**Focus Group Question Template**

1. **We are interested in students’ experiences of social connectedness at university. What does it mean to be socially connected as a student?**

Prompts: How would you define social connectedness? How would you explain it to someone else? How would you explain it to a non-student?

Has this changed since the pandemic?

1. **Thinking back to before the pandemic, we're interested in your experiences of socialising at university. What made you more likely to go to an event on campus, or use a communal space, or join a society? What made you less likely to do those things?**

Prompt: If you were aware of an event on campus, like a campus market or a coffee morning, what would be the main thing stopping you from going?

1. **What are your experiences of making friends at university?**

Prompts: How easy / difficult was it to make friends? When did you make your friends? (e.g. start of term, later on the term)

1. **Could everybody describe a time they felt socially connected at university?**

Prompts: What was that like? What was it that made you feel socially connected? How did it feel?

Before and after the pandemic?

1. **Could everybody describe a time they did not feel socially connected at university?**

Prompts: What was that like? What was it that made you feel disconnected? How did it feel?

Before and after the pandemic?

1. **What sort of things promote social connectedness at university?**

Prompts: Accommodation, academic activities, university-based social activities, sports, Student Union, clubs and societies, culture

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1. **What sort of things cause disconnectedness at university?**

Prompts: Accommodation, academic activities, university-based social activities, sports, Student Union, clubs and societies, culture

Has this changed since the pandemic?

1. **Thinking back to when you first started university and/or returned for Stage 2, Stage 3, etc. what were your social experiences around the start of term?**
2. **What could the university do to improve social connectedness in students?**

Prompts: Accommodation, academic activities, university-based social activities, sports, Student Union, clubs and societies, culture

Response to the pandemic