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Record respondent numbers in the exact order that you recruit each person. The 1st person that you recruit should be respondent 1, the 2nd person that you recruit will be respondent 2 and so on. The first 5 people that you recruit from your quota of 10 will be assigned to the main list and the remaining 5 will be assigned to the reserve list. Everyone recruited will be contacted in due course.

Good morning/afternoon. I'm from RED C Research & Marketing Ltd, the independent Irish market research agency. We are conducting a short survey with the aim of recruiting people to take part in the Citizens Assembly, would you mind answering a few simple questions?

To ensure we speak to a random selection of people, we are asked to speak to the person currently in the household who is next to have a birthday? Can you confirm you are the person in the household next to have a birthday or can I speak to that person?

C.1 Firstly, do any of your family work in any of the following industries or professions? **READ OUT**

Accountancy	1	}	CONTINUE	
Journalism	2		}	CLOSE AND RECRUIT SUBSTITUTE
Market Research	3			
Senators/ TDs	4			
Other elected representatives	5	}	CONTINUE	
Retail	6			
Teaching	7			
None of these	X			

[IF NECESSARY EXPLAIN THAT SENATORS AND TDS ARE BEING EXCLUDED ON THE BASIS THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE REFERRED TO THE OIREACHTAS AT WHICH POINT ITS MEMBERS VIEWS WILL BE CONSIDERED]

C.2 Are you currently, have been or intend to be acting in an advocacy role for any interest or lobby group currently campaigning on any of the issues to be considered by the Assembly? **READ OUT**

	Yes	No	
The Eight Amendment of the Constitution	1	2	IF YES CLOSE AND RECRUIT SUBSTITUTE
Challenges and opportunities of an ageing population	1	2	
Changes to the Electoral System	1	2	
Climate Change	1	2	

[IF NECESSARY EXPLAIN THAT GROUPS LOBBYING ON THESE ISSUES WILL BE INVITED TO ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS SEPERATELY, AND AS SUCH WE DO NOT WANT TO RECRUIT MORE PEOPLE FROM LOBBY GROUPS AT THIS TIME]

C.3 Are you an Irish Citizen and eligible to vote in any Irish Referendum?

Yes	1	CONTINUE
No	2	CLOSE

C.4 Are you definitely currently registered to vote in referendum and elections?

Yes	1	CONTINUE
No	2	CLOSE

[IF NECESSARY EXPLAIN THAT ONCE RECRUITED THEY WILL BE CHECKED AGAINST THE ELECTORAL REGISTER, SO PLEASE ENSURE THAT THEY WERE REGISTERED TO VOTE AT THE LAST ELECTION, AS THE CURRENT ADDRESS THEY ARE LIVING AT]

C.5 RECORD GENDER OF RESPONDENT

Male	1
Female	2

C.6 Would you mind telling me your age?

RECORD EXACT AGE

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IF REFUSED EXACT AGE ASK:

C.6a) Which of following age bands do you fall into? Are you?

READ OUT		
18 – 24	1	CLOSE AND RECRUIT SUBSTITUTE
25 – 34	2	
35 – 44	3	
45 – 54	4	
55 – 64	5	
65+	6	
Refused	7	

C.7 How many dependent children, if any, do you have in each of the following age

0-2 years			
3-5 years			
6-15 years			
16 years or over			
None	9	9	

C.8 Can you tell me your current work status...?

READ OUT		
Work full time (30 hours or more)	1	
Working part time	2	
Unemployed	3	
Home maker, housekeeper or house person	4	
Full time student	5	
Retired	6	
Refused	7	

C.9 And what is your current marital status...

READ OUT			
	Married	1	
	Living as married/co-habiting	2	
	Single	3	
	Widowed/divorced/separated	4	
	Refused	5	

C.10 I would like you to think back, very carefully, to the last *general election* in February 2016. If you actually voted at the last election could you tell me the party or independent candidate, if any, you actually gave your first preference vote to at the polling station? **SINGLE CODE**

	Fianna Fáil	1
	Fine Gael	2
	Labour	3
	Sinn Fein	4
	The Green Party	5
	Independent Candidate	6
	Direct Democracy Ireland	7
	Anti-Austerity Alliance/People Before Profit/Socialist Party (AAA/PBP)	8
	The Workers Party	9
	Renua	10
	Social Democrats	11
	Other Party (STATE & CODE) _____	12
	Did not vote	13

C.11 Can you tell me the occupation of the main income earner for your household? **WRITE IN**

RECORD SOCIAL CLASS			
	A	1	
	B	2	
	C1	3	
	C2	4	
	D	5	
	E	6	
	F	7	

CHECK QUOTAS

IF SUITABLE – EXPLAIN WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AND RECRUITING FOR. USING THE INFORMATION BELOW AND THE BOOKLET SUPPLIED

RED C have been commissioned by The Department of the Taoiseach to recruit a representative sample of people to take part in the Citizens Assembly.

The **citizens' assembly** is a body formed from the citizens of Ireland to deliberate on an issue or issues of national importance. Members are being chosen at random to represent the views of the people of Ireland, and will broadly representative of all citizens using demographic variables as reflected in the Census including age, gender, social class, regional spread etc. They will also be on the electoral register to vote in a referendum.

The Citizens' Assembly is being established with a mandate to look at the following issues over the next year:

- (i) the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution
- (ii) how we best respond to the challenges and opportunities of an ageing population;
- (iii) fixed term parliaments;
- (iv) the manner in which referenda are held; and
- (v) how the State can make Ireland a leader in tackling climate change.

There will be no right or wrong answers and you don't need to have any specialist knowledge of the topics, it is your own opinions they are interested in hearing. The events will include general discussion and debate on the topics of interest, including contributions from experts on all sides of the debate. Once the members are happy they have enough information to do so they will be asked to vote on the topics, and the results of these votes will be provided back to the Oireachtas to aid them in whether to call a referendum on the topic or not.

The Citizens Assembly will sit over 10 planned weekends that will take place throughout the next year. On the weekends that it takes place, they will be held in a hotel location within a 20km radius of Dublin, and will start on Saturday morning to Sunday. The first weekend will be in October of this year.

All participants will be provided with accommodation if required on the Friday and Saturday night, all travel costs to and from the venue, and will be provided with all meals and sustenance necessary during the weekend. If travelling by public transport we will aim to have an arrangement where you can book tickets free of charge using a code provided. Your partner/friend is able to come with you on the weekends, but not to take part in the Assembly itself; and you will have to pay for their meals etc.

While it is understood that it may not be possible for citizen's chosen to attend ALL ten weekends during the year for various reasons, it would be the aim that those recruited can attend as many as possible. As such all people who agree to take part need to understand that if possible we would them to attend as many as possible of the 10 weekends planned during the year. **Here is a booklet that explains a bit more about the Citizens Assembly.**

