

Note: This is a suggested list of topics, which will need to be adapted to the specific needs of a project.

The above list is based on our work in Southampton. When interviewing people from different communities and backgrounds this has been adapted to include questions relating to their own varied experiences.

For example, interviews with first generation immigrants explore the individual's memories of life in the home country; age and reasons for emigration; adjusting to new country and settling down; learning the language; getting work; relationships at work and with wider community; discrimination, racism experienced; maintaining own values and religious beliefs while bringing up children in a different society; reflections on having emigrated; contact with home country.

Interviews with young Black and Asian people include issues such as their sense of identity and belonging; conflicts between home life and outside; growing up with two cultures; their hopes and fears.

Projects focussing on a particular event, an industry or tradition will require more specific questions. It may be useful to draw up a list of questions to be covered in all interviews by all interviewers.