**(Re)Imagining Youth:**

**A comparative study of youth leisure in Scotland & Hong Kong**

**Focus Group Themes**

Introduction

Do you all know one another? How do you know one another? (Go to same school, Work together, Live in same street/area, Hang around the same places, Go to the same venue, Same age, Similar type of person, Shared interests)

Explore who is currently in education and/or work, what type of education/course/job, nature of commitment etc. (ie how many hours per week)

Leisure time

Do you hang about together in your spare time? Who (else) do you spend your spare time with? (Parents, Siblings, Other relatives, Boyfriend or girlfriend, Close/best friend, Group of friends - mixed/same sex, Alone)

Where do you spend most of your spare time?

What kinds of things do you do in your spare time? (Probe: With whom? Where? When? How often? [Regularly, Occasionally])

* + Home-based leisure

Listen to music

Watch TV

Go on the internet

Home computer/tablet or computer games

Read a book

Read magazines

Have friends round

Look after younger siblings

Housework

Cooking/baking

Play musical instrument

Drawing or painting

Sewing or crafts

DIY

Gardening

* + Casual, self-run recreation

Hang about (streets, park etc)

Scratch football, basketball etc

Go to friend's house

* + Commercial leisure

Go to pub

Go to gigs or concerts

Night Club

Cinema

Theatre

Museum or Art Gallery

Shopping

Fitness/Sports Centre

Attend sports match (to watch)

Amusements/Arcade

Gambling/Betting

Go out for coffee/Cafe

Eat out/Restaurant

* + Formal group

Youth Club

Youth Organisation

Voluntary/Community work

Sports Team (Recreational, Competitive)

Technology

What are the main forms of technology you own? use? (Mobile phones, Computers, Tablets, e-Book readers, Wearable technology etc.) What do you use them for? (Texting, E-mail, Group chat, Surfing the internet, Watching TV, Taking photographs, Making films, Games, Work, Study etc.) Where do you use them? (Home, Educational establishment, Work, Public library, Youth group) When? With whom? (Family, Friends, Acquaintances, Strangers) For how long? (Typical hours per week/weekend day)

What are your favourite apps? What do you use them for? (Communicating with friends, Keeping up to date, Posting and looking at videos and photos, Playing games)

Do you ever use social networking sites? Which ones? (Bebo, MySpace, FaceBook etc.) What do you use them for? (Communicating with friends, Keeping up to date, Posting and looking at videos and photos)

What other sites do you use? (MSN Chat, YouTube, iTunes etc.) What do you use them for?

Consumerism

How much money do you usually have to spend each week on leisure time activities?

What are the main things that you spend your money on? (Clothes/Shoes, Makeup/Toiletries, Music, Film downloads/DVDs, Computer games, Magazines, Books, Cinema, Alcohol, Cigarettes, Drugs, Going to the pub, Going clubbing, Phone, Savings etc.)

Hanging about/'Trouble'

Where do you and your friends normally hang out?

What kinds of things do you do? (Smoking, Drinking, Drugs, Fighting etc.)

Have you ever been involved in gang activity?

Have you ever been in trouble with the police?

Attitudes

How important is it to you to have spare time, away from work and study? Why is it important (or not)? (Relaxation/rest, Respite from education/work pressure, Freedom/choice, Social networks and social support, Health benefits - physical/mental, Personal development, Social participation and civic engagement)

Do you think that the amount of spare time that you have is: too much, too little, about right?

Are your work/study time and spare time totally separate, or do they sometimes merge into one another?

Do you prefer to organise your spare time yourself, or have it organised by others?

Leisure needs

Is there anything you would like to do in your spare time but are unable to?

What is the reason you are unable to do this activity? (Not available locally, Can't afford it, Not enough time, Not old enough, Parents won't let me, Don't feel safe, Physical health/disability)

What things would you like to see improved in this area to make leisure time better for people if your age? (Better facilities for sports - indoor/outdoor, Better transport, Better places to just meet and talk, More organised clubs and activities)

Closing

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the things you do in your spare time?