**Interview (Participant 36)**

Key:

**I: Interviewer**

R: Respondent

**I:** **Okay erm…this is Part 2, can we start by talking about what you've put in box one please?**

R: Um…places you feel much social connected erm…so the basketball court at the park. I feel more socially connected because although most of the time I go with my friends, the other people that go there, everyone call each other, everyone says hello to everyone, and it's like…even if they don't know who you are, you get spark the handshake you know, or the nod, or the hello because we’re just like we're all there for the same reason. And it’s like you know people, random people come to play a game, 2 versus 2, or 4 on 4 something like that. We don't know who they are, but because it's…obviously it’s a public place, we’re there for the same reason. That’s why I feel socially connected because it's like we're playing basketball and we know each other for years [laugh]. And eventually we get that chemistry whilst we’re playing a game. You know, like passing the ball and…directing people like what's going on, I’ll go that way…you know…it’s just like that instant connection [flick] you know. That's why I feel socially connected because yeah, with my longtime knowing friends, but I've connected with other people that I don't know. And so now I want to go back to the park, those people that I’ve met, we're now friends. we don't hang out other than that we're friends because of the court. Erm…that’s what I’m gonna say for that…and the second one…

**I:** Oh, before we move on to the second one, I just have some questions. So, it sounds like what you're saying is because there’s that common purpose that you have with other people, i.e. it’s gonna be basketball, that helps you connect with the…that helps…

R: Yeah, that make sense. We all share that interest, we all want to be able to perfect our skills and get better at the sport in general because we all…we all want to do that and we all know that we want to do that even though there are people that are way better than us.

**I:** **[laugh]**

R: It's good to play with people better than you, that's how you get better. You can't play with someone who’s at the same level or lower 'cause you’ll feel like you’re good, but then you play against a pro you're not, you know. There’s always this little wingians who are like…they’re just amazing. Somewhere just like (unclear 2:48) like, what we’re supposed to do [laugh]? But yeah, because we all desire the same thing. That's why we feel socially connected.

**I:** **And how does that make you feel when you’re there?**

R: Just [sigh]…I guess included? Erm…I haven’t played basketball for awhile, again recently I started, again. So, I guess I just feel included to be honest. Erm…it's not a big dea. Er…I get tired really easily, so I sat out most of time, watching them play. I'm playing is just like…you know…I took off anyone anyway, I took off anyone anyway so…it’s just like, you know, general day [laugh].

**I:** **And when you say you feel included, can you tell me more about that?**

R: Um…no, I don’t think I can. I don't have to elaborate on that. I don't have to elaborate that but I just feel included. That's the best way I can describe it.

**I:** **So when you say included like…I'm just trying to understand, is it that ‘cause you share something with other people that they…yeah everyone's you know everyone quite well.**

R: Yeah I've been accepted as someone who can play basketball, just like they’ll asked me to join their team. You know 'cause a few people were they like…they’ll look at a certain people and be like, okay no, he's not that good. So, I won’t asked him. So, if they decided to choose me over someone else, I’ll be just like…that’s what I mean by feeling included as well. But yeah, generally sharing the same uh…passion for basketball.

**I:** **How does that make you feel when you’re included?**

R: I don’t know how to explain [laugh]. Erm…I don't know, just happy, I guess. Because I know that I'm better than other people, certain people, not all of them, but like obviously there’re rather people needing some 11-year-old [laugh]. So, it's just like alright, but I don't know, I don't know how to explain it.

**I:** **What else did you write here?**

R: Work place, so my place of work. Being a barber, I work at a shop on Saturdays. I was with other barbers there. So again back to the bustle thing, because we er…actually I'm gonna say for the third thing as well. Work place and college because both are student barbering. Erm…the college especially because we're all young people trying to learn the skills required to be a barber. And also again, because we all share that passion, I can click with them socially which is alright. Work place are well, my boss and the other person that works there, get along really well. You know, it's surprisingly you never know, nearly 10 years older than me, we have a lot of things in common. You know, we like Smurflings and stuff. I like it when they…'cause i think I’ve mention earlier, I'm a fan of Marvel. And like…they’ll go watch a Marvel movie, they know that I know about it. So, they’ll come and ask about me questions like, “how does it happen, this happen?” and I was like, “Okay, sit down.” [laugh] “Let me explain”. They’re just like, you know. But yeah, all three of these things basketball, workplace, college, I feel socially connected 'cause everyone else there shares the same passion as me. So, we can get along socially.

**I:** **Is there anything else you got to say?... Thank you.** **Can we start by talking about the second box please?**

R: Second box, places you feel most lonely. And so again I feel lonely at my house. I'm not going into that detail 'cause I've spoken already, but yeah generally because I have no company around me, and I guess it's the same thing reall I just pull similar things in both boxes erm…all three of the things I’ve put in box two, so my house, shopping centers and bus stops. I've got no company around me if I'm by myself, of course I’ll feel lonely. Erm…I guess shopping center is more like because I live on my own, I have to go and do my own food shopping and it's just like…it's just boring. I'm probably want to have someone with me erm..,and it's just like, I always feel like…I feel like I'm being watched 'cause I'm obviously, I don't know how people perceive me when I walk into a shop. It’s like I know I am younger but can they see that I’m 18 years old? Can they see that I'm younger than them? Do they look at me and say, “how come he's doing food shopping?” You know do they it? Erm…so because I’ve got no one to talk to, that made me feel lonely. And bus stops. So, I just hate waiting. I'm so impatient. You know, I’ll just use my Phone to pass the time. And again, all three of those things- my home, shopping centers and bus stops, I preferably have someone with me (unclear 9:17) at these places erm…because yeah, I do feel lonely otherwise …

**I:** **You say when you go grocery shopping, you wonder what people think of you. Can you tell me more about that?**

R: Erm most of the case are conditional, mainly about my circumstances. Obviously, they don't know I live by myself ‘cause they don't know my parents. I feel like I look older than I am, which I've been told and when I was 16, people used to think I was 19. [laugh]. I guess that’s not gonna be a good thing in the future 'cause I'll be 50 looking 80 [laugh]. But yeah I don’t know, I feel like they just like questioning why this young person is doing food shopping you know. If I was a much older person, if I saw, if I could tell someone is a teenager, how come he's doing food shopping without his parents? I guess from a personal thing I feel like that they would all, just general public would be asking the same question. I would ask if I'm older yeah.

**I:** **When you say that they will be asking…**

R: Like in their thoughts. But they’ll be asking themselves, how comes?

**I:** **What should be…I guess sometimes, trying to understand what you say that they would be thinking, what is this guy doing shopping, grocery shopping, come on.**

R: Like wow erm…because they would be able to tell that I’m much younger than them.

**I:** **So, what do you mean?**

R: So what I mean is, generally you can look at someone and be like, “okay, you’re definitely under 20 years old”, you know? Or you can look at someone and be like you're at mid-40s. Like you can generalize people’s ages just by looking at them, by their appearance. So, if you look at me…if I haven’t tell you that I was 18, how old do you think I am?

**I:** **Probably 21.**

R: 21?

**I:** **22, 23.**

R: Yeah [cough]. Let me think a little bit about [laugh]. But if I was going to say this, out of my (unclear 11:43), which is just an (unclear 11:45) isn’t it? Erm yeah, I guess it's just people would look at me, and because you can look at someone and think they are this age. If they were to think, “okay, he's like 16. Why is he food shopping?”. You know because I mean you can’t tell me that you wouldn't question why a teenager was doing food shopping. Not to the point where it troubles, but like trying to understand why this person is doing that you know? Like just trying to fathom- “how come?”, you know? And then you just walk off, and get fresh air you know? It’s like erm…yeah.

**I:** **How does it make you feel when you walk in that shop and you feel like people are watching you?**

R: [yawning] Obviously, it's just like whatever really. But for the first time I did it, when I first moved in by myself when I was in food shopping, it was just like I feel like it was…all the eyes were on me, and erm…they were just like…thinking like to themselves, why a young person is doing food shopping? I just feel like everyone was turning on me just felt…I don’t like. People are staring me right in the soul. I don't like that. That's what I feel like but now I’m (unclear 13:16) ‘cause I've gone shopping numerous times. I was like in the same place, so I was just like, “whatever…don't bother me now”. Yeah I used to…first time I go by myself, I don’t like it. So, I have someone come with me, it made it easier

**I:** **And what about bus stops?**

R: I was just impatient. It’s like I hate Sundays 'cause it's the slowest TFL service ever in a week literally. If you miss the bus, it's going to be 20 minutes for the next one, 20 minutes. and that’s so long. It was such a long time to wait for a bus. Yeah especially like if you’re the only person in the bus stop, like, if there is like general public ground I mean, I’ll be alright, it’s fine. But if I’m the only person in the bus stop [laugh], yeah you just…not to an extreme extent by a little bit, a little bit lonely. No ‘cause it’s just people driving pass (unclear 14:40), some personal (unclear 14:43) [laugh]. Yeah same thing with the shopping. Sometimes like shops and stuff, people are looking at me like, what are you doing [laugh]? But it looks more normal when there's other people around the bus stop, there’s more than one person you know? Especially when that person is sitting on this [laugh], just staring. That is why I tend to do this with my friend. I'll call someone when I sort of, I feel lonely, but yeah. Just distracting someone at a bus stop for everyone looking at me.

**I:** **So it sounds like…so it sounds like it might bother you when people look at you.**

R: Yeah I don't really care what they think. But I don't really care what goes through their minds. But I just hate staring I can't stand it especially without a conversation and like why you're looking at? If I’m not having a conversation, why are you looking at me? You have no reason. It’s like I go to the gym recently. So annoying. I go to the gym recently. And I was on this assisted pull-up machine, and er…’cause I can’t do pull-ups ‘cause I weighted too much. But I was using it, and this guy like in front of the machine I’m using, on a different machine. He just staring at me like [sigh]. It throws me up again, and I mean like I'm in the mood like I'm working out. And like I just see him looking at me, can you not? Just like…[sigh]. I hate it. I don't know you, I'm not talking you. Stop staring at me. Eventually he got off the machine, he stood next to the machine I was using. What are you doing [laugh]? I just, I just…[laugh] some people kind of like [sigh] especially if I don't know or if I'm not having a conversation.

**I:** **If what?**

R: If I'm not having a conversation.

**I:** **What goes through your head when you see people staring at you?**

R: Can you die? [laugh] Nah, just um…I stopped question why they’re doing that. I’m like what’re you looking at? what is your problem? And what we you feel the need to stare at me? do you have a mental problem? [laugh] Is there something wrong with you mentally that cause you to disturb me? Do you disturb other people or is it just me? You know a bunch of questions it's just like…but also can you stop? [laugh] That’s what I’m thinking, I'm thinking, “can you stop staring at me?”. I want to say is erm…because I mean I guess most of the time I don’t realize they're doing it, you know? Um so that's why I'm not saying anything and I tend to just look somewhere else. But if it’s really bugging me, I’ll question it. I’ll have a bunch of questions coming up like the ones I've just said, do you have a mental problem? Why are you doing this? Do you stare other people? That kind of stuff.

**I:** **Is there anything else you want to say?**

R: I think I'm done.

**I:** **Thank you very much.**

(End of recording)