**(Re)Imagining Youth:**

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

**Interview Themes**

Home

Tell me about the place you live.

Do you live with your family or someone else? (Mum, Dad, Siblings, Grandparents, Friends, Flatmates)

How long have you lived there?

What things do you like/dislike about living there?

Friends

Do you have a lot of friends? Are your friends mostly male, female, or mixed?

Do your friends mostly live in the same area?

Are your friends mostly the same age, or younger, or older?

If you have a problem, who would you talk to about it?

Do you have a best friend?

Do you have a boyfriend or girlfriend?

Leisure

What do you understand by the term 'leisure'?

Where you live, are there lots of things to do in your spare time?

What do you normally do in your spare time, when you are at home?

What do you do in your spare time, when you go out of your home?

Do you use any organised activities, such as youth clubs? If not, why not?

Do you take part in any sports?

Do you take part in any musical/artistic/cultural activities?

Is there anything you would like to do in your spare time, but are unable. If so, what prevents you from doing it?

How did you spend yesterday evening?

How did you spend the summer holidays?

Describe a really enjoyable Saturday?

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?

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?

Change over time

What sorts of things did you do in your spare time when you were: (a) 14-15, (b) 16-17, (c) 18-21?

In what ways has this changed?

How do you think your spare time activities will change over the next five years?

Closing

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