



Young People's Survey 2025

16-18 years old

Have your say! Share your experience. What is it like growing up and living in Nottingham? Your ideas will help us make a city where all young people feel safe, listened to, cared for and able to grow.

How long will it take? 20-25 minutes.



Do I have to do it? No, it is your choice. You do not have to answer every question, and you can stop at any time. If something does not make sense, you can ask a trusted adult to help.

This is not a quiz! There are no right or wrong answers, so please answer honestly.

What happens with my answers? All your answers are private. No one will know which ones are yours. We won't share anything personal about you. The data will be shared with city leaders, partners and the children's charity, UNICEF, to influence change in our city.

If you feel upset, you can stop whenever you like. If you feel worried, talk to a trusted adult such as a parent, teacher or carer. You can also visit Childline at www.childline.org.uk or NottAlone at www.nottalone.org.uk for support.

Consent

1. Are you happy to take part in this survey and for your views to be used in the ways described?
 - ☐ I am aged 16-18 and I agree to take part in the survey
 - ☐ I do not want to take part in the survey

Learning and Working

2. Which of these best describes you?

- ☐ I go to college or 6th Form
- ☐ I am doing an apprenticeship or traineeship
- ☐ I work
- ☐ I am looking for a job
- ☐ I am looking for training or more education

3. . How do you usually get to school/college/work?

- ☐ Bus
- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Car - I drive
- ☐ Car - someone else drives
- ☐ Motorbike
- ☐ Bicycle / Scooter
- ☐ Tram



4. Is there anything you don't like about your journey to or from school/college/work?

5. Do you agree with these statements? Circle your answer.

In Nottingham, I have access to educational or training opportunities that will prepare me for a successful life

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

I feel good about my future

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

Nottingham is a good place to grow up

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

I enjoy going to Nottingham city centre

Agree

Sort of

Disagree



6. What is the one thing you would most like to see change for young people living in Nottingham?

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7. Please read through the following list and decide which **three items** are most important to you

- ☐ Feeling safe and secure
- ☐ Feeling you can grow, explore and follow your interests
- ☐ Education, learning and school experience
- ☐ Taking part in local community
- ☐ Access to service (such as doctors, health care, youth/sport clubs, libraries, school, or mental health services) that are friendly for young people
- ☐ Access to parks, nature and clean air
- ☐ Your family
- ☐ Feeling you belong
- ☐ Being healthy
- ☐ Feeling equal and included
- ☐ Your friends
- ☐ Money
- ☐ Sport

Online

8. Do you have access to the internet at home?

- ☐ Yes, whenever I want
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No
- ☐ We don't have internet at home
- ☐ Depends which home I am at



9. Do you feel safe online?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I don't know what to say

10. What advice would you give young people to stay safe online?

11. Do you use any of these?

- ☐ Discord
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Generative AI
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Snapchat
- ☐ Threads
- ☐ TikTok
- ☐ Twitter/X
- ☐ WhatsApp
- ☐ YouTube
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other: _____



Activities, friends, wellbeing and free time

12. How often do you typically get together with friends in person outside of school or work?

- ☐ Every day or almost every day
- ☐ Several times a week
- ☐ About once a week
- ☐ Less than once a week
- ☐ Less than once a month
- ☐ Never

13. In the past week, on how many days have you done sport, dance or a fitness activity?

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14. Is the effort you put into doing sport, dance or fitness activities usually enough to raise your breathing rate?

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. When you do a sport, dance or a fitness activity, how much time do you usually spend doing this?

- ☐ Less than 10 minutes
- ☐ Less than half an hour
- ☐ About half an hour
- ☐ About 45 minutes
- ☐ One hour
- ☐ More than an hour

16. How often do you go to museums, art galleries, theatre shows, or concerts?

- ☐ At least once every month
- ☐ Several times a year
- ☐ About once a year
- ☐ Less than once a year
- ☐ Never

17. Does anything stop you from going more often?

- ☐ Costs / ticket prices
- ☐ I'm too busy
- ☐ I'm not interested
- ☐ Difficulty with transport or getting to events / venues
- ☐ Not having anyone to go with
- ☐ Not knowing what is on
- ☐ Health reasons
- ☐ I prefer other activities
- ☐ Nothing stopping me - I can go as often as I like

☐ Other: _____

18. Do you have opportunities to practice or to learn new creative skills (like music, art, drama, crafts, design, or writing)?

☐ Many opportunities

☐ No opportunities

☐ Some opportunities

☐ I'm not sure

19. How often do you take part in creative activities (like music, art, drama, crafts, design, or writing)?

☐ Every day

☐ Less than once a month

☐ At least once a week

☐ Never

☐ At least once a month

20. Do you agree?

There are places in my community where I can connect with nature (for example parks, gardens, nature trails)

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

Nottingham is doing the right things to tackle climate change

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

There are good, affordable activities for me to join (like sports and other clubs)

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

I have safe spaces to go with my friends (other than school or home)

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

There clean, safe places for me to hang out near where I live

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

Streets and footpaths are well lit at night-time in my community

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

21. How important is climate change to you?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Quite important
- ☐ Not important
- ☐ I'm not sure

22. These three statements are about public transport (buses, trams, trains). If you never use public transport, you can skip this question.

Public transport gets me to where I need to go

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

I feel safe travelling on public transport

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

Public transport is affordable

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

23. Can you ride a bike?

- ☐ Yes, I can ride a bike well
- ☐ Yes, but not very well
- ☐ No, but I'd like to
- ☐ No, and I don't want to

24. How happy did you feel yesterday (with 1 being not happy at all and 10 being completely happy)?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

25. How would you rate your mental wellbeing when compared to 12 months ago?

- ☐ Better
- ☐ About the same
- ☐ Worse

26. If you could vote from age 16, would you?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

27. Do you agree?

All young people in Nottingham are treated the fairly, no matter who they are

Agree Sort of Disagree

People who are different are welcome in Nottingham

Agree Sort of Disagree

All young people in Nottingham have the same opportunities

Agree Sort of Disagree

Nottingham is a friendly place

Agree Sort of Disagree

When there are new buildings or spaces designed in my community (like housing, community spaces, public art, shopping areas), there are ways for me to have in say in what those buildings and spaces look and feel like

Agree Sort of Disagree

I feel welcome and that I belong in Nottingham

Agree Sort of Disagree

Young people are represented in positive ways in Nottingham

Agree Sort of Disagree

It is easy for me to make a complaint about services I use (such as doctors, health care, youth/sport clubs, libraries, school, or mental health services)

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

When I need help with my mental health, I know where to get support

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

Young people's rights

28. Have you heard of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child?

☐ Yes

☐ No

29. Do you agree?

I understand my rights and know how to talk about them

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

My rights are understood and respected at school/college/work

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

My rights are understood and respected at home

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

All young people in Nottingham have rights

Agree

Sort of

Disagree

About you

We want to make sure that we have spoken to children and young people with lots of different experiences. It would be helpful to know if you identify with any of the following groups. You don't have to answer any of these questions if you don't want to and the information is kept private. If you don't feel comfortable answering the questions in this section, please feel free to skip them.

30. How old are you?

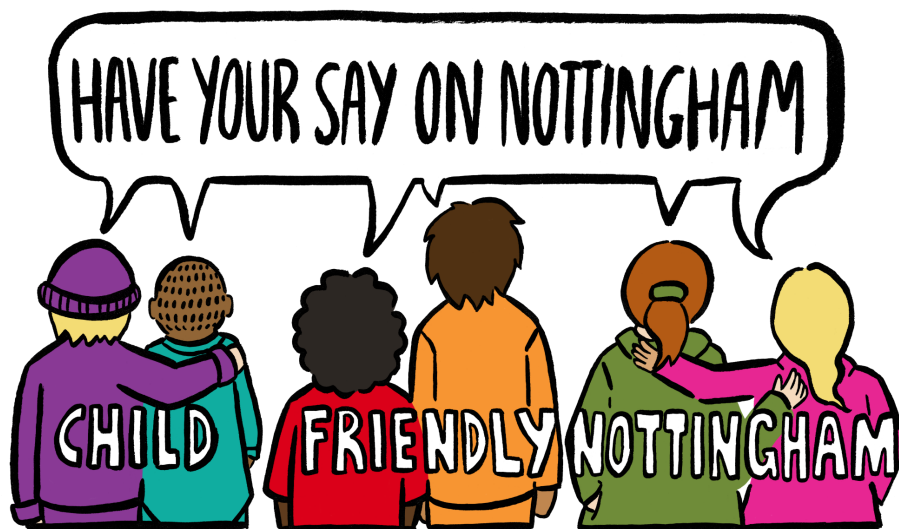
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31. Where do you live? (if you live in more than one place, please tick where you live most often)

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| ☐ Arnold | ☐ Dunkirk | ☐ Old Basford |
| ☐ Aspley | ☐ Forest Fields | ☐ Sneinton |
| ☐ Arboretum | ☐ Heathfield | ☐ St Anns |
| ☐ Bakersfield | ☐ Hyson Green | ☐ Strelley |
| ☐ Basford | ☐ Leen Valley | ☐ Top Valley |
| ☐ Beeston | ☐ Lenton | ☐ West Bridgford |
| ☐ Bestwood | ☐ Mapperley | ☐ Wilford |
| ☐ Bilborough | ☐ Carlton | ☐ Wollaton |
| ☐ Broxtowe | ☐ Radford | ☐ Other |
| ☐ Bulwell | ☐ Rise Park | |
| ☐ City Centre | ☐ Sherwood | |
| ☐ Clifton | ☐ Meadows | |



32. Who do you currently live with?

- ☐ One parent in one home
- ☐ Both parents in the same home
- ☐ Both parents in different homes
- ☐ Other family members who are not my parents
- ☐ Foster carer
- ☐ Residential carer
- ☐ Friend(s) / Partner
- ☐ On my own
- ☐ Other: -----

33. Which of the following best describes you?

- ☐ Boy
- ☐ Girl
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Unsure how to describe myself
- ☐ I don't want to say
- ☐ I don't know

34. Do you have a long-term health problem or disability that limits your day-to-day activities? By "long-term" we mean anything that has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 3 months.

- ☐ Yes, limited a lot
- ☐ Yes, limited a little
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

35. Which of the following best describes your ethnicity?

- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Asian – British
- ☐ Asian – Bangladeshi
- ☐ Asian – Chinese
- ☐ Asian – Indian
- ☐ Asian – Kashmiri
- ☐ Asian – Other
- ☐ Asian – Pakistani
- ☐ Black – British
- ☐ Black – African
- ☐ Black – Caribbean
- ☐ Black – Other
- ☐ Mixed race – White & Black African
- ☐ Mixed race – White & Black Caribbean
- ☐ Mixed race – White & Asian
- ☐ Mixed race – Other
- ☐ White – British
- ☐ White – Other
- ☐ I prefer not to say