

***Young people
don't care about
dwelling on
the past.***

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Question?

Do you believe that
the conflict and
'Troubles' are over?

Action?

I can improve
my understanding of
the Troubles by...



***We are encouraged
to be sectarian
through ignorance
from our parents.***

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Question?

Are young people influenced by others to be sectarian?

Action?

My community can reduce sectarianism by...



***I never met a
Protestant until I
was 16yrs old.***

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Question?

Do you have many friends from the other community?

Action?

I can meet with people from different communities and backgrounds by...



***We learn to keep
our mouths shut
when we are out
of our own area.***

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Question?

Do we live
separate lives?

Action?

The best way to meet
others from a different
community is...



***Peace-building can
be tokenistic;
bringing groups
together but not
addressing the
issues.***

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Question?

How can we meet others in a spirit of openness and respect?

Action?

If I was to create a campaign to grow and sustain peace it would...



***I take the long way
home to avoid the
others – you can feel
a change in the
atmosphere.***

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Question?

Are you
open-minded to
meeting others?

Action?

I can make my
community more
welcoming for
everyone by...



***The conflict
happened but
you don't talk
about it.***

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Question?

Do you hear much about the conflict and Trouble's in your everyday personal or professional world?

Action?

I can improve my and others knowledge about the conflict by...



***Friends and their attitudes
can hold you back; I would
fear bullying and what they
might think, say and do; and
there are consequences if
you do something different
in your community.***

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Question?

Is it easy to have conversations about differences without offending others?

Action?

To advance peace we should have conversations about...



***It's alright to
celebrate your
culture, but just don't
rub it in people's
faces and get their
backs up.***

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Question?

Can more than one culture co-exist here?

Action?

I could be more mindful with my culture by...



***We don't know
anything about the
conflict, so how are
we meant to make a
difference?***

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Question?

Do you feel you have a story to tell about how you or your family have been affected by the conflict?

Action?

My story and perspective is important because...



***Flags can represent you,
your culture and your
community. But they can
also cause arguments
and tension – they mark
your territory in a
negative way.***

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Question?

Are you proud of your religious/national identity?

Action?

To appreciate and acknowledge different cultures we should...



***Things are a lot
better than they
used to be – so
maybe there is no
next step.***

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Question?

Is there too much or too little attention paid to peace education?

Action?

To ensure that we don't return to conflict and violence we should...



My friend and I got the wrong bus from school and ended up in a different area, so we covered our school badge.

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Question?

Would you feel safe living in a community where you are in the minority?

Action?

I can make my community more safe for everyone by...



***Brexit has
increased racial
issues. Religion
causes most
issues.***

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Question?

Do you feel that our society is welcoming to people of difference?

Action?

If I hear prejudiced comments or remarks I will...



***There are too
many religions
influencing
government policy.***

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Question?

How have churches played a role in the conflict and and/or peace-building?

Action?

Churches and religious leaders can help peace by...



***Our generation
is less influenced
by religion.***

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Question?

Has religion had a negative impact on our society?

Action?

I can be more aware and open to other's religious beliefs by...



***Our democracy
and politics is
broken.***

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Question?

Are you optimistic / hopeful about the way your country is going?

Action?

I can participate more in our politics by...



***I think it really comes
down to how someone
is brought up, no one
is born with hate in
their heart.***

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Question?

Have you ever heard negative views about the other community from your friends, family or community?

Action?

If I hear sectarian comments I will...



*I get on with
them'uns but I'm
still sectarian.*

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Question?

Can people in Northern Ireland ever be neutral?

Action?

I believe that separation can be changed by...



***Being in a mixed
school has raised
me to respect and
accept everyone.***

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Question?

What are the barriers to peace-building?

Action?

I can encourage more integration by...



*“Sports like
football can
bring their
people together
but also divide.”*

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Question?

Do you have experience of sports helping to bring communities together?

Action?

To ensure positivity through sports I will....



*“We as young
people can start
clubs and take
action on climate
change.”*

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Question?

What can you do to help raise awareness of climate change?

Action?

To help the environment I will...



“Friends and their attitudes can hold you back, I would fear bullying and what they might think

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Question?

Would you be influenced by what your friends think?

Action?

To be a good friend I will..."



*As a result of COVID-19
& lockdown, sectarianism
has been swept to one
side. The value of
community has shone
through.*

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Question?

Did you notice changes in your community during lockdown?

Action?

To highlight the positives of my community, I will...



*Music is a great
blessing. It has the
power to elevate
and liberate us.*

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Question?

What are your views on the role of music in peace building?

Action?

I can use music to help others by...



*Facebook has been
the best social
media platform for
me to connect with
others.*

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Question?

How do you connect with others outside of social media?

Action?

I can connect with others by...

