

Getting started with...

Online forms and surveys



Session outline

Planning forms and surveys
 Types of questions
 Question writing
 Tips for quality and responses
 Overview of online survey tools and useful features





What do you use or want to use forms and surveys for?

What are you hoping to learn today?







Enter the code 6138 0355

But I'll be dropping the link into chat today...

https://www.menti.com/5tu7q8z99e





Routine data collection

Small organisations may use forms for collecting valuable information on a frequent or ongoing basis



Mobile data collection

Add form shortcuts to your Homescreen...





Food Hub Collection Form

Lewisham Local food example

Food Project Name *

Please select >

Has your project collected food from The Food Hub this week?

Please select >

Your Food Service This Week

Please select which week you are reporting data for *

Form is completed weekly by local food projects to understand need in Lewisham

Total Number of Beneficiaries This Week

This includes household size. So if it's 1 food parcel for 2 adults and 3 children please put 5

Number of New People Registered This Week This Week

Did you experience a key issue this week? (Please select the most important one)

Please select >

Anything Else You Would Like To Add for This Week?









My worst survey nightmare...

Back to Mentimeter Click on the link in chat https://www.menti.com/5tu7q8z99e

Good and bad practice?

From your experience (building or responding to surveys):

What does good look like?

Breakouts in pairs for 5 mins







What things do you need to think about as you plan your form or survey?

Answers in chat please



Questions to ask yourself first...



- Why do you need this information?
- What are you going to do with it?How will you tell people?
- Privacy and consent do you have simple information available?
- What next for the data –
 <u>Responsible Data Lifecycle matrix</u>



Types of questions

There are many ways to ask for information. Some question types are not available in free survey or form options.



What question types are there?

Answers in chat....





Common question types

- Multiple choice (choose one or more options)
- **Rating scale** (pick a value usually a number or letter)
- Likert scale (opinions and feelings)
- Matrix (few questions in a row that have the same response options)
- Dropdown (single option only, good for long lists)
- ✓Open-ended (text)
- **Ranking questions** (rearrange in order of importance)
- /Image choice (like multiple choice)
- Slider (a scale, but more interactive)

Multiple choice

If I could volunteer anywhere...



- On a beach with sand between my toes
- In the mountain's fresh alpine air

You'll find me... *

- Dappled by sunlight in the woods
- In my pyjamas in bed, I've got used to this...

Other

- The respondent chooses one or more options from a list
- Make it clear if people are allowed to select more than one option (sometimes referred to as Checkboxes)
- Give them the choice of adding an alternative to those on your list



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Rating

The respondent is asked to select one point on a rating scale (e.g. from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree)

Rating Scale for School Climate (Excerpt) Please indicate your feelings about the climate in your school by circling the letter corresponding to your choice. A = Strongly agreeB = AgreeC = Neither agree nor disagree D = DisagreeE = Strongly disagree My child is safe while at school. D Ε A B С D 2. I feel welcome at my child's school. Ε 3. Student discipline rules are enforced consistently. в А С D Е



What's an example of a scale based question?

Satisfaction
Agreement
Frequency
Importance usefulness, confidence etc.

✓Quantity



A note on scales

- Satisfaction: Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied (5 points) + DON'T KNOW
- Agreement: Strongly agree, Tend to agree, Neither agree nor disagree, Tend to disagree, Strongly disagree (5 points) + DON'T KNOW
- Frequency: Always, Usually, Sometimes, Rarely, Never (5 points) OR Very often, Fairly often, Not very often, Not at all often (4 points) + DON'T KNOW
- Importance usefulness, confidence etc: Very important, Fairly important, Not very important, Not at all important (4 points) + DON'T KNOW
- Quantity: A great deal, A fair amount, Not very much, Not at all (4 points) + DON'T KNOW
- **Recommend (Net Promoter Score):** 0 = Would not recommend, 10 = Would definitely (11 points) + DON'T KNOW

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What's the problem with this question?



Biased / unbalanced questions

- 1.Leading questions: prompt a respondent towards providing an already-determined answer
- 2.Loaded questions: contain a controversial assumption or value judgement
- 3. Double-barrelled questions: merging two questions in one
- 4.**Unbalanced questions:** do not present the respondent with all reasonably plausible sides of an issue
- 5.**Overly broad questions:** there are either **too** many possible answers, or good answers would be **too** long for this format

Biased /unbalanced answer options AVOID USE INSTEAD

- How helpful did you find our advisor?
- Extremely helpful
- ✓Very helpful✓Helpful

- How helpful did you find our advisor?
- ✓Very helpful
- ✓Helpful
- Neither helpful nor unhelpful
- ✓Unhelpful
- Very unhelpful



In small groups re-write these biased questions





What other tips do we have for creating a better experience for people completing our forms and surveys?

As many as we can in chat...

1) Don't let your survey get too long



- ✓ Better response rates
- Better quality responses
- ✓3-5 minutes completion time
- ✓15-20 closed-ended questions max
- Every question should add value

2) Mandatory versus optional questions

Mandatory questions:

- Necessary if you want to compare data across respondents (full data sets)
- Allows for before and after comparison of respondents

Optional questions:

- Respondents may not know the answers to all of your questions
- They may not feel comfortable answering some questions
- Forcing respondents to answer questions may make them more likely to quit



3) Do a test run

- Typos or other mistakes
- Send a test survey to people with knowledge of the subject to check the language and feed back on clarity of questions



How long does it take to complete your survey?

4) Asking sensitive questions

Hi there! How much do you weigh?

- ✓Establish rapport first
- Start with questions that don't make people feel vulnerable, just like in-person conversations
- Make questions optional if possible
- Make it clear why you're asking a personal or sensitive question



5) Question ordering

- ✓General \rightarrow specific
- \checkmark Unprompted \rightarrow prompted
- \checkmark Important \rightarrow less important
- Start and end with something 'fun' or interesting
- Watch out for things that might influence later responses
- Stay consistent in the order of question responses, e.g. from 'bad' to 'good'









Survey tools we're using...





Choosing a survey tool







Features of surveys

A sample Google Form with video and question branching. Today we're going to use it as a mini break too!

*Required

Watch this 1 minute video



The link will be shared in the chat.



What features are important?

✓ Export options e.g. to Excel

✓File upload

✓Google Forms - need Google account

Microsoft – only internal to your organisation

✓Video / images

✓Branching (skip logic)

✓ Free in Google and Microsoft

Paid for feature in most others

Save and come back to it later

Need a standalone survey e.g. Surveymonkey


Translation needed?

Direct people to right click anywhere in your form and select **Translate to**, then select the language they need



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You've got options

A survey tool already available to you within your office suite



A standalone survey tool ↓ Mentimeter Typeform ↓ SmartSurvey

Free - too good to be true?

Mentimeter 2 questions only (per 'presentation') Typeform 10 questions, 10 responses p/m







10 questions, view only, 40 responses p/m

SmartSurvey

15 questions, view only, 100 responses p/m



Share. Analyse. Share

You've asked for lots of useful information. What will you do next?



How are you going to share it?

Most forms / surveys have a range of different options...



f Social Media Post your survey on Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter

Copy this code and paste it in a webpage or Sway.

<iframe width="640px" height= "480p>

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Recipients can scan the code on a phone or tablet to access the form.

Download





How are you going to share it?

In person with mobile devices?





The results



What can you realistically do about the results?

- Go back to the 'Why'
- Sharing back with community / stakeholders can help drive engagement

Instant reporting



 Screenshots
PDF downloads
Summary links to share full report

Instant analysis & build a dashboard

Impact Aloud 2020 Evaluation

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Have you been to one of our Impact ...



What were your highlights of the day?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 7

"Really loved the entire day! The impact assessment and 2 storytelling sessions were the 3 I attended. I found your facilitators friendly and welcoming. Lots of people know each other but I didn't and was made to feel very welcome I forgot to save the chat!! Could that be shared as well?"

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How would you rate Impact Aloud 20...

Answered: 38 Skipped: 7





The dashboard

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Sum of Total Number of Food Parcels Distributed



Food Project - Key Issue Other

DATE OF SERVICE	FOOD PROJECT NAME	OTHER: KEY ISSUE
09/02/2021	Evelyn Community Store	The weather played a big part although we did deli
23/12/2020	Feed the Hill	Lots more schools shut due to covid, self-isolatin
07/10/2020	Feed the Hill	We have started trying to have some recipients col

New People Registered - Weekly



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Not enough food to me.

Food stock running low

Project funds running low





Excel for Analysing your Survey Data

Watch and learn on our YouTube channel.

You'll need to register to download the data set to work with



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Present survey headline results in engaging ways

There are some additional tools that can help

Datawrapper





What are digitally excluded people missing out on?

No of times code	d	
Social Contact	20	
Covid-19 Updates	15	
Family Support	12	
Home Learning	10	
Wellbeing Activities	9	
Health Services	8	Wellbeing activities
Everyday Services	8	Covid-19 updates
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Online surveys: how to choose a survey tool What you need to think about when designing your survey and deciding on a platform that suits you best

Next steps

Read our Resource: <u>How to choose a survey tool</u>

Contact us for a 1:1 support session via info@superhighways.org.uk

Further free training available including:

- Hands on O365 Forms
- Hands on Google Forms
- Analysing your survey data in Excel
- An introduction to Qualitative Data Analysis

Find out more an book your places now!

Resources

- ✓ <u>Sample size calculator</u>
- SurveyMonkey templates
- ✓ <u>Smartsurvey templates</u>
- Harvard University guide on question wording
- ✓ NCVO tips on questionnaires
- ✓ <u>Data Star</u>tips
- ✓<u>NPC guide</u> on sampling
- ✓ <u>Market Research Society</u> Code of Conduct

✓ <u>Social Research Association</u> Ethical Guidelines

More resources

Well being surveys

- <u>What Works Wellbeing</u> outlines several tools and also has a survey builder:
- Four well-being questions from the Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- Inspiring Impact has information on Developing a measurement framework: a tool for mental health and wellbeing charities

Accessible Surveys

Pretty much all of the tools on the market enable accessible survey creation. Here are some useful guides:

Evaluation Support Scotland

Survey Gizmo's practical guide

Survey Monkey's practical guide





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