

QUB Deliberative Event Discussion Guide for Morning Session

Introduction (< 5 Mins)

- Introduce self
- Ask each participant to introduce themselves

MODERATOR: REITERATE POINT THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE ON THE TABLES AND WE WOULD ASK THAT EVERYONE RESPECTS EACH OTHER'S VIEWS.

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Implications of Brexit (10 mins)

What, if anything, do you think the implications will be for Northern Ireland, if the UK leaves the EU? PROBE FULLY.

MODERATOR INSTRUCTION: ASK EACH PERSON INDIVIDUALLY WHAT THEIR TOP OF MIND THOUGHTS ARE. LET PARTICIPANTS TALK UNPROMPTED.

Probe, if discussion is slow with:

- Political implications for Northern Ireland;
- Financial implications for Northern Ireland;
- Implications for the way people do business/trade;
- Implications on freedom of movement

Preferred outcomes of Brexit (10 mins)

MODERATOR INSTRUCTION: REFER PARTICIPANTS TO SLIDE 6 IN THEIR BOOKLET AND READ OUT EACH OF THE OPTIONS.

What, if any of these, would be your preferred outcome of the Brexit negotiations? PROBE FULLY ON EACH OF THE POSSIBLE OUTCOMES BELOW

- A. UK leaves the EU
- B. UK leaves the EU, but stays in some elements of the EU such as the Single Market and/or the Customs Union – REFER PARTICIPANTS TO SLIDE 12 FOR DEFINITIONS OF THE SINGLE MARKET AND CUSTOMS UNION
- C. Great Britain leaves the EU, but Northern Ireland stays in some elements of the EU such as the Single Market and/or the Customs
- D. Great Britain leaves the EU, but Northern Ireland stays in the EU.
- E. The UK as a whole stays in the EU.

Why would you prefer this outcome?

How does it compare with the other options? PROBE FULLY TO UNDERSTAND SPECIFICALLY WHY PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT IN FAVOUR OF THE OTHER OUTCOMES

Views on a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (10 mins)

If a hard border was to be created between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland what do you think that might be like? PROBE FULLY TO UNDERSTAND THE TYPES OF CONTROLS THAT PARTICIPANTS THINK THERE MIGHT BE IN PLACE.

How would you feel about the creation of a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland? Why? PROBE FULLY TO UNDERSTAND FEELINGS TOWARDS DIFFERENT FORMS OF A HARD BORDER

How do you think that people would react would if a hard border was put in place?

To what extent do you think protests might occur?

- What specifically do you think would make people protest about this issue? PROBE FULLY AROUND TRIGGERS OF PROTESTING.
- What kind of protesting do you think might occur? PROBE FULLY ON TYPES OF PROTESTING:
 - Petitions;
 - Peaceful demonstrations (what do these look like);
 - Protestors blocking traffic;
 - Vandalising border technology; and,
 - Violence against persons.

What level of support do you think there would be, among the general public, for such protests? PROBE FULLY ON WHICH TYPES OF PROTESTING WOULD BE SUPPORTED AND ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD ENGAGE IN SUCH PROTESTS THEMSELVES

Do you think protests would be effective? Why/Why not? PROBE FULLY ON DESIRED OUTCOMES OF A PROTEST, WHAT WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN FOR A PROTEST TO BE CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL?

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How do you think people who are against the creation of a border between Northern Ireland and Great Britain would react if one was created?

To what extent do you think protests might occur?

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THANK AND FEEDBACK TO GROUP

QUB Deliberative Event Discussion Guide for Afternoon Session

MODERATOR: WELCOME EVERYONE BACK TO THE TABLE DISCUSSION

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Political situation in Northern Ireland (5-10 mins)

What implications, if any, do you think the lack of a Northern Ireland government will have on the outcome of negotiations between the UK and EU?

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Considering the UK's decision to leave the EU, do you think there should be changes to how the power-sharing government is setup in Northern Ireland? Why? PROBE FULLY

Views on a Referendum on the reunification of Ireland (15-20 mins)

Considering the UK's decision to leave the EU, what do you think of the idea of having a referendum on whether Northern Ireland should remain in the United Kingdom or re-unify with the rest of Ireland?

PROBE FULLY TO UNDERSTAND WHY/WHY NOT.

- What are the pros and cons of a referendum on this subject?
- Have your views on a referendum changed since the UK's decision to leave the EU?
- Do you feel that you know enough about what a united Ireland might look like, in order to make an informed choice?
- What information should be provided before such a referendum?
- When should it be?

MODERATOR INSTRUCTION: IF THE ISSUE OF THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS IS RAISED SPEND NO MORE THAN 1-2 MINUTES ON THE SUBJECT ASKING THE FOLLOWING:

- What rights are you concerned about?
- How might these be affected?

Relations between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (10 mins)

How do you feel relations are between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland generally speaking?

Do you think relations have changed since the EU referendum?

- Why do you think they have changed / Why do you think they have not changed?

MODERATOR INSTRUCTION: IF CHANGES ARE MENTIONED PROBE TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED.

Do you think relations between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will change if the UK leaves the EU?

Do you think relations between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland can be improved?

- Why/Why not?
- In what ways could relations be improved?
- How might this be achieved?

MODERATOR INSTRUCTION: IF THE NORTH-SOUTH MINISTERIAL COUNCIL HAS NOT BEEN RAISED, SPEND **1 MINUTE** DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING:

To what extent do you feel informed about what the North-South Ministerial Council is?

REFER PARTICIPANTS TO SLIDE 34 WHERE DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNCIL IS GIVEN. GATHER TOP OF MIND THOUGHTS TO GAUGE UNDERSTANDING ON WHAT THE COUNCIL'S ROLE IS PERCEIVED TO BE.

Relations between the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain (10 mins)

How do you feel relations are between the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain generally speaking?

Do you think relations have changed since the EU referendum?

- Why do you think they have changed / Why do you think they have not changed?

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Do you think relations between the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain will change if the UK leaves the EU?

Do you think relations between Republic of Ireland and Great Britain can be improved?

- Why/Why not?
- In what ways could relations be improved?
- How might this be achieved?

MODERATOR INSTRUCTION: IF THE BRITISH IRISH COUNCIL HAS NOT BEEN RAISED, SPEND **1 MINUTE** DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING:

To what extent do you feel informed about what the British Irish Council is?

REFER PARTICIPANTS TO SLIDE 36 WHERE DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNCIL IS GIVEN.
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COUNCIL'S ROLE IS PERCEIVED TO BE.

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