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Inventing Adulthoods:
Emergent Focus Group Statements and Prompts

1. **You make your own luck**

What is luck
Can you make it
Who are lucky/unlucky?
Changing luck
Effort - what about inequality or is luck about doing all the right things.
Opportunity/Timing

2. University is a waste of time

Timing
when to go - what to expect.
What's good about uni.
Cost/Fees -
How do you get a good job/what do employers want
do qualifications mean that much
What about university life - networks/ social capital

3. Its a good time to be a woman

Change/ Generational - mums generation
When you become a woman/man
Delays - speeding up - delaying being a woman
Balancing career and family
Women in NI/women elsewhere
What about men

4. Job for life
Still desirable/ still possible
Job security vs interest/ excitement
Freelance / self employed
Planning life
About unions
Job conditions / poor pay, pensions, maternity leave
How important is work now/ Leisure
Vocation

5. You're not an adult until you can pay your own way

Independence/ inter/dependence
Family support
Reciprocity
Timing - when pay own pay

6. Traveling just puts off starting real life

Holiday/travel distinction
Gap years
Working holidays, working abroad.
Mind expanding
Education of life
When to do it - when young - or later

7. It's time to forget national identity and become European

mixed nationality relationships
more in common with people on other side of world than road
what does national id mean
do they see selves as part of Europe/ global id
migration - moving around
language

8. There's no such thing as being British

English Irish dual ethnic, race
devolution
regional , local identities
city ids, area
Scottish - lowland, island, highland, mainland
is devolution changing anything - Scotland Wales , NE Cornwall Devon
When do you feel it - on holiday, in South, in England
Is it given - where does it come - is it something that is just there or does it change according to where you are.

9. Relationship for life

Marriage , kids,
Sequence and timing - order. Is there a right and wrong way of doing
divorce and serial monogamy

10. Sex makes you grow up

What does make you grow up

Round up