in the neighbourhood are very different to them.

24. Thinking about your neighbourhood, the kind of place it is and the kind of people who live there, would you say that you feel a sense of belonging to your neighbourhood? **BELONGNG**

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4
I don't know	5

25. Do you feel that you have any influence when it comes to any of the local decisions made in your neighbourhood? INFLHERE

Yes, definitely	
Yes, probably	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4
I don't know	5

26. And thinking about Northern Ireland as a whole, the kind of place it is and the kind of people who live here, would you say that you feel a sense of belonging to Northern Ireland? **BELONGNI**

1
2
3
4
5

27. Do you feel that you have any influence when it comes to any of the decisions made about what happens in Northern Ireland? INFLUNI

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4
I don't know	5



28. In general, how much would you agree or disagree that Northern Ireland is a place where people respect each other? RSNI

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	<u> </u>
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	5
I don't know	□ 6

29. Do you think the following facilities in this area are 'shared and open' to both Protestants and Catholics?

	Yes, definitely	Yes, probably	No, probably not	No, definitely not	None in this area	I don't know
Leisure centres SHLEIS	1	2	3	4	5	6
Parks SHPARK	1	2	3	4	5	6
Libraries SHLIB	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shops SHSHOP	1	2	3	4	<u></u> 5	<u> </u>

30. And do you think these facilities are also shared and open to people from minority ethnic communities? SHMINETH

Yes, definitely	Yes, probably	No, probably not	No, definitely not	None in this area	I don't know
1	2	3	4	5	<u> </u>

31. Supposing there was an event that you wanted to go to in a nearby town. How safe do you think you would feel going to it if it was to be held on these premises?

	Very safe	Quite safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Quite unsafe	Very unsafe	I don't know
A GAA club SAFEGAA	1	2	3	4	<u> </u>	6
An Orange Hall SAFEOH	1	2	3	4	5	6
A Catholic Secondary School SAFECSCH	1	2	3	<u> </u>	5	6
A Protestant Secondary School SAFEPSCH	1	2	3	<u> </u>	<u>5</u>	6

32. Has there been any time in the last year when you personally have felt intimidated by:

	Yes	No	I don't know
Republican kerb paintings,	1	2	3
murals or flags REPMURAL			
Loyalist kerb paintings,	1	2	3
murals or flags LOYMURAL			



33. How much do you agree or disagree that the culture and traditions of the following communities add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland society?

	Strongly	Agree	Neither agree	Disagree	Strongly	I don't
	agree		nor disagree		disagree	know
The Catholic	1	2	<u> </u>	4	5	<u> </u>
community CTHCRICH						
The Protestant	1	2	<u> </u>	4	5	<u> </u>
community PRCRICH						
Different minority	1	2	<u> </u>	4	5	<u> </u>
ethnic groups EMCRICH						

34. How often do you socialise or play sport with people from a different religious community to yourself? **SOCDIFF**

Very often	
Sometimes	2
Rarely	3
Never	<u> </u>
I don't know	<u> </u>

35. And how often do you socialise or play sport with people from a different ethnic background to yourself? **SOCMEG**

Very often	<u> </u>
Sometimes	2
Rarely	3
Never	4
I don't know	<u></u> 5

36. How favourable or unfavourable do you feel about people from...

	Very favourable	Quite favourable	Neither favourable nor	Quite unfavourable	Very unfavourable	I don't know
			unfavourable			
The Catholic community FEELCATH	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Protestant community FEELPROT	1	2	3	4	5	6
Minority ethnic communities FEELMEC	1	2	3	4	<u></u> 5	6



The government and/or local councils give money every year to schemes which are designed to help improve relations between the different religions and communities in Northern Ireland. The schemes include camps for children and young people; various cross community projects; or using joint community facilities.

37. Have you or anyone in your family ever taken part in any of these camps or cross community projects or used joint community facilities? CCPRJ

Yes, I have	<u> </u>
Yes, someone in my family has	2
Both I and others in my family have	<u></u> 3
No	4
I don't know	<u></u>

SHARED EDUCATION encourages schools to work together and partner with other schools where most pupils are from different religious or social backgrounds. Such sharing has to take place on a REGULAR AND CONTINUED BASIS over the academic year, for example, through classes or projects with pupils from another school, or through sharing computers or sports facilities on a regular basis.

38. Have you ever been involved in Shared Education? (Select ALL you have done) DONEWHAT 1-5

Yes, I have had classes with pupils from other schools	1
Yes, I have done projects with pupils from other schools	<u> </u>
Yes, I have used or shared sports facilities or equipment, like computers	1
Yes, I have done something else (Please type in)	<u> </u>
No, I have never taken part in Shared Education	<u> </u>

Schools and youth projects are required to help young people to have a better understanding of diversity in our society and promote the equal treatment of different groups of people. This can be done through discussions, workshops, lessons or videos, but also through exchange programmes, including shared education partnerships in school.

39. Have you ever done any of this? (Please select ALL that apply)

Yes, in school as part of 'Shared Education'	1 CREDSE
Yes, in school, but not as part of 'Shared Education'	1 CREDSCH
Yes, in a youth project or youth centre	1 CREDYP
No, not in school or a youth project or youth centre	1 NOCRED

40.	Thinking about your time in school, have you yourself ever witnessed any kind of racist bullying or
	harassment in your school? RACEBULL

Yes		1	No 🗌	2
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41. And would you describe yourself as very prejudiced against people from minority ethnic communities, a little prejudiced, or not prejudiced at all? **UPREJMEG**

Very prejudiced	1
A little prejudiced	2
Not at all prejudiced	<u> </u>
I don't know	4



42.	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? RLRELAGO

Better	<u> </u>
Worse	2
About the same	<u>3</u>
Other (Please type in)	<u> </u>
I don't know	<u>5</u>

43. 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? RLRELFUT

Better	<u> </u>
Worse	2
About the same	<u>3</u>
Other (Please type in)	<u> </u>
I don't know	<u></u> 5

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

Yes	1
No	2
Other (Please type in)	<u>3</u>
I don't know	<u> </u>

45. 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? MXRLGNGH

Own religion only	1
Mixed-religion neighbourhood	2
Other (Please type in)	<u></u> 3
I don't know	<u> </u>

46. 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? MXRLGWRK

Own religion only	<u> </u>
Mixed-religion workplace	2
Other (Please type in)	<u></u> 3
I don't know	<u> </u>



Mixed-religion school			<u> </u>				
] 2				
Other (Please type in)		[3				
I don't know] 4				
48. Is there anything else you would in) COMMENTS	d like to say	about cor	nmunit	y relations	in Northern	Ireland? (Ple	ease type
The next few questions are a Ireland. Refugees are people because they have been per someone seeking refugee st the Immigration Authorities	e who ha secuted atus but	in their	n give hom	n perm	nission to try. An as	stay in th sylum see	ne UK ker is
49. How much do you agree or disa							
49. How much do you agree or disa	gree with th		g state Neith	ments abo		and asylum s	eekers I don't
49. How much do you agree or disa	gree with th	ne followir	g state Neith	ments abo	out refugees	and asylum s	eekers
49. How much do you agree or disagenerally? I think it is our duty to provide protection to refugees who are escaping persecution in their home	Strongly agree	Agree	g state Neith	ments abo ner agree isagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know
49. How much do you agree or disagenerally? I think it is our duty to provide protection to refugees who are escaping persecution in their home country REFWELC Northern Ireland is a society that welcomes refugees escaping persecution in their home country	Strongly agree	Agree 2	g state Neith	ments about the sagree isagree 3	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know

47. 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? OWNMXSCH



50. How much do you agree or disagree that people fleeing the war in Ukraine should be allowed to come to Northern Ireland? REFUKR

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

The last set of questions is about gender-based violence. Gender-based violence is violence directed against a person because of that person's gender, or violence that affects people of a particular gender disproportionately.

51. Based on this definition, and regardless of your gender, have you personally experienced any of the following in the last year? (*Please select all that apply*) **GVTYPV1-GVTYPV6**

Physical Violence (e.g., Being beaten, slapped, pushed or restrained)	1
Sexual Violence (e.g., Upskirting, unwanted touching, being coerced into sexual acts)	1
Psychological Violence (e.g., Being insulted, stalked, harassed, controlled against your will, or threatened with violence)	1
Online Violence (e.g., receiving threats online or via social media, online trolling, or being sent or being asked for intimate images against your will)	1
None of these	1
I don't know	1

52. If you were a victim of gender-based violence or abuse, who would you report it to? (Please select all that apply)

A family member GVREPORT1	1
A close friend GVREPORT2	2
My boyfriend/girlfriend GVREPORT3	3
A charity or helpline GVREPORT4	<u> </u>
The police GVREPORT5	<u></u> 5
A doctor or nurse GVREPORT6	<u> </u>
A teacher or other staff member in school or college GVREPORT7	□ 7
Someone you trust in your church or religious community GVREPORT8	8
Other - please type in:OTH_GVREPORT	<u> </u>
I would not feel comfortable discussing or reporting it GVREPORT9	<u> </u>
I don't know GVREPORT10	11



53. What might stop young people reporting the violence and abuse they are experiencing? *Tick all that apply* GVSTOP1-7

Being unsure who to speak to	<u> </u>
Not being sure that it would make any difference	1
Worry that they would not be believed	<u> </u>
Concerned that it might make the situation worse	1
Not feeling that it is serious enough to report	<u> </u>
Worry that they have done something wrong	<u> </u>
Other - Please type in what:	<u> </u>

54. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Strongly		Neither agree		Strongly	Don't
		agree	Agree	nor disagree	Disagree	disagree	know
a.	Violence against women and	1	2	<u> </u>	4	5	<u> </u>
	girls is common in our						
	community. GVGRLCOM						
b.	Violence against men and boys is	1	2	3	4	<u> </u>	6
	common in our community.						
	GVBOYCOM						
C.	Women and girls are equal to	<u> </u>	2	3	4	<u></u> 5	6
	men and boys. GVGBEQUL						
d.	It is ok for a boy to control what	1	2	3	4	5	6
	his girlfriend/ boyfriend does.			_			
	GVBCONT						
e.	It is ok for a girl to control what	1	2	3	4	5	6
	her boyfriend/ girlfriend does.				_		_
	GVGCONT						
f.	Sometimes it is ok for someone	<u> </u>	2	<u> </u>	4	<u></u> 5	<u> </u>
	to hit their girlfriend or						
	boyfriend. GVHITOK						
g.	If people don't take care where	1	2	<u></u> 3	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	they go and how they dress they						
	only have themselves to blame if						
	they become victims of violence.						
	GVBLAME						
h.	Most people who have been	1	2	<u> </u>	4	5	<u> </u>
	dating for a while, would find it						
	hard to say 'no' if their boyfriend						
	or girlfriend asks them to have						
	sex. GVDATENO						
i.	If someone is sexually assaulted	1	2	3	4	5	<u> </u>
	when they are drunk or on						
	drugs, they are partially						
	responsible for what happens.						
	GVRESP						



55. Compared with two years ago, do you think women and girls in Northern Ireland are more like
or less likely to become victims of gender-based violence? GV2YRS

More likely	<u> </u>
Less likely	2
About the same	<u></u> 3
Don't know	<u> </u>

56. How likely or unlikely is it that you would intervene in the following situations?

		Very likely	Quite likely	Quite unlikely	Very unlikely	Don't know
a.	If someone is verbally	1	2	3	4	5
	assaulting a girl. GVINVERB					
b.	If a girl you know is being	1	2	3	4	5
	harassed by your peers on					
	social media. GVINHARR					
c.	If your peers are making	1	2	3	4	5
	sexist jokes that are					
	inappropriate. GVINJOKE					
d.	If you saw someone being	1	2	3	4	5
	touched, hugged or kissed					
	against their wishes.					
	GVINTCH					

And finally, a question about your personal relationships...

57. Have you ever had a boyfriend or girlfriend? PRPART

No I have never had a boyfriend or girlfriend	1	Go to question 60
Yes, I have had a boyfriend/girlfriend in the past but don't have one now	2	
Yes, I have had a boyfriend/girlfriend and have one now	3	

58. And how did you met your boyfriend/girlfriend? If you've had more than one, please answer for your last or current boyfriend/girlfriend. PRMEET

In school	<u> </u>
In my neighbourhood	2
Through social media	<u></u> 3
When out with friends	4
Through my church	<u></u> 5
Through my leisure activities e.g. in sports club, youth club, band etc.	<u> </u>
Other (Please type your answer)	7



59. How similar or different is your boyfriend's or girlfriend's background to your own? *Please choose one answer ion each row*

	Yes	No	I don't know
Has the same religious background as me PRRELBAC		2	3
Comes from a similar family-financial background as me		2	3
PRFINBAC			
Has the same ethnic background as me PRETHBAC		2	3
Has the same national identity as me PRNATBAC		2	3
Has the same gender identity as me PRGENBAC		2	3

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete the survey.

50. 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 in our next survey? (<i>Please type in</i>). NEXTYEAR							