

# ABERDEEN CITY VOICE

## 2ND QUESTIONNAIRE

### 1. LEARNING

1. Do you have a child/children currently attending an Aberdeen City Council school?

Yes       No

If No go to question 6.

2. Which stage in their schooling is your child/children at?

Tick all that apply:

Nursery       Primary       Secondary

3. We are especially interested in finding out more about the links between parents and schools. Please consider the following general statements about the school that your eldest school -aged child attends. Please circle a number on the scale from 1 to 5 (where 1 is strongly agree and 5 is strongly disagree) which most closely reflects your opinion.

	Strongly Agree				Strongly disagree
The school is a welcoming place for parents.	1	2	3	4	5
My child's teachers are approachable and easy to talk to.	1	2	3	4	5
The school is responsive to parents' comments and concerns.	1	2	3	4	5
I am encouraged to take part in school activities and events.	1	2	3	4	5
The school keeps me well informed.	1	2	3	4	5

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Overall, how satisfied are you with the links between yourself and your eldest child's school?

- Completely satisfied
- Satisfied
- Not very satisfied
- Completely dissatisfied
- I don't have a view

5. How does your eldest child usually travel to school?

- Walk  Bus
- Bicycle  Car

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you think Aberdeen City Council should consider or extend any of the following options regarding travelling to and from school?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Car free zones around schools.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking buses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
'20's Plenty' speed restrictions around schools.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing cycle lanes to schools.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Do you think Aberdeen City Council should consider any of the following options regarding the school day and the school year?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
A continental style school day e.g. 8:00 - 13:00 Monday to Saturday.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A longer school day Monday to Friday e.g. 9:00 - 17:00.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-ordinate school starting and finishing times for different age groups within the same school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change the pattern of holidays e.g. 3 weeks each at October, Christmas, Easter and Summer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____			
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8. Consider the following general statements about standards in Aberdeen City Council schools. Please circle a number from on the scale from 1 to 5 (where 1 is strongly agree and 5 is strongly disagree) which most closely reflects your opinion.

	Strongly Agree				Strongly disagree
	1	2	3	4	5
Academic standards are high.	1	2	3	4	5
Children leave school with appropriate skills for work.	1	2	3	4	5
The quality of teaching is high.	1	2	3	4	5
Schools are well regarded in the community.	1	2	3	4	5

9. Overall, on a scale of 1 to 5 (where 1 is excellent and 5 is unsatisfactory), what is your opinion of the quality of education provided by Aberdeen City Council schools?

Excellent					Unsatisfactory
1	2	3	4	5	

## 2. ADULT EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY LEARNING

Aberdeen is committed to providing lifelong learning and development opportunities for its citizens. We are keen to find out whether you have been involved in community learning activities, for example, evening classes, activity groups, self-help groups, and if so what your experience has been.

1. Have you taken part in any community learning course, group or activity in the last three years?

Yes  No

If No go to question 5.

2. Please describe the most recent course, group or activity you took part in -

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3. Consider the following general statements about the last course, group or activity you took part in. Please circle a number from the scale from 1 to 5 (where 1 is strongly agree and 5 is strongly disagree) which most closely reflects your opinion.

	Strongly Agree				Strongly disagree
I gained new skills/learned new things	1	2	3	4	5
The facilities were good	1	2	3	4	5
The course, group or activity was held at a convenient time	1	2	3	4	5
The information provided beforehand was clear and informative	1	2	3	4	5
The course, group or activity was good value for money	1	2	3	4	5
I would consider attending another course, group or activity	1	2	3	4	5

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Overall, on a scale of 1 to 5 (where 1 is very good and 5 is very poor), how good did you think the course, group or activity was?

Very good  
1                      2                      3                      4                      Very poor  
5

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How far do you agree with the following general statements about community learning in Aberdeen? Please circle a number from the scale from 1 to 5 (where 1 is strongly agree and 5 is strongly disagree) which most closely reflects your opinion.

	Strongly Agree				Strongly disagree
It's easy to find out about opportunities/ activities on offer	1	2	3	4	5
The activities on offer never seem to interest me	1	2	3	4	5
It's important that activities are available locally	1	2	3	4	5
Activities never seem to be on at the right time of day for me	1	2	3	4	5
It's important that a crèche is provided during the activity	1	2	3	4	5
The costs put me off	1	2	3	4	5
There is a good range of opportunities/ activities on offer	1	2	3	4	5

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3. PROSPERITY AND JOBS

1. Do you think working for the following would be an attractive career option?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
(a) Aberdeen City Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) NHS Grampian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Grampian Police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Voluntary Sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Other comments _____			
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_____			

2. What is your overall perception of the public sector as an employer?  
( Where 1 is good and 5 is bad)

(a) Pay	1	2	3	4	5
(b) Conditions of Employment	1	2	3	4	5
(c) Image you would have as an employee	1	2	3	4	5
(d) Family Friendly	1	2	3	4	5
(e) Management Style	1	2	3	4	5
(f) Other comments _____					
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**4. ARTS, HERITAGE AND SPORT**

1. Which of these services in Aberdeen do you use?  
(please tick all that apply)

Service	<u>Do Use</u>		<u>Do Not Use Because</u>		
	Use Regularly	Use Occasionally	No Interest	Not Accessible	Not aware of the Service
a. His Majesty's Theatre (HMT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Music Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Aberdeen Box Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Aberdeen Art Gallery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Aberdeen Maritime Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Provost Skene's House	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. City Moves Dance Space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Whitespace Arts Workshop & Community Arts Projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Central Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Local Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Countryside Sites/Walks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Outdoor Sports Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Indoor Sports Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. Sports Development & Coaching Programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. Community Centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_

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2. HMT and Music Hall

(A) What would encourage you to use HMT or the Music Hall at all or more frequently? (Please tick all that apply)

a. Better publicity

b. Lower cost

c. Improved disabled access

d. Greater variety of entertainment

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(B) What type of performances would you like to see more of (please tick a maximum of 3 boxes)

a. Drama  e. Dance

b. Musicals  f. Opera

c. Classical  g. Children's

d. Rock/Pop  h. Scottish

Other \_\_\_\_\_

(C) Thinking of the Performing Arts in Aberdeen, which of the following would you like to see established in the City (please tick one box only)

a. Producing Theatre Company   
(a professional theatre company of performers and directors based in Aberdeen)

b. Mid-scale Theatre (capacity 400 - 700)

c. Resident Professional Orchestra or Ensemble

d. Contemporary Dance Company

Other \_\_\_\_\_



3. Art Gallery, Maritime Museum and Provost Skene's House

(A) What would encourage you to use the Art Gallery, Maritime Museum or Provost Skene's House at all or more frequently? (please tick all that apply)

- a. Better signposting
  - b. Longer opening hours
  - c. Better publicity
  - d. Greater variety of attractions/Exhibits
  - e. Improved disabled access
  - f. Improved café facilities
  - g. Other \_\_\_\_\_
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(B) What type of attractions/exhibitions/activities would you like to see more of? (please tick a maximum of 3 boxes)

- a. Applied Art   
(textiles, ceramics, glassware, silverware, etc.)
  - b. Guided Tours
  - c. Local History & Archaeology
  - d. Talks
  - e. Access to stored collections   
(such as guided tours of exhibits at our stores, or allowing individual access to our stores)
  - f. Fine Art   
(paintings, sculptures, etc.)
  - g. Children's activities
  - h. Other \_\_\_\_\_
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4. Whitespace Arts Workshop, City Moves Dancespace, Community Arts Projects

The Arts Development Team provides a programme of arts activities for all ages and abilities through a City Centre workshop base, called Whitespace, and at outreach venues. Workshops range from stained glass, mural design and life drawings through to film making, community magazine design and ceramics. Sessions are open to beginners through to the more advanced and take place in an informal atmosphere with qualified and experienced artists.

City Moves is an Aberdeen City Council dance development project, based in Schoolhill. It provides an opportunity for anyone to experience the enjoyment of dance in many forms both at the City Centre studio and throughout Aberdeen

(A) What would encourage you to use Whitespace Arts Workshop, City Moves Dancespace, Community Arts Projects at all or more frequently?  
(please tick all that apply)

- |    |   |                          |
|----|---|--------------------------|
| a. | More activities brought to your neighbourhood | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | Improved disabled access                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. | More at City Events                           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. | Better publicity                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. | Lower cost                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. | Other _____                                   |                          |
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(B) What would you like to see Arts development do more of for children?  
(please tick a maximum of 3 boxes)

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|----|----------------------------|--------------------------|----|-----------------|--------------------------|
| a. | More children's activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. | Dance           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. | Drama                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. | Art             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. | Craft                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. | Doric           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. | Reminiscence               | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. | Film making     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. | Web design                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. | Magazine design | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k. | Other _____                |                          |    |                 |                          |
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(C) What would you like to see Arts development do more of for adults?  
(please tick a maximum of 3 boxes)

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|----|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----|--------------|--------------------------|
| a. | Adult activities in evenings/weekends | <input type="checkbox"/> |    |              |                          |
| b. | Dance                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. | Drama        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. | Art                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. | Craft        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. | Doric                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. | Reminiscence | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. | Film Making                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. | Web design   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. | Magazine Design                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |    |              |                          |
| k. | Other _____                           |                          |    |              |                          |
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5. Library and Information Services

(A) What would encourage you to make use, or more use of Library and Information Services? (please tick all that apply)

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|----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. | Wider Book Selection                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | Longer/varied opening hours         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. | Computer facilities/Internet Access | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. | Improved disabled access            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. | Home Visits Library Service         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. | Open learning facilities            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. | Other _____                         |                          |
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(B) What would you like to see / have more of in libraries?  
(please tick a maximum of 3 boxes)

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|----|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----|----------------|--------------------------|
| a. | Computer software for lending | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. | Reading Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | Children's activities         | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. | Authors visits | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. | Internet access               | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. | e books        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. | Homework clubs                | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. | videos         | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- e. DVDs  k. books
- f. CDs
- l. Other \_\_\_\_\_
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6. Sports Recreation and Physical Activity Services

(A) What would encourage you to make use, or more use, of Sport services?  
(please tick all that apply)

- a. More activities locally
- b. More activities in evenings/at weekends
- c. Better publicised
- d. Childcare facilities
- e. Improved access
- f. Lower prices
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_
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(B) What sports services would you like to see more of?  
(please tick a maximum of 3 boxes)

- a. Improved facilities
- b. More for young people
- c. Sports taster sessions
- d. High profile events
- e. Competitions and tournaments
- f. Family events
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_
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7. How do you find out about arts and sports events?

- a. Press and Journal
- b. Free Newspaper
- c. Radio
- d. Evening Express
- e. Mail shot
- f. Word of mouth
- g. Posters
- h. Television
- i. Brochures/leaflets
- j. Website
- k. Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 5. GENERAL SECTION

### A. FAIR TRADE

1. Were you aware of the term and ethos of fair trade?

Yes

No

Not sure

2. Do you recognise this fair trade logo



Yes

No

3. Fair trade means guaranteeing that producers in poor countries receive a fair price for the goods they produce, or if they work on a plantation, that they enjoy decent wages and working conditions. With a fair price for goods, these people can not only feed their families, but also look to the future and invest in such basic necessities as safe water supplies, sanitation, healthcare and education.

Have you ever bought products that have been sold as a “fair trade” product?

Yes, regularly

Yes, now and again

No

Not sure

4. Aberdeen City Council along with the Aberdeen Third World Centre, are working towards becoming a fair trade city. A fair trade city, town or zone is a community which has made a commitment to supporting and promoting fair trade in their area. We need to achieve 5 goals to become a fair trade city, including ensuring that fair trade products such as coffee, tea and chocolate are available to buy in local shops and cafes.

(A) Do you support the idea of Aberdeen becoming a fair trade city?

Yes

No

No opinion

(B) Would you support or promote fair trade products being available in your workplace?

Yes

No

No opinion

(C) Would you support or promote fair trade products being available in a community organisation that you are a member of?

Yes

No

No opinion

## B. SAFETY

We are interested in your views and knowledge about Grampian Police “Community Consultations” process.

1. Were you aware of the recent “Community Consultation” meetings held by Grampian Police?

Yes

No

2. Did you attend one of the recent “Community Consultation” meetings?

Yes

No

3. If you answered yes to Question (2) were you given a "contact number" by the Police?

Yes

No

4. If you answered no to Question (2), why did you not attend (please tick all that apply)

a. Too busy

b. Nothing to Say

c. Did not know about it

d. Did not have transport

e. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Most housebreak-ins can be prevented. In the majority of cases the house is entered via a window or door at the rear of the premises. Check your house and make sure that you have good locks on your doors and windows and that they are secure when you leave the house.

(a) Were you aware that marking your postcode onto electrical items (items likely to be stolen during a break-in) within your home, can make them traceable in the event that they are stolen.

Yes

No

(b) Were you aware that ultra violet security marker pens are available free of charge at Grampian Police Headquarters, Queen Street, Aberdeen?

Yes

No

If you would like a free ultra security pen please call in at the Queen Street Police Headquarter Public Office.



C. GENERAL COMMENTS

Are there any comments you wish to make about being a Panellist, the information you receive or this questionnaire which you wish to make \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please complete this questionnaire and return it by 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2003 in the post paid envelope provided to:**

**Hazel Spalding  
Assistant Director (Committee)  
Legal and Democratic Services  
Town House  
Aberdeen  
AB10 1AQ**

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**Thank you for your help.**