

4-11-g-4 RT

Facilitator RT
Notetaker SMG
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Youth Values **E.g. of observer note-taking**

6 Cannabis should be legalised

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15 Its wrong to have a child unless you can support it

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- 1 Long straight fair hair, very slim, pointed face (looked a bit like yr 12 girl school 8) small eyes. Relatively quiet although made her points.
- 2 Strawberry blonde slightly frizzy hair pulled back into t pony. Heavy build, tall and heavy - mature looking, could have passed for 21. Quiet and seemed quite sullen arms folded much of the time. Seemed to be in friendship group with 3 and 4 but unlike them said very little.
- 3 Dark shoulder length permed hair, palish skin and plucked eyebrows, purple eyebrows. Wild body language, elbows in jumper, leg tapping etc. Very dominant in the group, strong loyalist position in contrast to the rest of the group, became quite emotional and tense around expressing INTERVIEW
- 4 Dark, curly dark hair and dark eyes (possibly mixed race?), attractive, hair in a bun with two loose ringlets at the front, wearing jewellery and nail polish. Prefect badge. Friends with 3 (both dying to talk about being sexually active)
- 5 Medium length layered fair hair, big blue eyes (looked like Kate Crowe), prefect, serious looking, very neat, prefect badge. Contributed quite a lot. More traditional views than 3 and 4 on sex. Very pro peace and talked of a sisters boyfriend met a few times.
- 6 Long mid brown hair with golden lights hanging loose, small and slightly plump. Big brown eyes. No makeup. Talkative, had to leave before others to get the bus home.

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Strong disapproval of all drugs including cannabis. Recognised that yp take drugs but obviously not involved themselves - not interested in them

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General agreement that people have alright to a child and that benefits should be there. 3 distinguished between material and emotional support, arguing the latter as most important. Prompted question on abortion that provoked division, 3 and one other being anti and others pro. Moved on to discussion of difficulties in accessing contraception and the difficulties of buying condoms.

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Culture interpreted as religion. Big division in the group. Majority position was that sectarianism I 'stupid' and that there is no reason not to mix 'people are all the same' > 5 expressed a strong view citing her sister as an example going with a Catholic from the Republic.. 3 expressed very different feelings 'my Dad would never let me' and 2 supported her, 'ok if not serious but not marriage'. 3 got quite emotional and hinted at something in her family (uncle

killed in sectarian violence) and others supported her in being different 'it is different for you'. Argued that not about religion but about football and gave examples of areas they can't go (shopping centre) and examples of Catholic discrimination against Prots. Most thought should mix up and live together, 3 thought 'should be kept apart'. 6 argued that 'more apart more bitter'. 3 a good example of what bitter means. Agreed that different for girls and boys. Discussion of divisions between Protestants (UDA and UVF), fights outside local bar, the marches, traditions and respecting them etc. 3 thought that would go to a civil war, all very pessimistic about potential for the future and the possibility of a United Ireland ('we'd all have to learn Irish - not fair'). Mostly wanted to leave, some determined to stay. RT playing dumb here and having everything explained 'she doesn't understand'. Prompted on race differences as well as what it would be like to not be able to place people into religions, 3 mentioned people in England not caring which religion you are. NB THE CENTRALITY OF CELTIC/ RANGERS DIVISION AND IT BEING BASED ELSEWHERE, IE BRITAIN. 3'S EMBATTLED POSITION, NOT ABLE TO ARGUE IT BUT JUST TO SHOWN IT, PESSIMISM OF HER SOLUTION - CIVIL WAR AND THEN START AGAIN.

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What age? Generally expressed feeling that they learn from others and know by 9. That children should not be punished so harshly as adults. Yet when prompted specifically on Bulger case expressed more punitive position.

Bell went but all agreed to stay longer when they realised that there were questions about sex, even though they would miss their bus.

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3 and 4 expressed view that a woman has the right to have sex without love for pleasure, and that sex should be pleasurable. Identified the position with the Spice girls. Others disagreed, especially 5 who thought you need love and gave her sister as an example of someone who had got pregnant. 3 and 4 took this example as support for their own case and when asked about gender differences they identified their position with the view of boys to sex. 3 and 4 Disclosed that they were both sexually active. All thought of idea of saving sex for marriage was 'stupid'. Discussion of sexual pleasure, inc reference to a movie, 'Liar, Liar'.

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Surprisingly (?) Strong agreement with this. Focussed around alcohol and 'not knowing or remembering what you have done. RT QUERY HOW THIS MAYBE RELATED TO THE ADOPTION OF OR IDENTIFICATION WITH APPARENTLY MASCULINE VALUES OF RISK TAKING. Talked also of fighting and how boys mostly involved.

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General agreement. 4 a vegetarianism. All issues touched on but briefly. Notion that 'we are all animals' raised by 3. Most not prepared to give up meat.

Wind up

Wanted more time and wanted tea.