

**Migrant Integration; The experiences of migrants in the United Kingdom**

**Dear Friend**

My name is Dr Gareth Mulvey and I am a Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow. I am conducting research on the integration of migrants in different parts of the United Kingdom. The aim of the research is to find out more about the lives of migrants in the UK and to see whether Governments’ current policies help migrants to integrate. We hope to find out what is good and works well for migrant communities in the UK and what does not work so well in the hope that any evidence we produce can be used to improve things in the future.

The first part of this study is this questionnaire. I would greatly appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the questionnaire as fully as you can. However, if there are any questions you would rather not answer then just leave it blank and move on to the next question.

Any information provided will be completely **confidential and anonymous**. **Nobody will be identified** in any reports associated with this research and your name will **not be used anywhere**.

Completed questionnaires can be placed in the envelope provided and send back to the address on the label. You do not have to attach a stamp.

If you would like to find out more about the research or if you would like me to clarify anything please do not hesitate to get in touch. I can be contacted at 0141 330 4065 or via email at

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**I greatly appreciate your help in this research project**

**Kind regards**



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Integration Questionnaire

 

The University of Glasgow is carrying out research about how migrant communities are integrating in N.Ireland. We would like to understand more about your experiences and views about your life in N.Ireland as well as what might make things easier or better.

All responses are treated in the strictest confidence. Your name will not be used in any reporting of results. It should take no more than 20 minutes to complete.

Please place a mark in the box that you wish to answer and write fuller responses in the boxes provided. You do not have to answer any questions you feel uncomfortable with, simply leave it and move on to the next question. We are very grateful for your help in this study.

Section 1 - We would like to start by asking you some questions about yourself

1. Gender ¹Male[ ]  ²Female [ ]

2. Age 116-20 [ ]  221-30[ ]  331-40 □ 4 41-50 [ ]  5 51-60 [ ]  6 61+[ ]

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3. Where were you born?

4. If not born in the UK, what year did you first come to live in the UK?

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5. Which of the following best describes your marital status?

1 Married [ ]  2 Co-habiting (living together) [ ]  3 Single (never been married) [ ]

4 Widowed [ ]  5 Divorced [ ]  6 Separated [ ]

6. Do you have any children living in N.Ireland

 ¹Yes [ ]  ²No [ ]

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If yes, how many children do you have?

Section 2 - We would now like to ask you some questions about employment and standard of living

7. Which of the following best describes your employment status?

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| 1 Working Full Time [ ]  | 2 Working Part Time [ ]   | 3 Self Employed [ ]  |
| 4 Unemployed [ ]  | 5 In Education (college or university) [ ]   | 6 In Training [ ]  |
| 7 Looking after family [ ]  | 8 Not Allowed to work [ ]  | 9 Retired [ ]  |
| 10 Doing voluntary work [ ]  | 11 Permanently sick [ ]  | 12 Temporarily sick [ ]  |
| 13 Other [ ]  |  |  |

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If other, please explain

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***If you are currently working please answer questions 7-12. If you are not currently working please go to question 13***

8. If working, what is your job title?

9. Is your work best described by any of the following:

1Seasonal work [ ]  2Under contract for a fixed period or a fixed task [ ]

3Agency / Temping [ ]  4Homeworking (your home is your place of work) [ ]  5 Casual type of work [ ]  6 I have no guarantee of work each day [ ]

7 An apprentice or trainee [ ]  8 None of the above [ ]

If none of the above, please provide details

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10. How much do you earn each? (You only need to answer one)

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11. How many hours do you usually have to work to earn that wage each? (You only need to answer one)

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12. How satisfied are you with the following

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|  | 1 Very Satisfied | Moderately satisfied | Satisfied | Not sure | Not very satisfied | Moderately dissatisfied  | 7 Very dissatisfied |
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13. If you have worked while living in the UK, how many times have you changed jobs in the

Past 6 months \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Past year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Since arrival in the UK\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. Did you ever work in your country of origin? 1Yes □ 2 No □

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15. If yes, what type of work did you do?

16. Do you feel that the work you are doing matches your skills and qualifications?

1 Yes [ ]  2 No[ ]

17. Do you think you are financially better off than you were a year ago?

1 Better off [ ]  2 Worse off [ ]  3 About the same [ ]

18. Looking ahead, do you think in a year you will be financially

1 Better off [ ]  2 Worse off [ ]  3 About the same [ ]

 19. Which of these descriptions comes closest to how you feel about your present income?

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| 1 Living comfortably on present income [ ]   | 2 Coping on present income [ ]   |
| 3 Finding it difficult to cope [ ]  | 4 Finding it very difficult to cope [ ]   |

Section 3 - The next series of questions are about the neighbourhood and the house or flat that you live in

20. Have you lived in Belfast the whole time you have been in the UK? 1Yes [ ]

 2 No [ ]

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21. If not, in what year did you move to Belfast?

22. What was the reason you moved to Belfast?

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23. How long have you lived at this address?

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| 1 Less than 6 months [ ]   | 2 Between 6 months and a year [ ]  |
| 3 Between I and 2 years [ ]   | 4More than 2 years [ ]   |

24. How many times have you moved to a different town or city in the

Past 6 months \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Past year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Since arrival in the UK \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

25. How many times have you moved house in the

Past 6 months \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Past year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Since arrival in the UK \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

26. How satisfied are you living in this neighbourhood?

1Very Satisfied [ ]  Satisfied [ ]  Not sure [ ]  Not very satisfied [ ]  5 Very Unsatisfied[ ]

27. How safe do you feel living in this community?

1Very Safe [ ]  Safe [ ]  Not sure [ ]  Not very safe [ ]  5 Not at all safe [ ]

28. Can you explain why you feel this way?

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29. Who owns your home?

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| 1 Housing Association [ ]  | 2 Private landlord [ ]   |
| 3Temporary Housing/Homeless [ ]  | 4 I own this home [ ]  |
| 5Family or friend [ ]  |  6Other [ ]   |
|   | 7 Don’t Know [ ]   |

 If other, please provide details

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30. How many people live here regularly as members of this household, please include yourself in this figure?

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31. How many children under the age of 16 live with you?

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32. How many children under the age of 5 live with you?

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33. How many bedrooms do you have in your property?

34. How satisfied are you with your present accommodation?

1Very Satisfied [ ]  Satisfied [ ]  Not sure[ ]  Not very satisfied [ ]  5 Very Unsatisfied [ ]

35. If you could choose, would you stay in your present home or move somewhere else? 1Stay here □ 2Prefer to move □ 3Don’t Know □

36. If you would like to move, what are the reasons? (please tick all that apply)

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| 1Size of property [ ]  | 2Condition of Property [ ]   |
| 3For work [ ]   | 4The type of property (flat, house) [ ]   |
| 5For health reasons [ ]  | 6To be nearer to friends or family [ ]   |
| 7Because of the area [ ]   | 8Because of my neighbours [ ]   |
| 9To buy my own home [ ]  | 10 Other [ ]   |

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37. If other please provide details

Section 4 - The next set of questions concerns you experiences of education

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38. How many years of education have you completed in your home country?

39. Which, if any, education or training courses have you been involved in?

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| ESOL | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| SVQ | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| HNC | [ ]  | [ ]  |
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| Higher education | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Other  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

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If other, please provide details

40.How confident are you in speaking English? 1Very confident [ ]

 Fairly Confident [ ]

Not Sure [ ]

Not very confident [ ]

5Not at all confident [ ]

41. Would you like to return to education? 1Yes □ 2 No □

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42. If yes, what would you like to study?

43. How satisfied are you with the amount of education you’ve had whilst living in the UK?

1Very Satisfied [ ]  Satisfied[ ]  Not sure [ ]  Not very satisfied[ ]  5 Very Unsatisfied [ ]

44. How satisfied are you with the amount of training you’ve had whilst living in the UK?

1Very Satisfied [ ]  Satisfied[ ]  Not sure [ ]  Not very satisfied[ ]  5 Very Unsatisfied [ ]

45. Can you explain the reason for your answers ?

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46. If you have children who are either at school or who have been at school, how satisfied are you with the schooling they are receiving?

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| 1Very Satisfied [ ]  | 2Satisfied [ ]  |
| 3Not sure [ ]   | 4Not very satisfied [ ]  |
| 5Very Unsatisfied [ ]   | 6Don’t have children [ ]  |

Section 5 - The next questions are about your health and its impact on what you can do in your daily life (all answers are confidential. If you do not want to answer any particular question then you can miss it out and move onto the next question).

47. Are you registered with a doctor? 1Yes [ ]  2No [ ]

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48. If not, can you explain why?

49. Are you registered with a dentist? 1Yes [ ]  2No [ ]

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50. If not, can you explain why?

51. In general would you say your health is?

1Excellent [ ]  Good [ ]  Fair [ ]  Poor [ ]  5Very poor [ ]

52. Compared to other people of your own age would you say that your health is? 1Excellent [ ]  Good [ ]  Fair [ ]  Poor [ ]  5Very poor [ ]

53. Please tick the box that best describes your experience of each over the last 2 weeks

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| Statements  | 1None of the time | Rarely | Some ofthe time | Often | 5 All of the Time |
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| b. I’ve been feeling useful | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| c. I’ve been feeling relaxed | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| d. I’ve been feeling interested in other people | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| e. I’ve had energy to spare | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| f. I’ve been dealing with problems well | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| g. I’ve been thinking clearly | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| h. I’ve been feeling good about myself | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| i. I’ve been feeling close to other people | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| j. I’ve been feeling confident | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| k. I’ve been able to make up my own mind about things | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| l. I’ve been feeling loved | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| m. I’ve been interested in new things | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| n. I’ve been feeling cheerful | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ] □ | [ ]  | [ ]  |

54. Do you suffer from any long term physical or mental health problems that affect your ability to carry out day to day activities?

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| 1Yes a disability □ | 2Yes, an illness or health problem □  |
| 3Yes, a mental health problem □  | 4Neither (disability and Illness) □  |
| 5Both (disability and Illness) □  |  |

55. In the past 12 months how many times have you seen or spoken to a doctor regarding your own health and wellbeing?

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Section 6 - The next series of questions are about how you feel about living in N.Ireland and the activities you have taken part in while here

56. Do you have any close family members living in: (please tick all that apply) 1Belfast [ ]  2N.Ireland [ ]  3The UK [ ]  4None [ ]

57. Not including the people you live with how often do you?

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|  | 1Most days | Once or more a week | Once or twice a month | Less than once a month | 5Never |
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| Meet friends | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Speak to neighbours | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

58. How easy is it for you to practise your own religious and/or cultural traditions in N.Ireland?

 1Very Easy [ ]

Quite easy [ ]

 Not Sure [ ]

Quite Difficult [ ]

5Very Difficult [ ]

59. How often do you get involved in the following activities?

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| Attend events in your local community | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Attend community meetings | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Volunteer in your local community | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Volunteer somewhere else | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

60. Do you feel part of the local community in which you live?

 1Yes [ ]  2No [ ]  3Don’t Know [ ]

61. Do you feel part of any other communities in the city you live in?

1Yes [ ]  2No [ ]  3Don’t Know [ ]

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If yes, please provide details

62. Do you feel that you have been discriminated against in the UK because of your (please tick all that apply)

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| 1Nationality [ ]  | 2Religion [ ]  | 3Colour or race [ ]  |
| 4Gender [ ]  | 5Disability [ ]  | 6Language [ ]   |
|  7Ethnic group [ ]  | 8Age [ ]  | 9Sexuality [ ]  |
| 10Being an asylum [ ] seeker/ Refugee  | 11Other [ ]  | 12Not been discriminated against [ ]   |

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If other, please provide details

63. If you have experienced discrimination how often has it happened?

1Very Rarely [ ]  Once or twice [ ]  Monthly [ ]  Weekly [ ]  5More than weekly [ ]

64. Who was it that discriminated against you?

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65. Do you agree with the statement ‘My neighbourhood is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together’?

1Agree [ ]  2Disagree [ ]  3Don’t know [ ]

Section 7 - The final set of questions are about citizenship and rights in the UK

66.How would you describe your present status in the UK?

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| 1I am a British citizen [ ]  | 2I am a refugee [ ]  |
| 3I have humanitarian [ ]  protection  | 4 I am waiting for a decision [ ]  on my asylum claim  |
| 5I am appealing refusal [ ]  | 6I have had my final refusal [ ]   |
| 7I am an EU citizen [ ]   | 8Other [ ]   |

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If other, please explain

67. If not a British citizen, would you like to one day become a British citizen?

1Agree [ ]  2Disagree [ ]  3Don’t know [ ]

68. Do you have the right to vote? 1Agree [ ]  2Disagree [ ]  3Don’t know [ ]

69. If there were a general election tomorrow and you had the right to vote, would you vote? 1Yes [ ]  2No [ ]  3Don’t know [ ]

70. How happy are you with your life in the UK?

1Very Happy [ ]  Happy [ ]  Not sure[ ]  Not Very Happy [ ]  5Very Unhappy [ ]

**Final Comments**

What three things would improve your life in the UK?

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Do you have any other comments to make about integration?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Your help is in this research is very valuable. We would also like to do some follow up interviews to discuss some of these issues a little more. As a thank you for doing an interview we will be providing a £20 voucher afterwards. If you would be prepared to speak with us about your life in Glasgow please provide your contact details below. If you would rather not be contacted then leave the boxes below blank and thank you for your help in this research.

We are very grateful for your help with this research.

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