

2025 YOUNG LIFE AND TIMES (YLT) SURVEY PRIVACY NOTICE

Queen's University Belfast ("we", "us" and "our") is committed to protecting your personal data. The notice is addressed to potential respondents to the 2025 Young Life and Times survey ("you" and "your"). This Privacy Notice tells you why we need to collect personal information about you, what we will do with it, and how we will look after it. It also tells you about your legal rights in relation to your Personal Data. If you have any questions about this privacy notice, please contact us. Contact details are provided below.

WHO WE ARE

- 1 We are Queen's University Belfast, a university with a reputation for excellence in education and research and a member of the Russell Group. Founded in 1845 as Queen's College Belfast, we became an independent university in 1908.

HOW YOUR PERSONAL DATA IS COLLECTED

2. **Information you provide:** When completing the YLT survey we will ask for information about you, such as gender, the kind of school you attended, and name and address, so that we can contact you with survey results. This is known as your "Personal Data". We may also ask you for some special categories of information (for example national identity, religion, and health related data). This is known as your "Sensitive Personal Data". You do not need to provide any of this information if you prefer not to.
3. **Data from other sources:** We also collect information about you from other sources and this also forms part of "Personal Data". This includes information from:
 - The survey sample is taken from the Child Benefit Register. Since 2004, a statutory instrument and explanatory memorandum (Tax Credits (Provision of Information) (Evaluation and Statistical Studies) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004) has been in place which allows ARK to access the Child Benefit Register for the YLT survey.
 - The sample for the survey is provided to ARK directly by HMRC and includes the names and addresses of approx. 5,000 16-year-olds living in Northern Ireland with January, February and March birthdays.
 - An annual Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed between ARK and HMRC about the sample provision. This agreement regulates the arrangements for the safety and security of the personal data of respondents and details concerning the safe transport and storage of the files as well as destruction of the name/address file after completion of the data collection.

HOW WE USE YOUR PERSONAL DATA

4. We use your Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data in the following ways:
 - The responses that you give to the survey questions (including your gender, national identity, religion, and your attitudes to the social issues/topics addressed in the survey) will primarily be used by researchers to explore public attitudes of young people in

Northern Ireland; these may also be compared with the attitudes of other social groups

- We will analyse and publish our findings publicly, but your individual responses will not be identifiable.
- We will produce a dataset of responses, which will be available on our website (www.ark.ac.uk/ylt), and we will deposit this data with the UK Data Service at the University of Essex (www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/). This means that the data can be analysed by researchers. However, we remove or change some of the data, so that you cannot be identified as an individual.

LEGAL BASIS FOR COLLECTING AND USING YOUR PERSONAL DATA

- 5 We will only use your Personal Data if we have valid reasons for doing so. These reasons are known as our “legal basis for processing”. In certain circumstances we may ask for your consent to process your information. At other times we may be required to process your information to enable us to fulfil our part of the contract we have with you. There are circumstances where we have a legitimate interest to process your personal data, for example to provide you with a service which you have requested.

The legal basis for processing your Personal Data is:

- Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

The legal basis for processing your Sensitive Personal Data is:

- Processing is necessary for archiving purposes, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes and is in the public interest.

WHO WE SHARE YOUR DATA WITH

- 6 In line with our Data Protection Policy and Procedures we can share your information, including Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data, with the following parties for the purposes set out above:
- We will produce a dataset of responses, which will be available on our website (<http://www.ark.ac.uk/ylt>) and we will deposit this data with the UK Data Service at the University of Essex (www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/). This means that the data can be analysed by researchers. However, we will remove or change some of the data, so that you cannot be identified.

DATA PROCESSING OUTSIDE EUROPE

- 7 We will not transfer your Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data outside of the European Economic Area.

HOW LONG YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT

- 8 The details of names and addresses are destroyed on completion of data collection and processing (i.e. within the lifecycle of the project). The results of the research, which are made anonymous, will be available indefinitely. We will only keep your information if we need it for one of the reasons described above. We place great importance on the security of the Personal Data that we hold, including the use of physical, technological, and organisational

measures to ensure your information is protected from unauthorised access and against unlawful processing, accidental loss, alteration, disclosure, destruction, and damage.

YOUR RIGHTS

- 9 The Data Protection Act 2018 provides you with a number of legal rights in relation to your Personal Data, including the right:
- to request access to your Personal Data;
 - to request correction of your Personal Data that is wrong or incomplete;
 - to request erasure or the restriction of processing of your Personal Data;
 - to request the transfer of your Personal Data in a structured; commonly used machine-readable format;
 - not to be subject to automated decision making; and
 - to withdraw your consent.
- 10 If you wish to exercise any of the rights set out above, or require further information about any of the rights, please contact us.
- 11 There may also be times where we cannot stop using your Personal Data when you ask us to, but we will tell you about this if you make a request.

CONTACTING US

- 12 If you have any questions or comments about this privacy notice, the University's Data Protection Officer can be contacted at:

Derek Weir
Data Protection Officer
Registrar's Office
Lanyon South
Queen's University Belfast
University Road
BT7 1NN
info.compliance@qub.ac.uk

COMPLAINTS

- 13 You have the right to complain about how we treat your Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE

- 14 We may update this Privacy Notice from time to time. We will notify you of the changes where we are required by law to do so.