

Memories and stories from the Bloemekenswijk

This is the series of questions from the "Memories from the Bloemekenswijk" working group in Ghent.

Part 1: Who are we?

1.1) How long have you been living, or did you live, in the Bloemekenswijk?
Circle the most appropriate answer.

All my life	More than 70 years	More than 60 years	More than 50 years
More than 40 years	More than 30 years	More than 20 years	More than 10 years
More than 5 years	More than 2 years	More than 1 year	More than 6 months
Less than 6 months			

1.2) How many people do you live with? Including yourself.

Circle the correct answer. For example, if you live all alone, circle 1.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 more than 9

1.3) I am (or used to be)...?
Several options are possible, or sometimes none. Tick the correct answers.

☐ a great-grandfather or great-grandmother

☐ a grandfather or grandmother

☐ a father or mother

☐ none of the above

1.4) What languages do you understand reasonably well?
Multiple languages possible. Circle all the languages you reasonably understand.

Nederlands, français, Deutsch, English, Español, Türkçe, български, عربي, , Italiano the typical Ghent dialect

1.5) Are there any other languages you understand reasonably well that weren't in the previous list? If so, please supplement. There may be several possible answers.

1.6) Not required to fill this out, but we'd love to know.
Which street and/or apartment building do you live in?

Part 2: How did you ever end up in the Bloemekenswijk?

2.1) How did you come to live in the Bloemekenswijk?
Tick the correct answers. Several answers can be correct.

- ☐ I have always lived in the Bloemekenswijk
- ☐ I once came to live here because I moved here with my parent(s)
- ☐ I used to live in one or more other neighborhoods in Ghent
- ☐ I used to live in a municipality other than Ghent, but within East Flanders
- ☐ I used to live in another Belgian province
- ☐ I used to live in only 1 other country
- ☐ I used to live in several other countries

2.2) If you came here from a place other than the Bloemekenswijk, what were the reasons for that?
You can give several reasons. If the correct reason is not listed, enter it in the next question.

- ☐ Because I came to live here with my parents
- ☐ To study in Ghent
- ☐ To live with my love or partner
- ☐ To work in Ghent (or the vicinity of it)
- ☐ Because family of mine already lived in the Bloemekenswijk
- ☐ Because my family already lived in Ghent
- ☐ Because I really wanted to live in Ghent
- ☐ Because I really wanted to live in the Bloemekenswijk
- ☐ Because the rent here was still affordable
- ☐ Because we could still buy a house here
- ☐ Because only here was an affordable home available
- ☐ Because the center of Ghent is too busy for me
- ☐ Because I/we found exactly the house I was looking for here

2.3) If you did not find the correct answers to the previous question, feel free to complete them here. You can give several reasons.

2.4) Could you just as well have lived in another district of Ghent? Circle the right answer.

Yes No

2.5) Did you already know other people who lived in Belgium / Ghent / the Bloemekenswijk before you came to live in the Bloemekenswijk?

Yes No

If so, ➔ please explain a little more about it in the next question.

2.6) If you already knew people from Belgium / Ghent / the Bloemekenswijk, before you came to live in the Bloemekenswijk, in what relationship was that?

(e.g. I lived in another neighborhood in Ghent but I knew someone from my sports club who already lived in the Bloemekenswijk, or I lived abroad but already had family who lived in the Bloemekenswijk). You can give multiple answers.

2.7) Who or what inspired you to move in the Bloemekenswijk?

You can give multiple answers.

Part 3: Stories from the Bloemekenswijk

3.1) Do you know one or more interesting (special, funny, witty, fascinating) stories concerning the Bloemekenswijk? Do you know a great story about the Bloemekenswijk? Yes? Write them below. Feel free to share!.

3.2) Is there a story about the Bloemekenswijk (or in connection with) the Bloemekenswijk) that you've ever heard and would like to know more about? Try to describe that story.

Part 4: Connection with the neighborhood

4.1) Do you know some of your *immediate* neighbors? Close neighbors, or neighbors just across the street, or in the same apartment building?

Yes No

4.2) Do you know anyone other than your *immediate* neighbors in your apartment block and/or street?

Yes No

If yes ➔ In the next question, indicate approximately how many neighbors.

4.3) How many neighbors do you know in your apartment building and/or street?
Circle the most appropriate answer.

1 2 3 4 5 more than 5 more than 10 more than 20

4.4) Which places in the neighborhood do you visit often or regularly?
Examples: stores, shops, cafes, cinemas, places of worship (church, mosque, etc...), restaurants, playgrounds, parks, markets, sports places, the Wijk-Gezondheids-Centrum, etc. List them out. Many answers possible!

4.5) How do those places make you feel (or made you feel)?
Feel free to differentiate between the different places you indicated above.

4.6) Who do you meet there? You don't have to give names but e.g., neighbors, family, well-known figures, café friends, members of the same sports club, ...

Again, you can differentiate between different places..

4.7) Do you talk to neighbors there (or did you talk to neighbors there)?

Yes No

If not ➔ If not, please indicate why not in the next question.

4.8) If you meet your neighbors in the Bloemekenswijk and you do NOT talk to them, what are the reasons for that? Multiple answers possible.

4.9) Would you like to get to know more neighbors?

Yes No

4.10) Why do you want to know more neighbors or not? Multiple answers possible.

4.11) Which places do you like / think are the most interesting in the Bloemekenswijk and why? Multiple answers possible. Feel free to give some explanation.

4.12) Do you (or did you) sometimes look for a place in the Bloemekenswijk to meet other people?

Yes No

If yes ➔ Then answer the following question.
If not ➔ Then answer the question that belongs to no.

4.13) If you mentioned that you sometimes visit a place to meet other people, where do you do that? Multiple answers possible.

4.14) If you indicated that you are <u>not</u> going to look for a place to meet other people, why do you not do that? Multiple answers possible.

4.15) Which neighborhood activities have you already participated in yourself? Sum them up (and did you like them / find them interesting / why / why not)?

Multiple answers possible.

4.16) Which neighborhood activities would you like to participate in (perhaps an activity that has not yet been organized in the Bloemekenswijk)?

Feel free to list them. Give the most important ones first.

4.17) What kind of places do you do you think are missing in the Bloemekenswijk?

You name it. Please give the most important ones first.

Part 5: General impression of the Bloemekenswijk

5.1) How do (or did) you feel in the Bloemekenswijk?

5.2) Would you like to continue living in the Bloemekenswijk?

Yes No

If so answer question 5.3, if not so answer question 5.4

5.3) Why do you (or would you) like to continue living in the Bloemekenswijk?

Let's add them up. Give the most important reasons first.

5.4) Why do you (or would you) no longer like to continue living in the Bloemekenswijk?

Please explain. Give the most important reasons first.

5.4) What do you think is unique or typical about the Bloemekenswijk?

Possible further contact

6.1) May we contact you again if we want more information?

Yes No

If so, please leave contact details (e.g. name and/or street name and house number, and/or e-mail address, or phone number).

6.2) We want to inform all participants in this survey about the results of this survey.

If you want to be informed about this (e.g. attending a presentation with reception), please leave your contact details here (e.g. name and/or street name and house number, and/or e-mail address, or phone number). If you already filled that in above, just write: see above.

Your information will not be shared with anyone!

Thank you very much for filling in this questionnaire!

Are you bringing the completed questionnaire to the community center?
You can hand in the questionnaire there or simply put it in the mailbox.

Address: **City community center, Frans van Ryhovelaan 119, 9000 Ghent**.

Great!