

Knowing your community – Building a local picture survey questions

1. Common Concerns	
What are your top 4 concerns nationally (ie, education, health, crime, lack of resources, housing, employment, recession, migration, race relations, terrorism etc.)?	
1.	2.
3.	4.
What are your top 4 concerns locally (can use same list)	
1.	2.
3.	4.

2. Identity	
How do you define yourself?	How do others define you?
Gender	
Age	
Faith	
Race	
Nationality	
Culture	
Caste	
Locality	
Community	
How would you define the characteristics of your nationality? (ie, for British, reserved, queuing, fish and chips, royal family etc.)	

3. Community Cohesion
• How well do different communities in the local area get on with each other?
• What are the key tensions within the local community/country/globally?
• In terms of the local community how are tensions addressed?
• What has worked and what more needs to be done to address the tensions?
• Who plays a key role in resolving tensions? Is this the most effective route?
• How far are community leaders effective in representing all sections of the local communities?

- What role does the public, private and third sector play in breaking down tensions and promoting better interaction?

4. Intercultural dialogue

- What role does dialogue play in building bridges between different cultures? Is this the most effective way?
- How far has dialogue between communities led to more cohesion locally?
- What hinders dialogue between local communities? How can the British Council project address this effectively
- How can building bridges locally affect attitudes and behaviour towards the national or global context?
- What role does the British Council project have in establishing dialogue between communities, within the country and across the world?
- How do local stakeholders believe dialogue can be sustained when the project is ended?