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## **Inventing Adulthoods: Young People's Strategies for Transition**

### **Schedule for Individual Interview 3**

#### **MEMORY BOOK LED INTERVIEWS**

##### **1. Discussion of Memory Book content**

Themes to pick up on throughout interview:

Advice,

Role Models

Tensions

Trust

Project of Self

Critical Moments

Nationality

##### **2. Other Topics to cover if not already covered in MB discussion:**

(Look to proper interview schedule for fuller prompts)

Education

Work

Leisure

Relationships

Home Life and Family

Other

Health – their own, relatives, friends...

Birth, marriages, deaths

Trouble – court appearances, polices, politics and nationality

## **Round 2 Individual Interview schedule**

### **NON- MEMORY BOOK LED INTERVIEWS**

#### **Throughout the interview:**

Advice and where it comes from

Role models

Resources for imagining the future

Tensions between different roles and responsibilities at home and elsewhere

Issues about Trust – who they can trust, examples

‘Project of self’:

Has their outlook/ values changed, are they the person they want to be, will they change and how, personal agency, the limits of agency

Do they see themselves as different to their peers? – in what ways?

Critical moments

#### **1. LOOKING BACK - mapping changes since the last interview**

##### **Education**

At what stage in educational process (detail on exams, results, plans)

What educational opportunities available to them? (national/local/FE/HE)

Where is it likely to lead?

Staying on or leaving – Who advises? Any regrets? Going back to school?

What impact leaving/staying on made?

Details on formal Work Experience – how set up/chosen/links to career choice?

##### **Work**

What work experience since last time (current/past jobs, details on hours, wages) – including training schemes

How did they find work/are they looking for work – networks

Experience of work – tasks, responsibilities, workmates, future?, expectations

How does job fit in with education, leisure, friendships etc

Spending – what spend wages on –

Income – sources of income

Unemployment – experience of, views on, social security/training schemes

Unpaid work – chores/housework and Informal Economy

##### **Leisure**

How spending their time and money

Travel and geographic mobility – including cars

Mixing with new people/changing friendships

Communication – mobiles, internet, how do they keep in touch

Drugs and alcohol – any new experiences/changes?

##### **Relationships**

Shifts in friendships – links to changes at school/workplace/college etc

Relationships with parents and grandparents, carers, step-parents

Relationships with siblings and step-siblings

Romance and love – any action

Sexual relationships – experiences, views on, parenting rules...  
Tensions – friendships and romance?  
Attitudes towards marriage, divorce, co-habitation, long-term commitments  
etc

### **Home Life and Family**

Living relationships – make up of household, any changes?  
Responsibilities at home – caring, chores, reciprocity  
Support – given/received, emotional, material, financial, other forms?

### **Other issues to integrate into interview if possible**

**Health** – body issues, their own health, friends and relatives  
Births, marriages and deaths

**Trouble** – court appearances, police, trouble at school

**Violence** –

**Nationality** – probe on this, e.g., parents of different nationalities, identity

**Politics** – formal and informal, single issue, link to national identity

## **2. CHANCE, HISTORY AND GENERATION**

How do you see yourself doing in future? – compared to friends  
Compared to people in other places  
(Local/global and chances?)

Do you think you are lucky? Compared with other people?

What obstacles/opportunities do you face in your life?

Do you think things will be easier/harder for you than for previous generations?

## **3. THE RESEARCH PROCESS**

How was the interview – timing, venue, subjects

Has being involved in the research had any impact(s) on you?

How did you feel doing the Lifelines from Round 1

Hopes for next 9 months

Fears for next 9 months?