

Queen's Q-Step Sociologist of the Year

Poster Competition Guidelines

What do we want you to do?

We want you to create a **poster** to illustrate the experiences of young people, drawing on the *Young Life & Times* (YLT) survey results available [online](#). The poster should describe the responses reported by young people in the survey and offer a brief discussion of the significance of these results. Your supporting discussion should draw on material covered in your sociology course so far.

Present, describe, and interpret results from the YLT in a poster using one theme from the following:

<i>Beliefs in Society</i>	<i>Global Development</i>	<i>Crime and Deviance</i>
<i>Social Stratification</i>	<i>Culture and Identity</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>Families and Households</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Power and Politics</i>
<i>Wealth, Poverty and Welfare</i>	<i>Migration</i>	<i>Religion</i>

What do we want you to include?

Using the YLT results, your poster should provide a **sociological perspective** of young people, based on your chosen topic. Throughout your studies, you will have covered material that deals with the importance of group differences. We encourage you to consider how attitudes and behaviours might vary across different social groups, societies, and over time. The YLT provides information on responses by gender and religion, which provides an opportunity for you to explore how these important factors may influence the attitudes and behaviours of young people today.

You are also welcome to include material from other parts of your course which may be relevant, such as the political, economic, and social history of Northern Ireland, or any other sources which you feel give you some insight into the experiences and lives of young people.

How should the poster be presented?

- The poster should be A1 size (594 mm x 841 mm).
- Use Powerpoint or similar program such as Adobe Illustrator. You can find many examples and templates of poster designs by running a google search using keywords “powerpoint poster design” or “powerpoint poster template”.
- Your poster should include the following:
 - Title
 - Your name and School
 - A short (no more than 250 words) summary of your research
 - Your Results
 - You must include data from YLT but other data sources are welcome
 - Clearly presented tables and/or graphs
 - Clear discussion and interpretation of findings
 - In particular you should consider the following: Why do we see these patterns? What can this tell us about young people's lives? Here you are able to make connections from what you have learned in your studies to explain your results
 - A brief summary of what you have learned

How will the entries be judged?

- Ability to extract interesting and relevant findings from the YLT.
- Ability to interpret survey data and to accurately describe patterns.
- Ability to clearly explain findings and patterns from the YLT survey in context of sociology.
- Your poster must include at least three tables of results or graphs from the YLT.
- Good entries will show an ability to include material from their sociology coursework, as well as other supporting sources.