

City Voice 52 - Community Empowerment

SECTION 1: YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Everyone will have their own idea about what a local neighbourhood is, for the purpose of these questions we suggest that the relevant area is within a 15 minute walk from your home.

Please answer each question on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means there is a lot of room for improvement and 7 means there is very little room for improvement.

Social Interaction

Good places have a mix of spaces and opportunities to meet and spend time with other people. Some places also have active websites or social media networks to help people meet and take part in the local community. Feeling isolated can be damaging to our health and wellbeing. The following questions ask about opportunities in your neighbourhood for social interaction.

1. Is there a mix of activities?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2. Would people come together in a crisis?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

3. Overall, how would you rate the range of opportunities which allow you to meet and spend time with other people?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

If you would like to, please use the box below to comment on your responses to the above questions:

Identity and Belonging

How a place looks, its history and what other people think of it can affect how we feel. A positive identity can also attract people and businesses to move into an area.

Please answer the following questions on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means there is a lot of room for improvement and 7 means there is very little room for improvement.

4. How involved are people in the community?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
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5. How welcoming are people in this place?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

6. Overall, how strong is the sense of identity and belonging?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Influence and Sense of Control

Having a voice in decision-making can help to build stronger communities and better places. Having a sense of control can make people feel positive about their lives.

Please answer the following questions on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means there is a lot of room for improvement and 7 means there is very little room for improvement.

7. Is the community listened to?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

8. Are there effective local groups?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

9. Are there barriers to participation for some people?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

10. Overall, do you feel able to participate in decisions and help change things for the better?

1 - A lot of room for improvement	2	3	4	5	6	7 - Very little room for improvement
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

If you would like to, please use the box below to comment on your responses to the above questions:

SECTION 2 - YOUR ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY

Involvement in Community Groups/Activities

11. Thinking about your local community, please rate your agreement with the following statements: (Please tick one box in each row)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I feel part of the community in the area where I live	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I know where to find information about what is happening within my community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would like to be involved in decisions which affect my community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have the knowledge and skills to work with others to make improvements in the community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

12. Do you currently belong to any community groups? This can be any local group that you give your time or support to.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (please go to Section 3, Q.15)

We are keen to learn about the full range of active community groups in Aberdeen. If you answered 'yes', and would like to, please use the box below to give the name of the group/s you are in.

Group/s:

13. Are you happy for us to contact you to find out more about this group/these groups?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

14. The next set of questions relate to whether you feel you have access to information, support and tools to enhance your ability to work with others in the community. Please rate your agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I know where to find information, support and tools on working in the community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I know where to find information, support and tools about funding available to our group	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I do not feel we need any additional support	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

You can find information and resources from our website

<https://communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk/ourcommunities/>

Information on where to access funding and support can be found here:

<https://acvo.org.uk/funding/>

SECTION 3 – WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PLANNING ABERDEEN

The City Voice is run by Community Planning Aberdeen. Community Planning Aberdeen is a partnership of public, private and third sector organisations working together to improve outcomes for people and communities across the City. The partnership includes public service organisations such as Aberdeen City Council; Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership; NHS Grampian; North East Scotland College; Police Scotland; and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. It works with many other organisations as well as community groups.

15. Are you aware of Community Planning Aberdeen?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

16. Community Planning Aberdeen has developed a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and other complementary plans and projects which detail the outcomes we are working together to improve. Are you aware of these? (Please tick one box in each row)

	Yes	No
Local Outcome Improvement Plan	☐	☐
Locality Plans	☐	☐
Community Empowerment Strategy	☐	☐
Improvement Projects	☐	☐

17. Are you aware of the opportunity to get involved through the following ways? (Please tick all that apply)

	Yes	No	I would be interested in being involved
Locality Empowerment Groups	☐	☐	☐
Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships	☐	☐	☐
Improvement Project Teams	☐	☐	☐

18. There are a number of Improvement projects covering a range of issues. Would you like to be involved in an Improvement Project, and if so, which might you be interested in? (Please tick one in each row box.)

	Yes	No
Tackling Poverty	☐	☐
Growing an inclusive Economy	☐	☐
Nurturing Children and Young People	☐	☐
Supporting Vulnerable People	☐	☐
Improving the Environment	☐	☐
Engaging and Empowering Communities	☐	☐

You can find out more about Community Planning Aberdeen, including ways in which people and communities can get involved and support available

<https://communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk/>

Thank you!

Please return your completed questionnaire in the prepaid envelope provided. If you have not received an envelope, please return it to the Freepost address below (no stamp required):

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Alternatively, if you would like to complete an online version of this questionnaire, please contact:
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