

YLT 2025 VERSION 1

The first questions we would like to ask are about you and your family. We ask these questions to find out if young people from different backgrounds have different experiences. We cannot use this information to identify you.

1. What is your gender identity? (Select one answer only) **RSEX**

Male	1
Female	2
Non-binary	3
Male to female transgender	4
Female to male transgender	5
Other (type in)	6

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

 Years

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

4. What is your country of birth? **COFBIRTH**

Northern Ireland	1
England	2
Scotland	3
Wales	4
Republic of Ireland	5
Elsewhere (Type in the name of country)	6
I don't know	7
I prefer not to say	8

5. What is your main language? **MAINLANG**

English	1
Other (including British/Irish Sign Languages) (Please type in)	2

6. Would you describe the place where you live as ... (Select one answer only) **PLACELIV**

A big city	1
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city	2
A small city or town	3
A country village	4
A farm or home in the country	5
I don't know	6

7. Would you describe your area as... (Select one answer only) **LIVEAREA**

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

8. What have you been doing since October 2024? (Select one answer only) **THISOCT**

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
Other (Please type in)	7

9. What do you think you will be doing in two years' time? (Select one answer only) **OCT2YRS**

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
Other (Please type in)	7

10. What type of school do you attend? If you have left school, what type of school did you last attend? (Select one answer only) **TYPESCHL**

Planned Integrated	1
Grammar	2
Secondary	3
Irish Language	4
Special School	5
Further Education College	6
Other (Please type in)	7

11. Would you describe your school/college as... (Select one answer only) **SCHGEND**

An all-girls school/college	1
An all-boys school/college	2
A mixed boys and girls school/college	3

12. Would you describe your school/college as ...(Select one answer only) **RELSCHL**

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
I don't know	6

13. Do you have any physical, mental or developmental/sensory health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more? (Select one answer only) **DISAB**

Yes	1	Ask question 14
No	2	Skip to question 15

14. Does your condition or illness/do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to day activities? (Select one answer only) **LIMDISAB**

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

15. Which of the following statements applies best to you? (Select one answer only) SEXATT

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	6

16. Do you currently live with your parents, including adoptive parents? (Select one answer only) LIVEPAR

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 (Type in who you live with)	5

17. How well off do you think your family is financially? (Select one answer only) WELLOFF

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

18. Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion? (Select one answer only) ANYRELIG

Yes	1	Ask question 19
No	2	Skip to question 21

19. And how would you describe your religious background? (Select one answer only) RELIGION

Catholic	1	Skip to question 21
Presbyterian	2	Skip to question 21
Church of Ireland	3	Skip to question 21
Methodist	4	Skip to question 21
Baptist	5	Skip to question 21
Free Presbyterian	6	Skip to question 21
Brethren	7	Skip to question 21
Other Protestant	8	Go to question 20
Other Christian	9	Go to question 20
Buddhist	10	Skip to question 21
Hindu	11	Skip to question 21
Jewish	12	Skip to question 21
Muslim	13	Skip to question 21
Sikh	14	Skip to question 21
Any other religion	15	Go to question 20
I don't know	16	Skip to question 21
I prefer not to say	17	Skip to question 21

20. Please tell us your religion. (Please type in) RELIGOTH

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21. How would you describe your national identity? (Select all that apply) **NINATID1**

British	NINATIDBR	1
Irish	NINATIDIR	1
Northern Irish	NINATIDNI	1
English	NINATIDEN	1
Scottish	NINATIDSC	1
Welsh	NINATIDWE	1
Other (Please type in)	NINATIDOT	1
I don't know	NINATIDDK	1
I prefer not to say	NINATIDPF	1

22. What is your ethnic group? (Choose one option which best describes your ethnic group or background) (Select one answer only) **ETHNCAT1**

White	1	Skip to question 24
Irish Traveller	2	Skip to question 24
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups		
White and Black Caribbean	3	Skip to question 24
White and Black African	4	Skip to question 24
White and Asian	5	Skip to question 24
Any other mixed/multiple ethnic background	6	Ask question 23
Asian		
Indian	7	Skip to question 24
Pakistani	8	Skip to question 24
Bangladeshi	9	Skip to question 24
Chinese	10	Skip to question 24
Any other Asian background	11	Ask question 23
Black/African/Caribbean		
African	12	Skip to question 24
Caribbean	13	Skip to question 24
Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	14	Ask question 23
Other ethnic group		
Arab	15	Skip to question 24
Any other ethnic group	16	Ask question 23

23. How would you describe your ethnic group? (Please type in) **ETHNCAT2**

24. Do you consider yourself to be a member of a minority ethnic community? (Select one answer only) **MEMMEC**

Yes	1
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.

25. 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? *(Select one answer only)* **BELONGNG**

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

26. Do you feel that you have any influence when it comes to any of the local decisions made in your neighbourhood? *(Select one answer only)* **INFLHERE**

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

27. 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? *(Select one answer only)* **BELONGNI**

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

28. Do you feel that you have any influence when it comes to any of the decisions made about what happens in Northern Ireland? *(Select one answer only)* **INFLUNI**

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

29. In general, how much would you agree or disagree that Northern Ireland is a place where people respect each other? *(Select one answer only)* **RSNI**

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

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

(Select one answer only)

	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 SHPART	1	2	3	4	5	6
Libraries SHLIB	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shops SHSHOP	1	2	3	4	5	6

31. Do you think that leisure centres, parks, libraries and shops in this area are 'shared and open' to people from minority ethnic communities? **SHMINETH** (Select one answer only)

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
No, probably not	3
No, definitely not	4
None of these facilities in this area	5
I don't know	6

32. 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? (Select one answer only)

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

33. Has there been any time in the last year when you personally have felt intimidated by: (Select one answer only)

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

34. 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? (Select one answer only)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know
The Catholic community CTHCRICH	1	2	3	4	5	6
The Protestant community PRCRICH	1	2	3	4	5	6
Different minority ethnic groups EMCRICH	1	2	3	4	5	6

35. How often do you socialise or play sport with people from a different religious community to yourself? (Select one answer only) **SOCDIFF**

Very often	1
Sometimes	2
Rarely	3
Never	4
I don't know	5

36. How often do you socialise or play sport with people from a different ethnic background to yourself? (Select one answer only) **SOCMEG**

Very often	1
Sometimes	2
Rarely	3
Never	4
I don't know	5

37. How favourable or unfavourable do you feel about people from... (Select one answer only)

	Very favourable	Quite favourable	Neither favourable nor unfavourable	Quite unfavourable	Very unfavourable	I don't know
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	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.

38. Have you or anyone in your family ever taken part in any of these camps or cross community projects or used joint community facilities? (Select one answer only) **CCPRJ**

Yes, I have	1
Yes, someone in my family has	2
Both I and others in my family have	3
No	4
I don't know	5

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.

39. Have you ever been involved in Shared Education? (Select ALL that apply) **DONEWHAT 1-5**

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

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.

40. Have you ever done any of this? (Select ALL that apply) **CREDSH**

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

41. Thinking about your time in school, have you yourself ever witnessed any kind of racist bullying or harassment in your school? (Select one answer only) RACEBULL

Yes	1
No	2

42. And would you describe yourself as very prejudiced against people from minority ethnic communities, a little prejudiced, or not prejudiced at all? (Select one answer only) UPREJMEG

Very prejudiced	1
A little prejudiced	2
Not at all prejudiced	3
I don't know	4

43. 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? (Select one answer only) RLRELAGO

Better	1
Worse	2
About the same	3
Other (Please type in)	4
I don't know	5

44. 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? (Select one answer only) RLRELFUT

Better	1
Worse	2
About the same	3
Other (Please type in)	4
I don't know	5

45. Do you think religion will always make a difference to the way people feel about each other in Northern Ireland? (Select one answer only) RELGALWY

Yes	1
No	2
Other (Please type in)	3
I don't know	4

46. 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? (Select one answer only) MXRLGNH

Own religion only	1
Mixed-religion neighbourhood	2
Other (Please type in)	3
I don't know	4

47. 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? (Select one answer only) MXRLGWRK

Own religion only	1
Mixed-religion workplace	2
Other (Please type in)	3
I don't know	4

48. 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? (Select one answer only) **OWNMXSCH**

Own religion only	1
Mixed-religion school	2
Other (Please type in)	3
I don't know	4

49. Is there anything else you would like to say about community relations in Northern Ireland? (Please type in)

COMMENTS

The next few questions are about refugees and asylum seekers in Northern Ireland. Refugees are people who have been given permission to stay in the UK because they have been persecuted in their home country. An asylum seeker is someone seeking refugee status who has not yet received a decision from the Immigration Authorities on whether their application has been successful or not.

50. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about refugees and asylum seekers generally? (Select one answer only in each row)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know
I think it is our duty to provide protection to refugees who are escaping persecution in their home country REFPROT	1	2	3	4	5	6
Northern Ireland is a society that welcomes refugees escaping persecution in their home country REFWELC	1	2	3	4	5	6
People's perceptions of refugees and asylum seekers are negatively affected by the media REFMED	1	2	3	4	5	6
I would like more opportunities to get to know asylum seekers or refugees REFOPP	1	2	3	4	5	6
Refugees positively contribute to our society REFCONT	1	2	3	4	5	6

The next questions are about personal relationships.

51. In your school or college are you taught about how to develop and maintain positive relationships with other people (for example family, friends and other students). **RELSCH**

Yes	1	Go to question 52
No	2	Go to question 53
Don't know	3	Go to question 53

52. And what difference, if any, has this teaching made to you? (Tick any that apply) **DIFRELSC**

I feel better able to develop and maintain positive relationships with other people	1
I feel better able to recognise relationships with other people that are not good for me	1
I feel better able to end relationships that are not good for me	1
I better understand my responsibilities in developing and maintaining positive relationships	1

No difference - I was already able to develop and maintain positive relationships with other people	1
No difference – I was already able to recognise relationships with other people that are not good for me	
No difference - I was already able to end relationships that are not good for me	1
No difference – I don't feel better able to develop and maintain positive relationships than before	1
It made things worse – I feel more confused now about how to develop and maintain positive relationships than I did before	1
I don't feel learning about positive relationships is very relevant to me right now	1
I don't know	1

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

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Relationship education in school helps young people to develop and maintain positive relationships with others RELSCH1	1	2	3	4	5	6
Teachers are not the best people to teach young people about relationships because young people lead different lives. RELSCH2	1	2	3	4	5	6
Learning about positive and negative relationships in school helps young people to keep themselves safe. RELSCH3	1	2	3	4	5	6
Young people can figure out themselves what relationships are good or bad for them. They don't need to be taught about this in school. RELSCH4	1	2	3	4	5	6
Talking about positive relationships in class can be upsetting for some young people. RELSCH5	1	2	3	4	5	6

54. And do you think you generally have positive relationships with the following people?

	Always	Most of the time	Rarely	Never	I don't have that person
Your mother POSREL1	1	2	3	4	5
Your father POSREL2	1	2	3	4	5
Other family members POSREL3	1	2	3	4	5
Your close friends POSREL4	1	2	3	4	5
Other classmates in school/college POSREL5	1	2	3	4	5
Your boyfriend or girlfriend POSREL6	1	2	3	4	5
Who else do you have a positive relationship with? (Please type in) POSREL7					

Gender-based violence is violence, abuse and harm directed against a person because of that person's gender, or violence that affects people of a particular gender disproportionately.

55. Based on this definition, and regardless of your gender, have you personally experienced any of the following in the last year because of your gender? (Select all that apply) **GVTPV**

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
Other types of violence (Please type in)	1
None of these	1
I don't know	1

56. How easy or difficult would it be for you to get help and support if you were a victim of gender-based violence? GVHELP

Very easy	1
Quite easy	2
Quite difficult	3
Very difficult	4
Don't know	5

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

GVREPORT?

A family member	1
A close friend	1
My boyfriend/girlfriend	1
A charity or helpline	1
The police	1
A doctor or nurse	1
A teacher or other staff member in your school or college	1
Someone you trust in your church or religious community	1
Other (please type in who)	1
I would not feel comfortable discussing or reporting it	1
I don't know	1

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

More likely	1
Less likely	2
About the same	3
Don't know	4

59. And thinking especially of online violence, compared with two years ago, do you think women and girls in Northern Ireland are more likely or less likely to become victims of gender-based violence online? GV2YONL

More likely	1
Less likely	2
About the same	3
Don't know	4

60. How likely or unlikely is it that you would intervene if someone is verbally assaulting a girl? GVINVERB

Very likely	1
Quite likely	2
Quite unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
I don't know	5

61. How likely or unlikely is it that you would intervene if a girl you know is being harassed by your peers on social media? GVINHARR

Very likely	1
Quite likely	2
Quite unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
I don't know	5

62. How likely or unlikely is it that you would intervene if your peers are making sexist jokes? GVINJOKE

Very likely	1
Quite likely	2
Quite unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
I don't know	5

63. How likely or unlikely is it that you intervene if you saw someone being touched, hugged or kissed against their wishes? GVINTCH

Very likely	1
Quite likely	2
Quite unlikely	3
Very unlikely	4
I don't know	5

64. How safe or unsafe do you feel in the following places? GVSAFE

	Always safe	Mostly safe	Mostly unsafe	Always unsafe	I don't know
In a quiet street close to your home GVSAFE1	1	2	3	4	5
In a busy public space such as a high street or train station GVSAFE2	1	2	3	4	5
In a park or other open space GVSAFE3	1	2	3	4	5
Using public transport on your own GVSAFE4	1	2	3	4	5
When you are online GVSAFE5	1	2	3	4	5

These questions have asked you to reflect on a difficult issue that may be affecting you or someone you know. If you would like more information about sources of support relating to gender-based violence you can contact:

Domestic and Sexual Abuse (DSA) www.dsa helpline.org

The DSA helpline is available 24/7, for both men and women, and web chat is available via the website.
DSA Helpline: 0808 802 1414.

The next set of questions are about young people's use of social media.

65. Approximately how many hours would you spend on social media on an average day? (Select one answer only)

SMTIME

Fewer than 3 hours	1	
3-5 hours	2	
6-8 hours	3	
More than 8 hours	4	
I don't know	5	
I don't spend any time on social media	6	Skip to question 73

66. What social media apps do you use? (Select all that apply) SMAPPS

Instagram	1
Snapchat	1
WhatsApp	1
X/Twitter	1
TikTok	1
Facebook	1
An online dating app	1
YouTube	1
Other (Please type in)	1

67. Have any of the following happened to you on social media? (Select all that apply) SMYOU

Blackmail (e.g. someone demanding something from you to not reveal compromising or damaging material)	1	Go to next question
Sharing your information/photos/videos with others without your consent	1	Go to next question
Someone attempting to build a relationship with you to try to manipulate you into doing things for them	1	Go to next question
Someone stalking your activities	1	Go to next question
Someone posting/sharing threatening, intimidating or harassing material about you or towards you	1	Go to next question
Someone posting/sharing material motivated by hostility/dislike towards your race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or gender	1	Go to next question
Someone posting/sharing material which you found offensive, indecent or obscene	1	Go to next question
Offers to buy or sell illegal or stolen goods	1	Go to next question
Someone using your information on social media to steal your identity	1	Go to next question
Someone using your information on social media to hack into your accounts	1	Go to next question
People deliberately being dishonest to you to obtain a financial/personal benefit or cause you to lose something (e.g. money)	1	Go to next question
I have not experienced any of these behaviours on social media	1	Skip to question 69

68. Thinking about the last question, do you know who behaved this way towards you? (Select all that apply)

SMWHO

My girlfriend/boyfriend	1
My ex-girlfriend/ex-boyfriend	1
Friends/classmates	1
A family member	1
Another adult known to you offline	1
Another young person known to you offline	1
Someone you met on social media	1
A stranger	1
I don't know	1
I prefer not to say	1

69. Do you think some people are more likely to engage in these behaviours on social media compared to others?

(select one answer only) **SMPPLENG**

Yes	1	Go to next question
No	2	Skip to question 71
I don't know	3	Skip to question 71

70. Can you please explain who you think is more likely to engage in these behaviours on social media and why?

(Please type in) **SMPPLEXP**

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71. Do you think any of these behaviours are more likely to happen on some social media apps compared to others (e.g., the sharing of information/photos/videos without consent on Snapchat in comparison to Instagram)? (Select one answer only) SMHAP

Yes	1	Go to the next question
No	2	Go to question 73
I don't know	3	Go to question 73

72. Can you please explain what behaviours you think are more likely to happen on which social media apps and why? **SMHAPEXP**

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73. How likely or unlikely are young people to engage in the following behaviours on social media? *(Select one answer in each row)*

	Very unlikely	Quite unlikely	Quite likely	Very likely	Don't know
Blackmail SMENG1	1	2	3	4	5
Someone sharing information/photos/videos about other people without their consent SMENG2	1	2	3	4	5
Attempting to build relationships with others to try to manipulate them into doing things for them SMENG3	1	2	3	4	5
Stalking another person's activities SMENG4	1	2	3	4	5
Posting/sharing threatening, intimidating or harassing material SMENG5	1	2	3	4	5
Posting/sharing material motivated by hostility/dislike towards another's race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or gender SMENG6	1	2	3	4	5
Posting/sharing material which is offensive, indecent or obscene SMENG7	1	2	3	4	5
Buying or selling illegal or stolen goods SMENG8	1	2	3	4	5
Using information on social media to steal another person's identity SMENG9	1	2	3	4	5
Using information on social media to hack another person's account SMENG10	1	2	3	4	5
Deliberately being dishonest to obtain a financial/ personal benefit or cause someone to lose something SMENG11	1	2	3	4	5

74. How competent do you think most young people are to deal with these behaviours on social media? *(Select one answer only)* **SMCOMP**

Not competent at all	1
Not very competent	2
Quite competent	3
Very competent	4
I don't know	5

75. Is there anything else you would like to say about social media use among young people? *(Please type in)* **SMELSE**

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76. 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? *(Please type in).* **NEXTYEAR**

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