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## **Scottish Young People's Survey 1985**

Sweep 1 of the cohort who were in S4 in session 1983-4

### **Questionnaire version: A1**

*(sent to members of the cohort expected to leave school  
without O-grade qualifications)*

# what are you doing now...?

questions for young  
people in Scotland



personal and confidential

Scottish School Leavers Survey 85

A1



# SCOTTISH SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY

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Please will you help us by filling in this booklet? We want to find out what people think about school and about jobs. Then we can tell others how to change things for the better.

We are writing to young people all over Scotland. To get a true picture we need a reply from each person we write to. What you think is very important to us. We will not pass on your name to anyone without your permission.

It will not take long to answer the questions on these pages. Put a tick in a box to give your answer, like this .

When you have finished it all, please send it back to us in the envelope provided. It does not need a stamp. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely

Dr Cathy Garner

# You and your school

frthokv

1. On the whole, do you feel your fourth year at school was worthwhile? yes . . . . .   
no . . . . .

truant2v

2. How often did you play truant in your fourth year? *tick one box*  
never . . . . .   
a lesson here and there . . . . .   
a day here and there. . . . .   
several days at a time. . . . .   
weeks at a time . . . . .

leftschv

3. Have you left school?  
YES  <sub>1</sub> NO  <sub>2</sub> → If NO, please go to the next page

monthleftv  
yrleftv

If YES:  
When did you leave school? month:.....  
year:19.....

leavrv

4. Do you think that leaving school then was the right decision for you? yes . . . . .   
no . . . . .

ysclv1v  
to

5. Why did you leave school when you did?  
*tick all the reasons that applied*  
I did not think I could get any better exam results at school . . . . .   
I needed the money from a job. . . . .   
I had all the O grades needed for the job or course I wanted . . . . .   
I was fed up with school . . . . .   
I wanted to start a particular job while I had the chance . . . . .   
I wanted to join the Youth Training Scheme . . . . .   
My parents advised me to leave school. . . . .   
I felt I would prefer life at work or college to life at school. . . . .   
I wanted to get a job and be self-supporting. . . . .

ysclv9v

ysclvuv

6. Which of these was the most important reason? Please underline it on the list above

jobfixdv

7. Did you have a full-time job fixed up before you left school? yes . . . . .   
no . . . . .

townstayv  
regdstyv

8. Where are you now staying?  
name of town or village.....  
name of Region or County.....

# Fourth year

1. Here is a list of school subjects. Please tick the subjects that you did in your fourth year.

*See rec 36 - Sce subj 2*

English . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Drawing . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arithmetic / Maths . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Woodwork . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Geography . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Metalwork . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>
History . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious Education . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modern Studies . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Educ/Guidance . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art / Design . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Music . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Typing/Secretarial Stud . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cookery/Food and Nutrit . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Childcare . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewing/Fabric and Fash. . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	P.E. / Games . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Science (eg Biology, Chemistry or Physics) . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure / Outdoor Education . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Underline a subject if you took an 0 grade prelim exam in it

3. Please write here any other subjects you studied in your fourth year.

*see rec 42 - othrs subj*

*Sitograde*

4. Did you sit the (summer) 0 grade exam in any subject while you were at school? yes . . . . .  1  
no . . . . .  2

*Vocexamv*

5. While you were in fourth year did you study for exams such as CSEs (Certificate of Secondary Education), RSAs, City & Guilds, SCOTBECs and SCOTECs? Please don't count your 0 grades or 0 levels here

YES  1

NO  2 → If NO, please go to the next page

If YES:

Please write down the name of each subject, the qualification you studied for and the result of any exam you took.  
Please don't list your 0 grades or 0 levels

<u>subject studied</u>	<u>type of qualification</u>	<u>result</u> (eg pass/fail, grad 'exam not sat')
<i>see rec 42 - othrs subj</i>		
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

*howstdlv to howstdlv*

6. How did you study for these qualifications while you were in fourth year?

tick yes or no for each one

Did you study...	yes	no
...in classes at your own school? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
...in classes at another school? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
...in classes at an FE college in school time? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
...in evening classes at an FE college? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
...in other classes? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
please say which . . . . .		

After school

1. We would like to know what you were doing at the beginning of last October (1984).

a. Were you then... tick one box

dooctv

- ...on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)?  1
- ...in a full-time job but not YTS?  2
- ...unemployed and looking for work?  3
- ...in full-time education but not YTS?  4
- ...doing something else?  5

b. Are you now... tick one box

donowv

- ...on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)?  1
- ...in a full-time job but not YTS?  2
- ...unemployed and looking for work?  3
- ...in full-time education but not YTS?  4
- ...doing something else?  5

The next few questions are for those in a job or on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS). If you are not in a job and not on YTS please go to the next page

if j bytsv

2. In what sort of business do you work? (eg department store, college, building firm)

jobsc80v

a. What is the name of your job or YTS scheme?

job1v

b. Describe the actual work you do in your job or scheme

jobcodev

3. Last week, what was your take-home pay from this job or scheme? after stoppages (eg tax and National Insurance) £.....:.....p give weekly amount

earningv

4. How many hours did you work last week in your job or scheme, not counting lunch breaks? .....hours

hrworkv

5. Thinking about getting to your job or scheme last week, how long did it usually take to get there? (one-way journey) .....hours .....mins

travhrv  
travminv

6. Would you have entered this job or scheme if other jobs had been easier to get? yes. ....  1 no. ....  2

prefjobv

7. Are you an apprentice? yes. ....  1 no. ....  2

apprentv

8. Are you doing (or have you done) any training in this job or scheme? yes. ....  1 no. ....  2

dobrainv

brngyrv

brngmthv

brngwkv

If YES:

How long does (or did) the training last? ....yrs....mths....wks

# Your courses

The questions on this page are about courses at colleges or training centres.

If you have started any course since leaving school, including those for YTS, please answer the questions below. If not, please go to the next page

anycrsev

- Please give details of any course(s) you have started: If you have started a programme of National Certificate modules, (sometimes known as 16+ or SCOTVEC modules), answer about your main area of study

subjl v to subj Sv

qual v to qual Sv

ismain v to ismain Sv

qualification (if any)  
aimed at  
(eg C and G, RSA, SNC)  
If none write '0'

name of course or  
main subject(s) studied  
(eg Electrical Engineering,  
Secretarial Studies)

.....  
.....  
.....

ybspart v

- If you did more than one course please underline your main course.

- Is this part of YTS?

yes . . . . .   
no . . . . .

inst v

- What is the name of your college or training centre? (eg Ayr College, Govan Training Centre, 'Sight and Sound')

.....

crstyp v

- Is (or was) the course... tick one box

...full-time? . . . . .  1  
...sandwich? . . . . .  2  
...block release? . . . . .  3  
...day release? . . . . .  4  
...other part time? . . . . .  5

(please say which).....

crsey v  
crsemth v  
crstlv

- How long does (or did) the course last? .....yrs  
If not known, write 'don't know' .....mths

- Are you still taking the course?

yes . . . . .  1  
no . . . . .  2

guiders v

- Did you receive enough guidance at college when choosing your courses?

yes . . . . .  1  
no . . . . .  2

Under the new Action Plan, many courses now include National Certificate modules (sometimes known as 16+ or SCOTVEC modules).

modknow v

- Does your course include any of these modules?

yes . . . . .  1  
no . . . . .  2  
don't know. . . . .  3

modpass v

- How many modules have you been awarded since leaving school? If none write '0'

modall v

- How many modules do you think you will have taken by July 1985? Include all modules you have taken, whether at school or at college. If none write '0'

.....  
.....

numjobsv

1. How many full-time jobs (if any) have you had since leaving school? Don't include YTS traineeships here  
If none write '0' .....jobs

fjobmthv  
fjobyrv

2. When did you start your first full-time job (if any) after you left school? Don't include YTS traineeships here  
month.....  
year: 19.....

ytsoffer

3. Have you ever been offered a place on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)?  
yes. . . . .  1  
no . . . . .  2

refytsv

4. Have you ever turned down the offer of a place on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)?  
yes. . . . .  1  
no . . . . .  2

ytsyrf1v  
ytsyrf2v

If YES, why was this?  
.....  
.....

ytssever

5. Have you ever started on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS)?  
Count any scheme you are now on

YES  1

NO  2 → If NO, please go to the next page

If YES:

When did you start on the YTS? month.....  
year:19.....

ytsmthv  
ytsyrv

jnyts1v  
to

6. Why did you join the scheme?  
Was it because you... tick all that applied

- ...couldn't find a job . . . . .
- ...wanted to be trained. . . . .
- ...liked the idea of the scheme. . . . .
- ...wanted more money . . . . .
- ...wanted something to do. . . . .
- ...thought it would help you get a job . . . . .

jnyts6v

jnytemv

7. Which of these was the most important reason? Please underline it on the list above

goodytsv

8. Thinking about your present or most recent scheme, do you think this scheme is well run?  
yes. . . . .  1  
no . . . . .  2

recytsv

9. Would you recommend your scheme to other young people?  
yes. . . . .  1  
no . . . . .  2

stilytsv

10. Are you still on this scheme?  
yes. . . . .  1  
no . . . . .  2

ytsnextv

If YES:

When your scheme ends, do you think you will be kept on by your YTS employer or sponsor?  
yes . . . . .  1  
no. . . . .  2  
don't know. . . . .  3



past6okv

1. On the whole, do you feel that the way you have spent the past six months has been worthwhile?  
tick one box
- very worthwhile . . . . .  1  
worthwhile in some ways . . . . .  2  
not worthwhile. . . . .  3

dohopev

2. In one year's time, do you hope to be:  
tick one box
- a YTS trainee or on another training scheme? . . . . .  1
  - in a full-time paid job? . . . . .  2
  - in full-time education? . . . . .  3
  - doing full-time unpaid work looking after the home (or family)? . . . . .  4
  - doing something else? . . . . .  5  
(please say what).....  
.....  
.....

doexpv

3. In one year's time, do you think you will actually be:  
tick one box
- a YTS trainee or on another training scheme? . . . . .  1
  - in a full-time paid job? . . . . .  2
  - in full-time education? . . . . .  3
  - doing full-time unpaid work looking after the home (or family)? . . . . .  4
  - unemployed and looking for work? . . . . .  5
  - doing something else? . . . . .  6  
(please say what).....  
.....  
.....

If you are now in a permanent job, please go to the next page.  
If you are not now in a permanent job, please answer questions 4 and 5 below

earn expv

4. If you got a permanent job next week, what do you think your pay would be? £.....:.....p  
write as weekly take home pay

minwagev

5. What is the lowest weekly wage at which you would consider accepting a permanent job? £.....:.....p  
write as weekly take home pay

Your family

brothers  
sisters

1. How many brothers and sisters do you have?  
If none write '0' . . . . .brothers . . . . .sisters

staywkv

2. In your fourth year at secondary school who did you usually stay with during the school week? tick one box

mother and father . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	father only. . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
mother and step-father. . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	boarding school. . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	6
father and step-mother. . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	school hostel. . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	7
mother only . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	other. . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

staynowv

3. Who do you stay with now? Please underline on the list above

givekeepv

4. How much did you give toward board and keep last week? ('dig money')  
If nothing write '0' £. . . . .p give weekly amount

5. Please tell us about your mother and father.  
tick one box for your mother and one for your father

mumnowv  
dadnowv

Are they now...

	mother	father
...in full-time paid employment? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...in part-time paid employment? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...unemployed and looking for work? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...retired? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...full-time working in the home? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...unable to work (eg disabled)? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...dead? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...don't know . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Please tell us about your parents' (or step-parents') jobs.  
(If they are not working at the moment, please tell us about the most recent job each has held.)

mumsc80v  
mumjob1v  
mumcodev  
dadsc80v  
dadjob1v  
dadcodev

	mother	father
a. In what type of business do they work? (eg shop, school)	.....	.....
b. What is the name of the job? (eg shop assistant, teacher) Please also mention any qualification or rank that either parent holds	.....	.....
c. Please describe briefly what kind of work they do in their jobs	.....	.....

mummpstv  
dadmpstv

7. Are your mother and father self-employed?  
tick one box for each

	mother	father
yes . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
no. . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

mumschlv  
dadschlv

8. How old were your mother and father when they left school?  
tick one box for each

	mother	father
15 years old or less . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16 years old . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17 years old or more . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
don't know . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you very much for filling in this questionnaire. Next year, we may wish to contact you again, to see how you are getting on. We do hope you'll help us again then. Please could you answer the questions below?

1. Are your name and address on the label of this questionnaire correct?

yes.....  1  
no.....  2

If NO, please write in the correct details here.

.....  
.....  
.....  
..... Postcode .....

2. Please write in the name and address of a person (a relative, if possible) who lives at an address different from yours, who will always know where to get in touch with you.

.....  
.....  
.....  
..... Postcode .....

Would you like to tell us more about yourself, in your own words?

What has life been like since you left the fourth year? What things have you found difficult about looking for a job or a place at college? Do you feel that you've had enough help? Do you think you've made the right decision about leaving school?

Have you thought about going on the Youth Training Scheme? Do you think this scheme is worthwhile? Does it help young people to find jobs? Does it help them in other ways? Is it better or worse than staying on at school or going to college?

We will read very carefully what you write here.