

## **Interview Data Collection**

My aim of this research is to explore the topic of social capital between two representative samples of two different social groups. I will conduct an interview and transcribe my results. I will ensure that ethical rights are met by ensuring my participants remain anonymous and given them the opportunity to stop the interview at any point if they feel they do not want to answer any more questions.

**I would like to begin this interview by asking you to describe how much a community spirit you feel existed in you area. For example much interaction do you have with your neighbours? Would you feel safe walking home along after dark, what were/ are the main social problems which existed in the community?**

*I feel personally that there is a great sense of community spirit. When ever there is a problem in the neighbour everyone comes together to attempt and solve it. For example when the bad snow happened last year and some residents couldn't go out to the shops other residents managed to give them food and things they needed. There is a great sense of community trust, it's important for us that the gardens look nice and is well managed, I think it gives us all a good sense of pride and well being. I regularly say hello to hello to the neighbours and offer to get them some shopping if I am going and they do the same for me. I think there's quite a lot of things for the young 'uns to do too, it's not just all based on us. I know that there has been a lot of community respect projects being run, which I think it positive- especially today with the media representation of young people being thug and vandals it gives us all a good chance to meet with each other and break down those stereotypes, it also gives a chance to discuss any issue and such like. I would feel safe walking home on my own in the dark but I have lived in this community for 30 years. Plus I'm a man so I feel less vulnerable to other dangers that women face. I think we live in quite a safe, gated community. Obviously you get the odd problem here and there but you get that anywhere don't you? I think the only major problem I would identify is vandalism. That's not really a regular problem though, just every now and then you seen grafting creping up and flowers having their heads knocked off. Like I said though, this problem is rare and if anything major does happen we discuss it in our community respect meeting which happens monthly.*

**Next I would like to discuss what an average week/month is like for you**

*Well from Monday to Wednesday I take care of my great grand children. So we did activities that will suit them, maybe take them to the zoo or the farm or even swimming because they enjoy that. Sometimes we take them to music group, what are they called mother and toddlers? Well it gives the little 'un a chance to socialize with other kiddies their own age, and it gives me a chance to catch up with some of the mothers. Good socialisation for both of us! Thursday is normally my shopping day so I'll ask a few of the neighbours if they want anything and then go get my shopping. Friday I volunteer at Cardiff Prison. I give talks mainly to the younger ones about sorting their life out. I don't preach I just give them options to explore that they may previously have forgotten, I think it's harder for boys growing up without a role model it makes them more prone to committing crimes. I'm not defending them. Just overlooking previous factors that may have been ignored. Now a days there's so many different things to help people so many different opportunities, they just need to be presented with them Saturday if it's nice I might do some gardening or even catch up on the net. Since I've had the internet installed I've been going to computer classes every Sunday at our local library, it helps you to stay active, well your mind anyway. I meet a wide range of people here form all different social backgrounds but were all equal, all starting out together. Going to this class had helped me widen my social group, sometimes they organize trips for us they normally happen on the first of every moth so it's something to look forward too. Like I said before our community meeting happened one a month, it give people time to think of any issues or things that they would like to change, they can monitor behaviour and see if it's increased or decreased the present the information back to us.*

**What is the name of the area you live (and postcode)**

*Barry, it's CF62 6QL*

**And job title and highest qualification?**

*By trade I am a black smith. I left school at 14 and joined the army at 15. I left with no forms of qualification*

**Finally could you please confirm you gender and age?**

*Certainly, I am 66 and male.*