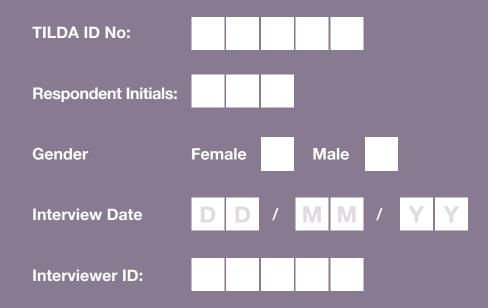


THE IRISH LONGITUDINAL STUDY ON AGEING

WAVE 2: SELF-COMPLETION QUESTIONNAIRE IN CONFIDENCE





INSTRUCTIONS

This questionnaire is a part of The Irish LongituDinal Study on Ageing (TILDA). We greatly value your participation in our study, and we hope that you will find this questionnaire interesting to complete. Your answers are extremely important to us. Please remember that your participation is voluntary and that you may skip over any questions that you would prefer not to answer.

HOW TO FILL IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please answer the questions by:	
Ticking a box like this	X
Or writing a number in a box like this	3
Or circling an answer like this 1	2 3 4 5
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which questions to answer next like the	his
YES	
NO 🗶 IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTIO	N 1

HOW TO RETURN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please give the questionnaire to the interviewer or post it back in the prepaid envelope provided. If you have any questions about the questionnaire, please feel free to call us at 01 896 4120.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ASK YOU ABOUT YOUR ABILITY TO USE MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE

I. ARE YOU CURRENTLY FLUENT IN MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
YES IF 'YES' GO TO QUESTION 4
NO
2. WERE YOU EVER FLUENT IN MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
YES
NO IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTION 6
3. WHAT AGE DID YOU STOP USING THE SECOND LANGUAGE?
ENTER THE AGE IN YEARS
4. APART FROM ENGLISH, WHICH OTHER LANGUAGES DO/DID YOU SPEAK?
PLEASE TICK ANY BOXES APPROPRIATE TO YOU
Irish
Other European
Other non-European
5. FROM WHAT AGE WERE YOU EXPOSED TO A SECOND LANGUAGE?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
From birth
From primary school
From secondary school
From later than secondary

6. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT HOW YOU NORMALLY BEHAVE. PLEASE INDICATE HOW STRONGLY YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
I am not a worrier.					
I like to have a lot of people around me.					
I enjoy concentrating on a fantasy or a daydream and exploring all its possibilities, letting it grow and develop.					
I try to be courteous to everyone I meet.					
I keep my belongings neat and clean.					
At times I have felt bitter and resentful.					
I laugh easily.					
I think it's interesting to learn and develop new hobbies.					
At times I bully or flatter people into doing what I want them to.					
I'm pretty good about pacing myself so as to get things done on time.					
When I'm under a great deal of stress, sometimes I feel like I'm going to pieces.					
I prefer jobs that let me work alone without being bothered by other people.					
I am intrigued by patterns I find in art and nature.					
Some people think I'm selfish and egotistical.					

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
I often come into situations without being fully prepared.					
I rarely feel lonely and blue.					
I really enjoy talking to people.					
I believe letting students hear controversial speakers can only confuse and mislead them.					
If someone starts a fight, I'm ready to fight back.					
I try to perform all the tasks assigned to me conscientiously.					
I often feel tense and jittery.					
I like to be where the action is.					
Poetry has little or no effect on me.					
I'm better than most people, and I know it.					
I have a clear set of goals and work towards them in an orderly fashion.					
Sometimes I feel completely worthless.					
I shy away from crowds of people.					
I would have difficulty just letting my mind wander without control or guidance.					
When I've been insulted I just try to forgive and forget.					
I waste a lot of time before settling down to work.					

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
I rarely feel fearful or anxious.					
I often feel as if I'm bursting with energy.					
I seldom notice the moods or feelings that different environments produce.					
I tend to assume the best about people.					
I work hard to accomplish my goals.					
I often get angry at the way people treat me.					
I am a cheerful, high spirited person.					
I experience a wide range of emotions and feelings.					
Some people think of me as cold and calculating.					
When I make a commitment, I can always be counted on to follow through.					
Too often, when things go wrong, I get discouraged and feel like giving up.					
I don't get much pleasure from chatting with people.					
Sometimes when I am reading poetry or looking at a work of art, I feel a chill or a wave of excitement.					
I have no sympathy for beggars.					
Sometimes I'm not as dependable or reliable as I should be.					
I am seldom sad and depressed.					

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE
My life is fast-paced.					
I have little interest in speculating on the nature of the universe or the human condition.					
I generally try to be thoughtful and considerate.					
I am a productive person who always gets the job done.					
I often feel helpless and want someone else to solve my problems.					
I am a very active person.					
I have a lot of intellectual curiosity.					
If I don't like people I let them know it.					
I never seem to be able to get organised.					
At times I have been so ashamed I just want to hide.					
I would rather go my own way than be a leader of others.					
I often enjoy playing with theories or abstract ideas.					
If necessary, I am willing to manipulate people to get what I want.					
I strive for excellence in everything I do.					

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7. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. HOW OFTEN, IF AT ALL, DO YOU DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE	DAILY/ ALMOST DAILY	ONCE A WEEK OR MORE	TWICE A MONTH OR MORE	ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	EVERY FEW MONTHS	ABOUT ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR	LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR	NEVER
Watch television.								
Go out to films, plays and concerts.								
Attend classes and lectures.								
Travel for pleasure.								
Work in the garden, or your home, or on a car.								
Read books or magazines for pleasure.								
Listen to music, radio.								
Spend time on hobbies or creative activities.								
Play cards, bingo, games in general.								
Go to the pub.								
Eat out of the house.								
Participate in sport activities or exercise.								
Visit to or from family or friends, either in person or talking on the phone.								
Do voluntary work.								

8. THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF YOUR LIFE. FOR EACH ONE, PLEASE SAY HOW OFTEN YOU FEEL THAT WAY.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE	OFTEN	SOME OF THE TIME	HARDLY EVER Or Never
How often do you feel you lack companionship?			
How often do you feel left out?			
How often do you feel isolated from others?			
How often do you feel in tune with the people around you?			
How often do you feel lonely?			
9. DID YOU VOTE IN THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION ONE BOX YES NO	CTION?		
10. DO YOU HAVE A HUSBAND, WIFE OR PART PLEASE TICK ONE BOX YES	NER WITH	I WHOM YO	OU LIVE?
NO IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTION 13			

11. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR SPOUSE OR PARTNER.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT	A LOT	SOME	A LITTLE	NOT AT ALL
How much does he/she really understand the way you feel about things?				
How much can you rely on him/her if you have a serious problem?				
How much can you open up to him/her if you need to talk about your worries?				
How much does he/she make too many demands on you?				
How much does he/she criticise you?				
How much does he/she let you down when you are counting on him/her?				
How much does he/she get on your nerves?				
12. HOW CLOSE IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH Y PLEASE TICK ONE BOX Very close Quite close Not very close Not at all close	OUR S	POUSE	OR PAF	RTNER?
13. DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN?				
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX				
YES				
NO IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTION 15				

14. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT	A LOT	SOME	A LITTLE	NOT AT ALL
How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?				
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?				
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?				
How much do they make too many demands on you?				
How much do they criticise you?				
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?				
How much do they get on your nerves?				
15. APART FROM YOUR SPOUSE/PARTNER AND DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBER SISTERS, PARENTS, COUSINS ETC)?		•		RS,
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX				
YES				

IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTION 17

NO

16. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE FAMILY MEMBERS.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE WHICH BEST SHOWS HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH STATEMENT	A LOT	SOME	A LITTLE	NOT AT ALL
How much do they really understand the way you feel about things?				
How much can you rely on them if you have a serious problem?				
How much can you open up to them if you need to talk about your worries?				
How much do they make too many demands on you?				
How much do they criticise you?				
How much do they let you down when you are counting on them?				
How much do they get on your nerves?		NO.		
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18. FOR SOME PEOPLE SEX IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR LIVES AND FOR OTHERS IT IS NOT VERY IMPORTANT AT ALL. HOW IMPORTANT A PART OF YOUR LIFE WOULD YOU SAY THAT SEX IS?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
Extremely important
Very important
Moderately important
Somewhat important
Not at all important
19. ARE YOU CURRENTLY SEXUALLY ACTIVE (WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS)?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
YES NO IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTION 21
20. HOW OFTEN DO YOU ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
Every day
Once or twice a week
Once or twice a month
Every few months
Once or twice a year

21. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW CONCERNED YOU ARE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FALLING. FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES, PLEASE INDICATE HOW CONCERNED YOU ARE THAT YOU MIGHT FALL IF YOU DID THIS ACTIVITY.

IF YOU CURRENTLY DON'T DO THE ACTIVITY (E.G. IF SOMEONE DOES YOUR SHOPPING FOR YOU), PLEASE ANSWER TO SHOW WHETHER YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT FALLING IF YOU DID THE ACTIVITY.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE	NOT AT ALL CONCERNED 1	SOMEWHAT CONCERNED 2	FAIRLY CONCERNED 3	VERY CONCERNED 4
Cleaning the house (e.g. sweep, vacuum, dust).				
Getting dressed or undressed.				
Preparing simple meals.				
Taking a bath or shower.				
Going to the shop.				
Getting in or out of a chair.				
Going up or down stairs.				
Walking around in the neighbourhood.				
Reaching for something above your head or on the ground.				
Going to answer the telephone before it stops ringing.				
Walking on a slippery surface (e.g. wet or icy).				
Visiting a friend or relative.				
Walking in a place with crowds.				
Walking on an uneven surface (e.g. rocky ground, poorly maintained pavement).				
Walking up or down a slope.				
Going out to a social event (e.g. religious service, family gathering, or club meeting).				

22. THE NEXT FOUR QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT HOW YOU HAVE FELT IN THE PAST MONTH.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE	HARDLY EVER	ALMOST NEVER	SOMETIMES	FAIRLY OFTEN	VERY OFTEN
In the last month, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?					
In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?					
In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way?					
In the last month, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?					

23. HERE IS A LIST OF STATEMENTS THAT PEOPLE HAVE USED TO DESCRIBE THEIR LIVES OR HOW THEY FEEL. HOW OFTEN DO YOU FEEL LIKE THIS?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE	OFTEN	SOMETIMES	RARELY	NEVER
My age prevents me from doing the things I would like to.				
I feel that what happens to me is out of my control.				
I feel free to plan for the future.				
I feel left out of things.				
I can do the things that I want to do.				
Family responsibilities prevent me from doing what I want to do.				
I feel that I can please myself in what I can do.				
My health stops me from doing the things I want to do.				
Shortage of money stops me from doing the things that I want to do.				
I look forward to each day.				
I feel that my life has meaning.				
I enjoy the things that I do.				
I enjoy being in the company of others.				
On balance, I look back on my life with a sense of happiness.				
I feel full of energy these days.				
I choose to do things that I have never done before.				
I feel satisfied with the way my life has turned out.				
I feel that life is full of opportunities.				
I feel that the future looks good for me.				

24. HAVE YOU EVER HAD AN ALCOHOLIC DRINK E.G. GLASS OF WINE, GLASS OF BEER ETC?

Once a month

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
YES
NO IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTION 36
25. HAVE YOU HAD AN ALCOHOLIC DRINK OF ANY KIND IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?
PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
YES
NO IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTION 36
26. DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS, HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU DRUNK ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, LIKE BEER, CIDER, WINE, SPIRITS OR COCKTAILS? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
Daily
4-6 days a week
2-3 days a week
Once a week
2-3 days a month
Once a month
One or a couple of days per year
27. MORE RECENTLY (I.E. IN THE LAST MONTH), WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT ALCOHOL INTAKE AS: PLEASE TICK ONE BOX
Daily
4-6 days a week
2-3 days a week
Once a week
2-3 days a month

28. ON THE DAYS THAT YOU DRINK, ABOUT HOW MANY DRINKS DO YOU HAVE?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU	LESS THAN 1	1-2	3 - 4	5 - 6	7 - 8	8+
Full pint of beer/ cider/ lager						
½ pint or glass of beer/cider /lager						
Large can/bottle of beer/cider/lager						
Small can/bottle of beer/cider/lager						
Small glass of wine (125mls)						
Large glass of wine (250mls)						
Bottle of wine						
Measure of spirit						
Pre-mixed spirit drink (e.g. Smirnoff Ice)						

29. IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DRINKS YOU HAVE HAD ON ANY ONE OCCASION?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU	LESS THAN 1	1-2	3-4	5 - 6	7 - 8	8+
Full pint of beer/ cider/ lager						
½ pint or glass of beer/cider /lager						
Large can/bottle of beer/cider/lager						
Small can/bottle of beer/cider/lager						
Small glass of wine (125mls)						
Large glass of wine (250mls)						
Bottle of wine						
Measure of spirit						
Pre-mixed spirit drink (e.g. Smirnoff Ice)						

30. HAVE YOU EVER FELT THAT YOU SHOULD CUT DOWN ON DRINKING? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX YES NO 31. HAVE YOU REDUCED YOUR ALCOHOL INTAKE IN THE LAST 2 YEARS? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX YES IF 'NO' GO TO QUESTION 33 NO 32. WHY DID YOU REDUCE YOUR ALCOHOL INTAKE? **PLEASE TICK ONE BOX** Personal choice Doctor's advice Medication Illness or ill health Other reasons (please specify) 33. HAVE PEOPLE EVER ANNOYED YOU BY CRITICISING YOUR DRINKING? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX YES NO

34. HAVE YOU EVER FELT BAD OR GUILTY ABOUT DRINKING? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX YES NO 35. HAVE YOU EVER TAKEN A DRINK FIRST THING IN THE MORNING TO STEADY YOUR NERVES OR GET RID OF A HANGOVER? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX YES NO 36. FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS, PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER THE EVENT OCCURRED AT ANY POINT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. IF THE EVENT DID HAPPEN, PLEASE INDICATE THE YEAR IN WHICH IT HAPPENED MOST RECENTLY. PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE IF 'YES', USE 4 DIGITS FOR THE YEAR, I.E. 2010, 2011 or 2012 **YES** NO WHAT YEAR? Have you been in a major fire, flood or other natural disaster? Has your spouse, partner, or child been addicted to drugs or alcohol? Were you the victim of a serious physical attack or assault in your life? Did you have a life-threatening illness or accident?

Did your spouse, partner, or a child of yours have

a life-threatening illness or accident?

Has a child of yours died?

37. PLEASE CIRCLE THE ONE NUMBER THAT BEST DESCRIBES HOW TYPICAL OR CHARACTERISTIC EACH ITEM IS OF YOU

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE NUMBER PER LINE

	NOT AT ALL TYPICAL		SOMEWHAT TYPICAL		VERY TYPICAL
	1	2	3	4	5
My worries overwhelm me.					
	1	2	3	4	5
Many situations make me worry.					
	1	2	3	4	5
I know I should not worry about things, but I just cannot help it.					
	1	2	3	4	5
When I am under pressure, I worry a lot.					
	1	2	3	4	5
I am always worrying about something.					
	1	2	3	4	5
As soon as I finish one task, I start to worry about everything else I must do.					
	1	2	3	4	5
I have been a worrier all my life.					
	1	2	3	4	5
I have been worrying about things.					

38. HAVE ANY OF YOUR CLOSE FRIENDS DIED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX YES NO 39. WHAT IS THE MAIN WAY IN WHICH YOU HEAT YOUR ACCOMMODATION IN THE WINTER (TICK ONE BOX ONLY) PLEASE TICK ONE BOX Central heating Open fire only Portable heaters only Open fire and portable heaters

Closed solid fuel appliance only

Closed solid fuel appliance and portable heaters

40. COULD YOU TELL ME WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS IN YOUR ACCOMMODATION? IF SO, WOULD YOU SAY THAT THESE ARE A MINOR, MODERATE OR MAJOR PROBLEM FOR THE ACCOMMODATION?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER LINE DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH	NO Problem	MINOR PROBLEM	MODERATE PROBLEM	MAJOR PROBLEM
A leaking roof?				
Leaking or moisture getting in through walls?				
Leaking or moisture getting in at door or windows?				
Leaks from water pipes?				
Rising damp?				
Condensation dampness?				
General dampness from unknown sources?				
Mould on walls/ceilings etc?				
Corrosion or rot around any external door(s)?				
Badly fitting doors?				
Corrosion or rot around any window(s)?				
Leaky or draughty windows?				
Windows that don't open/close properly?				
Rot in timbers other than windows/doors, such as rot in joists, floor boards etc?				
Structural cracks in internal or external SUPPORT walls?				
Subsidence in floors?				
Pests – rats, mice, cockroaches?				
Noise from neighbouring houses?				
Difficulty in heating your accommodation?				
Other problems, please specify				

41. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR LOCAL AREA, THAT IS EVERYWHERE WITHIN A 20 MINUTE WALK OR ABOUT A KILOMETER OF YOUR HOME?

area who would help you.

THE CLOSER YOUR TICK IS TO A STATEMENT THE MORE STRONGLY YOU AGREE WITH IT.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX EACH LINE I really feel part I feel that I don't of this area. belong in this area. There is no problem Vandalism and graffiti are with vandalism and a big problem in this area. graffiti in this area. I often feel lonely I have never felt lonely living in this area. living in this area. Most people in this Most people in this area can't be trusted. area can be trusted. People feel safe People would be walking alone after afraid to walk in this dark in this area. area after dark. Most people in this Most people in this area are unfriendly. area are friendly. People in this area will People in this area will always treat you fairly. take advantage of you. This area is always full This area is kept of litter and rubbish. very clean. If you were in trouble, there If you were in trouble, there is nobody in this are lots of people in this

area who would help you.

42.	22. IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US, PLEASE WRITE IN THE SPACE BELOW. FEEL FREE TO WRITE ON THE NEXT PAGE OR TO ADD A PAGE IF THIS SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT. WE SHALL BE VERY INTERESTED TO READ WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.								

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS.

PLEASE GIVE THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE INTERVIEWER OR POST IT BACK IN
THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED. ALL YOUR ANSWERS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

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