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## 3.8 Focus Group Guide

### Campus Safety

- On the whole, do you think that [Uni] is a safe campus? Why/Why not?

- Are there specific areas/places/spaces that you feel are less safe? Why?

*Prompt:* Risks, security, previous ☐ve experience, campus design, time, areas to avoid?

- Do you think that particular groups of students may be more vulnerable on campus?
- What, if anything, could the University do to improve campus safety?

### Attitudes to GBV [Remind re confidentiality/not encouraging personal experiences]

- In the survey we asked about a range of personal experiences and behaviours.
- Have you seen or heard about these types of behaviours (on campus)? Can you say some more about your thoughts and views about this issue?

*Prompt:* Prevalent or problematic? Who? Where? Common?

- Have you seen/heard of these behaviours happening to [Uni] staff/students?

### Disclosure and Reporting

- Who do you think you would be the most likely to speak to?

*Prompt:* Why/why not? Barriers to reporting? Severity/frequency?

- Would you consider telling a member of Uni staff about an incident?

*Prompt:* If it did/didn't involve another student or staff member? Who in the Uni? Why? What outcome?

- Would you consider reporting an incident to the University?

*Prompt:* Why/Why not? Do you know who in Uni to report to or get help?

- Do you think the University could improve reporting of incidents, support and helpseeking? In what ways?

### Impact

- What do you think the impact of such incidents could be?
- On people who experience it. On people who instigate it.

*Prompt:* Personal life/relationships, education/studies, work, physical health?

- Do you think there are any hidden impacts?
- Do you think the Uni is aware of the full extent of these issues?

### 'Lad culture'

- Have you ever heard of the term 'lad culture'? What does it mean to you? (If no, use survey def.)

*Prompt:* What are 'laddish' behaviours? Alcohol consumption/sexual experience as markers of masculinity? Can females participate in 'lad culture'? Is 'ladette culture' the same? Impact: feminine/unfeminine? Do 'lad cultures' exist among students & staff?

- Do you think there is a 'lad culture' at [Uni]?

*Prompt:* Evidence of it at [Uni]? Examples of it at [Uni]?

- Restricted to or dominates in certain areas/spaces/subjects or among certain groups? Staff?
- Does 'lad culture' impact the social side of University life?

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*Prompt:* Socialising, nightlife, alcohol, societies, sports, halls, fresher's week.

- Does 'lad culture' impact on the academic side of University life?

*Prompt:* Experienced 'laddish' behaviours in teaching contexts? Is there a wider, institutional 'lad culture' at [Uni]? Institutional sexism at [Uni]?

- Does 'Lad culture' impact on the more personal aspects of Uni life/overall Uni experience?

*Prompt:* Sex, relationships, friendships, peer groups/peer pressure, social media? Are pornography, sexting, explicit images & texts part of student life? (Is this problematic?)

- Is 'Lad Culture' problematic?

*Prompt:* Is it something that [Uni] needs to challenge? What, if anything, could the University do?

### **Gender Inequality**

- Do you think men and women are treated differently at [Uni]?

*Prompt:* staff, students, work life?

### **Additional themes for targeted focus groups**

- Are there any aspects of your identity which have been central to your experiences of Uni life?

*Prompt:* gender, class, sexuality, feminism, race, religion etc.

- Do you think membership of X group has affected your experiences at University?

*Prompt:* Faced any challenges?

### **All male focus group**

- Do you think there are any positives or negatives in being 'one of lads'?

- Are you aware of Sexual harassment. What is it? Have you? Why? Impact?

- Sporting masculinities/subcultures: cultural codes, team bonding, pack/group mentality, peer pressure.

### **Overseas Students**

- Isolation/removed from home, friends, family and culture/ lifestyle/lack of support

### **LGBTQ**

- Do you think [Uni] engages with LGBT+ issues?

- Do you think that Uni has a tolerant and inclusive atmosphere?