

YLT 2026 VERSION A

My YLT ID is

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) **RSEX**

Male	1
Female	2
Non-binary	3
Male to female transgender	4
Female to male transgender	5
Other (Please type your gender identity in the box below)	6

2. How many years have you lived in Northern Ireland? (Please type number of years in the box below) **YEARSNI**

Years

3. What is your country of birth? (Select one answer) **COFBIRTH**

Northern Ireland	1
England	2
Scotland	3
Wales	4
Republic of Ireland	5
Elsewhere (Please type your country of birth in the box below)	6
I don't know	7
I prefer not to say	8

4. What is your main language? (Select one answer) **MAINLANG**

English	1
Other (including British/Irish Sign Languages) (Please type your main language in the box below)	2

5. Would you describe the place where you live as ... (Select one answer) 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

6. Would you describe your area as... (Select one answer) LIVEAREA

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

7. What have you been doing since October 2025? (Select one answer) 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 what you have been doing in the box below)	7

8. What do you think you will be doing in two years' time? (Select one answer) 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 what you think you will be doing in two years' time in the box below)	7

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

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

10. Would you describe your school/college as ... (Select one answer) SCHGEND

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

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

12. 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) **DISAB**

Yes	1	Ask question 13
No	2	Skip to question 14

13. 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) **LIMDISAB**

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

14. Which of the following statements applies best to you? (Select one answer) **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

15. Do you currently live with your parents, including adoptive parents? (Select one answer) **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

16. How well off do you think your family is financially? (Select one answer) **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

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

Yes	1	Ask question 18
No	2	Skip to question 20

18. If yes, which? I identify as ... (Select one answer) RELIGION

Catholic	1	Skip to question 20
Presbyterian	2	Skip to question 20
Church of Ireland	3	Skip to question 20
Methodist	4	Skip to question 20
Baptist	5	Skip to question 20
Free Presbyterian	6	Skip to question 20
Brethren	7	Skip to question 20
Other Protestant	8	Go to question 19
Other Christian	9	Go to question 19
Buddhist	10	Skip to question 20
Hindu	11	Skip to question 20
Jewish	12	Skip to question 20
Muslim	13	Skip to question 20
Sikh	14	Skip to question 20
Any other religion	15	Go to question 19
I don't know	16	Skip to question 20
I prefer not to say	17	Skip to question 20

19. Please tell us your religion. (Please type your religion in the box below) RELIGOTH

20. How would you describe your national identity? (Select all that apply) NINATID

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

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

White	1	Skip to question 23
Irish Traveller	2	Skip to question 23
Mixed Multiple Ethnic Groups		
White and Black Caribbean	3	Skip to question 23
White and Black African	4	Skip to question 23
White and Asian	5	Skip to question 23
Any other mixed/multiple ethnic background	6	Go to question 22
Asian		
Indian	7	Skip to question 23
Pakistani	8	Skip to question 23
Bangladeshi	9	Skip to question 23
Chinese	10	Skip to question 23
Any other Asian background	11	Go to question 22
Black/African/Caribbean		
African	12	Skip to question 23
Caribbean	13	Skip to question 23
Any other Black/African/Caribbean background	14	Go to question 22
Other ethnic group		
Arab	15	Skip to question 23
Any other ethnic group	16	Go to question 22
I don't know	17	Skip to question 23
I prefer not to say	18	Skip to question 23

22. How would you describe your ethnic group? (Please type your ethnic group in the box below) **ETHNCATOTH**

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

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? (Select one answer) **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? (Select one answer) **INFLHERE**

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

26. 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) **BELONGNI**

Yes, definitely	1
Yes, probably	2
Probably not	3
Definitely not	4
I don't know	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? (Select one answer) **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? (Select one answer) **RSNI**

Strongly agree	1
Agree	2
Neither agree nor disagree	3
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? (Select one answer in each line) **SHARFAC**

	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

30. 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 in each line) **SAFEPREM**

	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 SAFEOH	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

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

	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

32. 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 in each line) **CULTRICH**

	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

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

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

34. How favourable or unfavourable do you feel about people from... (Select one answer in each line) **COMMFEEL**

	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.

35. 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)* **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.

36. Have you ever been involved in Shared Education? *(Select all that apply)* **DONEWHAT**

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 what else you have done in the box below)</i>	1
No, I have never taken part in Shared Education	1

37. 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)* **RLRELAGO**

Better	1
Worse	2
About the same	3
Other <i>(Please type your answer in the box below)</i>	4
I don't know	5

38. 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)* **RLRELFUT**

Better	1
Worse	2
About the same	3
Other <i>(Please type your answer in the box below)</i>	4
I don't know	5

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

Yes	1
No	2
Other <i>(Please type your answer in the box below)</i>	3
I don't know	4

40. 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)* **MXRLGNH**

Own religion only	1
Mixed-religion neighbourhood	2
Other <i>(Please type your answer in the box below)</i>	3
I don't know	4

41. 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) **MXRLGWRK**

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

42. 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) **OWNMXSCH**

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

43. Is there anything else you would like to say about community relations in Northern Ireland? (Please type your comments in the box below) **COMMENTS**

The next few questions are about racial equality in Northern Ireland.

44. How often do you see or hear racist comments or 'jokes'? (Select one answer) **RACCOMM**

Very often	1
Quite often	2
Sometimes	3
Rarely	4
Never	5
I don't know	6

45. Do you think social media makes it harder or easier to challenge racism? (Select one answer) **RACSMED**

Much easier	1
A little easier	2
Neither easier nor harder	3
A little harder	4
Much harder	5
I don't know	6

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

Yes	1
No	2

47. And how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Select one answer in each line)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I don't know
If I witnessed racism, I would report it. RACEREP	1	2	3	4	5	6
I feel safe from racist behaviour in my school and community. RACSAFE	1	2	3	4	5	6
I believe we do not have racial equality in Northern Ireland. RACPROB	1	2	3	4	5	6
I have friends from different ethnic backgrounds. ETHFNDS	1	2	3	4	5	6

48. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In Northern Ireland, people from minority ethnic backgrounds have the same opportunities to succeed as everyone else. (Select one answer) **ETHSUCC**

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

49. Thinking about your answer to the previous question, can you give a reason why you feel that way about equal opportunities for people from minority ethnic backgrounds? (Please type your answer in the box below) **ETHSUCEX**

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 in each line) **REFQUES**

	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)? (Select one answer) **RELSCH**

Yes	1	Go to next question
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? (Select all that apply) **DIFRELS**

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	1
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? (Select one answer in each line) **RELSCHST**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	I 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. Do you think you generally have positive relationships with the following people? *(Select one answer in each line)* **POSREL**

	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? <i>(Please type who in the box below)</i> 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 the above 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, or 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 <i>(Please type the other types of violence experienced in the box below)</i>	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? *(Select one answer)* **GVHELP**

Very easy	1
Quite easy	2
Quite difficult	3
Very difficult	4
I 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 <i>(Please type who you would report it to in the box below)</i>	1
I would not feel comfortable discussing or reporting it	1
I don't know	1

58. 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? (Select one answer) **GV2YONL**

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

59. How safe or unsafe do you personally feel when you are online? (Select one answer) **GVSAFE5**

Always safe	1
Mostly safe	2
Mostly unsafe	3
Always unsafe	4
I am never online/I do not use the Internet	5
I don't know	6

60. Thinking of your personal safety, how safe or unsafe would you feel walking on your own DURING THE DAY... (Select one answer in each line)

	Always safe	Mostly safe	Mostly unsafe	Always unsafe	I don't know
In a quiet street close to your home GVSAFED1	1	2	3	4	5
In a busy public space such as a high street or train station GVSAFED2	1	2	3	4	5
In a park or other open space GVSAFED3	1	2	3	4	5

61. Thinking of your personal safety, how safe or unsafe would you feel using public transport on your own DURING THE DAY in or around your local area? (Select one answer) **GVSAFED4**

Always safe	1
Mostly safe	2
Mostly unsafe	3
Always unsafe	4
I don't know	5

62. Thinking of your personal safety, how safe or unsafe would you feel walking on your own AFTER DARK... (Select one answer in each line)

	Always safe	Mostly safe	Mostly unsafe	Always unsafe	I don't know
In a quiet street close to your home GVSAFEN1	1	2	3	4	5
In a busy public space such as a high street or train station GVSAFEN2	1	2	3	4	5
In a park or other open space GVSAFEN3	1	2	3	4	5

63. Thinking of your personal safety, how safe or unsafe would you feel using public transport on your own AFTER DARK in or around your local area? (Select one answer) **GVSAFEN4**

Always safe	1
Mostly safe	2
Mostly unsafe	3
Always unsafe	4
I don't know	5

Coercive control is when someone tries to take away your freedom by controlling what you do, who you see, or how you live, often using threats, pressure, or isolation to make you feel trapped. Coercive control can happen in intimate relationships, between family members, or even within close friendships.

64. Before completing this survey, had you heard of the term ‘coercive control’? **CCONTDEF** (Select one answer)

Yes, and I knew what it meant	1
Yes, but I was unsure what it meant	2
No, I had never heard of this term	3

65. Have you ever personally experienced coercive control? **CCONTEXP** (Select all that apply)

Yes, by parent or carer	1
Yes, by a sibling	1
Yes, by a romantic partner (boyfriend, girlfriend, partner)	1
Yes, by another family member	1
Yes, by a former romantic partner	1
Yes, by a friend or peer	1
Yes, by another adult (e.g. a coach or a teacher)	1
No, I have not experienced coercive control	1
I don't know	1
I prefer not to say	1

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 or coercive control you can contact:

Domestic and Sexual Abuse (DSA) www.dsahelpline.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 is about young people's use of social media

66. Approximately how many hours would you say you spend on social media on an average day? (Select one answer) **SMTIME**

Fewer than 3 hours	1	Go to next question
3-5 hours	2	Go to next question
6-8 hours	3	Go to next question
More than 8 hours	4	Go to next question
I don't know	5	Go to next question
I don't spend any time on social media	6	Skip to question 75

67. 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
YouTube	1
Other (Please type the other apps you use in the box below)	1

68. How do you access social media? (Select all that apply) SMDEVICE

My smart phone	1
My games console	1
My iPad or other tablet computer	1
My laptop or computer at home	1
A friend's phone, laptop or computer	1
My parent's/guardian's phone, laptop or computer	1
Another device (Please type the device in the box below)	1

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

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

70. Radicalisation is when someone is pressured or influenced to believe extreme ideas that encourage hatred, intolerance or violence. This material could come from harmful groups or online influencers, for example those spreading racist, sexist or misogynistic views. How often have you come across, or been sent, material on social media that you feel is designed to radicalise young people? (Select one answer) SMRAD

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

71. Has any material that you have seen or that you were sent on social media ever upset or worried you? (Select one answer) SMUPSET

Yes	1	Go to next question
No	2	Skip to question 75
I can't remember	3	Skip to question 75

72. How did you come across this upsetting content? (Select all that apply) SMACROSS

I came across it myself	1
A friend/classmates sent this to me	1
Another young person I know sent this to me	1
Someone I met on social media sent this to me	1
An adult known to me offline sent this to me	1
A stranger sent this to me	1
I don't know	1
I prefer not to say	1

73. What did you do when you came across something upsetting and worrying on social media? (Select all that apply) SMDO

I left the site/app or turned off my computer or device	1	Skip to question 75
I told an adult	1	Skip to question 75
I told a friend	1	Skip to question 75
I reported it on the site/the app	1	Go to the next question
I contacted Childline or another helpline	1	Skip to question 75
I did something else (Please type what you did in the box below)	1	Skip to question 75
I didn't do anything	1	Skip to question 75
I can't remember	1	Skip to question 75

74. When you reported something that upset you on social media to the site/the app what happened? (Select one answer) SMREPORT

Someone dealt with this quickly	1
Someone dealt with this, but it took a long time	2
Nothing happened	3
Something else happened (Please type what happened in the box below)	4
I don't know what happened	5

75. Have you ever received any information on staying safe on social media? (Select all that apply) SMINFO

Yes, my parents/guardians have talked to me about this	1
Yes, I have had lessons in school	1
Yes, my friends told me about staying safe on social media	1
Yes, I have found information on staying safe on social media on the Internet	1
Yes, I have found information on staying safe on social media somewhere else (Please type where you found the information in the box below)	1
I have never received any information on how to stay safe on social media	1

76. Have you ever received any information on how to behave appropriately on social media? (Select one answer) SMBEHAV

Yes	1
No	2
I can't remember	3

77. In 2025 Australia brought in a law to stop children and young people under 16 years of age using some social media sites. Other countries are planning to do the same. Do you think it is a good idea to restrict children's and young people's access to social media? (Select one answer) SMBAN

Yes	1
No	2
I am not sure	3

78. Please tell us why you are in favour or not in favour of restricting children's and young people's access to social media, or why you are not sure. (Please type your reason(s) in the box below) SMBANWHY

The current UK government has pledged to lower the voting age in the UK from 18 to 16 years. This would mean that 16-year-olds would be able to vote in all elections and referendums.

79. Are you personally in favour of lowering the voting age to 16? (Select one answer) VOTE16

I am in favour of this	1
I am not in favour of this	2
I don't know	3

80. Please explain why you are in favour, not in favour or not sure about lowering the voting age to 16 years of age. (Please type your reason(s) in the box below) YVOTE16

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81. If all young people in Northern Ireland were receiving comprehensive civic and political education in school, would you be more in favour of the voting age being lowered to 16, less in favour, or would your view not change? (Select one answer) EDVOTE16

I would be more in favour	1
I would be less in favour	2
My view would not change	3
I don't know	4

82. What is currently your main way of finding out about what is going on in politics? (Select one answer) POLINFO

Mainstream media (such as TV, radio or newspapers in print or online)	1
Social media	2
School	3
Friends	4
Other (Please type your main source of information about politics in the box below)	5

83. Suppose there were elections tomorrow and 16-year-olds were entitled to vote, would you personally vote, or would you not vote? (Select one answer) PERSVOTE

I would definitely vote	1
I would probably vote	2
I would probably not vote	3
I would definitely not vote	4
I don't know	5

Thanks for your time, just one more question to go!

84. 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 your suggestion(s) in the box below).

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