

Belfast Mobility Project: Questionnaire

Instructions

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please note that your responses will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous. Completing the questionnaire shouldn't take more than 15 minutes.

Section 1: Some information about you

1.1. What is your age? ____

1.2. What is your gender (please tick)? Female ____ Male ____ Other ____

1.3 To which community do you belong (please tick)?

Protestant ____ Catholic ____ Other: please specify _____

1.4 In what neighbourhood do you currently live? _____

1.5 How long have you lived there? _____

1.6 What is your current residential status (please tick)?

(a) I own my own home

(b) I rent my home privately

(c) I rent my home through the Housing Association

(d) I rent my home through the Housing Executive

(e) Other

1.7 What is the annual income of your household?

- (a) Less than £10,000 year
- (b) Between £10,000 and £20,000 per year
- (c) Between £20,000 and 30,000 per year
- (d) Between £30,000 and 40,000 per year
- (e) Between £40,000 and £50,000 per year
- (f) Between £50,000 and £60,000 per year
- (g) More than £60,000 per year

Section 2: Contact between communities

If you are a member of the Catholic community, then the questions below refer to your experiences with members of the Protestant community. If you are a member of the Protestant community, then we want to know about your experiences with members of the Catholic community. Please circle the appropriate response.

2.1 How often have you interacted in a friendly way with members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

2.2 How often have you experienced helpful interactions with members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

2.3 How often have you been ridiculed by members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

2.4 How often have you experienced unfriendly contact with members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

2.5 How often have you been made to feel welcome by members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

2.6 How often have you had negative experiences with members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

2.7 How often have you had positive conversations with members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

2.8 How often have you been verbally abused by members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

2.9 How often have you cooperated well with members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

2.10 How often have you felt disrespected when interacting with members of the other community?

Never 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very often

Section 3: Inter-Community Sentiment

The next questions ask you to describe how you feel about members of the other community (i.e., if you are Protestant, how do you feel about Catholic people and, if you are Catholic, how do you feel about Protestant people?). Describe your feelings by selecting any number between 1 and 7, where 1 is very negative and 7 is very positive.

My feelings towards members of the other community can be described as (please circle your response):

3.1 Negative 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Positive

3.2 Cold 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Warm

3.3 Hostile 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Friendly

3.4 Suspicious 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Trusting

3.5 Disgust 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Admiration

3.6 Disrespect 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Respect

Section 4: Community Identity

This section asks you about your feelings about being a member of either the Protestant or Catholic community. Please tick the response that best captures your feelings.

4.1 Belonging to my community is an important part of who I am as a person.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

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4.2 I see myself as a member of my community.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

4.3 Overall, being a member of my community has a lot to do with my identity.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

4.4 I have strong ties to fellow members of my community.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

Section 5: Community Safety

This section asks about your feelings of safety and threat, particularly as the result of belonging to either the Protestant or Catholic community. Please tick your response.

5.1 Sometimes in Belfast I am afraid of being identified as a member of *my community*.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

5.2 I worry about being physically attacked by members of the *other community*.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

5.3 I rarely worry about threats to my personal safety from members of the *other community*.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

5.4 I worry about my personal property being damaged by members of the *other community*.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.5 Living in Belfast is dangerous for members of *my community* because of sectarian violence.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 6: Community Expression

This section asks about how you feel when members of the other community express their identities. Please tick your response.

6.1 When I see flags flown that express the identity of the *other community*, I feel as though my own identity is under threat.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.2 I feel threatened when members of the *other community* celebrate their cultural traditions.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.3 The wall murals of *other communities* are a threat to my group's identity.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.4 When I see kerbstones painted in the colours of the *other community*, I feel members of my community are not welcome or respected in those areas.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.5 The cultural traditions and values of the *other community* are no longer a threat to the group identity of my own community.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 7: Feelings about community interaction

Imagine that you are the only member of your religious community present and you are interacting with people from the *other community* (e.g. talking to them, working with them). How would you feel?

7.1 Nervous

Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Extremely

7.2 Anxious

Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Extremely

7.3 Comfortable

Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Extremely

7.4 Awkward

Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Extremely

7.5 Safe

Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Extremely

7.6 At ease

Not at all 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Extremely

Section 8: Facility Access

This section explores the extent to which you feel comfortable using facilities or public spaces located in Protestant or Catholic areas of Belfast. Please tick the appropriate response.

8.1. I prefer to avoid using facilities (e.g., shops or leisure centres) that are located in or near the *other community's* areas of city?

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

8.2. When walking or driving in the city, I sometimes change my route in order to avoid passing close to the *other community's* areas.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

8.3. I generally prefer to use facilities located mainly in areas of Belfast dominated by members of *my own community*?

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

8.4. When travelling in Belfast, I choose routes that are within or close to *my own community's* areas, even if they are not the quickest way to get to my destination.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

8.5. I prefer to keep clear of public spaces where I am likely to encounter members of the *other community*.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

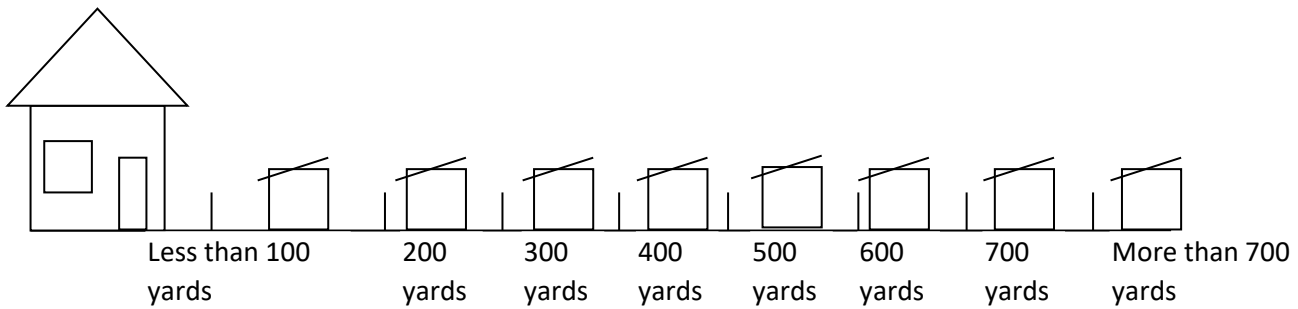
8.6. I tend to stay well away from streets that have clear symbols of the *other community's* identity, such as murals, flags or kerb painting.

Strongly agree agree neither agree nor disagree disagree strongly disagree

Section 9: Peace Walls

As you may know, the Northern Irish government plan to remove interface barriers between Catholic and Protestant communities by 2023. The following questions are designed to get your opinions about this proposal.

9.1 How close is the nearest interface barrier (or peace wall) to your home? Please answer by circling the circling the appropriate distance below.



9.2 I support government proposals to remove interface barriers.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.3 It is too soon to remove interface barriers in North Belfast.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.4 Some interface barriers could be removed, but many of them serve a valuable role and should remain.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.5 Interface barriers are a thing of the past and the government is right to target their removal.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.6 What is the current function of interface barriers in Belfast? To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of these reasons. Please tick your answer in each row.

a) To protect against Loyalist violence

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b) To protect against Republican violence

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

c) To keep the communities apart

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d) To help people feel safer

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section 10: Belfast City Centre

In this final section, we want to ask you some questions about your use of Belfast city centre. In particular, we are interested in finding out about your experiences there as a member of either the Protestant or Catholic community. Please tick your response.

10.1 Belfast city centre is now a shared space where members of both communities feel equally welcome.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.2 Members of my community are free to enjoy Belfast city centre and its facilities.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.3 Members of my community can visit Belfast city centre and feel like they belong there.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.4 Members of my community tend to avoid certain areas of Belfast city centre because they worry that they might not be welcome.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.5 Members of my community worry about having a negative experience with members of the other community when visiting Belfast city centre.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.6 Nowadays, Belfast city centre is a far more open and inclusive space for members of my community than it was in the past.

Strongly agree	agree	neither agree nor disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>