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EU accession on low wage migrant labour in the UK”

INTERVIEW B  
FOR HOST FAMILIES **WHO HAVE CHANGED AU  
PAIR OR WHO HAVE STOPPED HOSTING AU  
PAIRS SINCE MAY 2004**

(November 2004)

**1. Is your current au pair from an A8 country?**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

**2. Do you have the same au pair as you did in April/May of this year when we last interviewed you?**

- 1 Yes (*interview schedule A*)
- 2 No (*interview schedule B*)

## **INTERVIEW SCHEDULE B**

### **B3. When and why did you change your au pair or stop hosting au pairs?**

*Objective: to explore whether change in legal status was a reason for this change*

- family changes
- au pair wanted to move on
- visa issues
- personal disagreements with au pair
- wanted a different form of childcare
- au pair become more demanding

**B4. What was your previous au pair doing when you last heard?**

*Objective: To discover the kind of contact they keep with previous au pair.*

**B6. Do you think that access to the labour market (has) made any difference to your experience of hosting an au pair?**

*Objective: to explore whether employers know about impact of accession on au pair's rights to employment, and whether they see this as relieving pressure on the "familial" relationship or whether it is regarded as time away from the household*

- Does your au pair work? What does she do?
- Does your au pair want to work? What do you feel about this?
- Do you think that it's a good thing for au pairs to work outside the family? Why? Why not?
- What is the effect of au pair's working outside the family?

**B7. What other effects (if any) has EU Enlargement had on your au pair's experience of life in the UK?**

- do you think she's more likely to stay for longer?
- think more about this one

**B8. Do you think that EU Enlargement has had any other effects on your experiences of hosting an au pair?**

*Objective: to see if the change in immigration status has had an effect on conditions and on the relationship between host family and au pair*

- Has your au pair become more demanding? Hours and pay?
- Has your au pair returned to their home country for a visit?
- Do you feel that your relationship with your au pair has changed? (equality)
  - More like a nanny
  - More like a family member
  - More like a friend

**B9. Following EU Enlargement, would you be more or less likely to host an au pair from the New Member States, or would it make no difference?**

*Objective: To explore the relationship between nationality and legal status in host families' choice of au pairs.*

- do you think an A8 national is more likely to stay for a longer time?
- is it less bureaucratic to host A8 nationals?
- would you prefer to stay with a nationality that you have previously hosted?

**B10. Have you continued to host au pairs?**

1 Yes

**How many au pairs have you had since we last interviewed you?**

**What countries are they from?**

*Then go to Question B11*

2 No

**Why do you no longer host au pairs?**

*Then skip to Question B12*

**B11. Has EU Enlargement affected how you would make contact with au pairs in the future?**

- Would you recruit from A8 nationals already in the UK? (no concern about immigration laws)
- Would you consider recruiting direct from A8 countries
- Does it make you more or less likely to use an agency?

**B12. Has EU enlargement had the consequences (adverse or positive) that you imagined it would have in terms of your relationship with your au pair?**

Thank the host family member for their time.

Explain again that the interview is completely anonymous and we are not interested in their personal details, but in order to match their interview with their previous interview we need to know their password.

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If they did not give a password, we will need to ask some informational questions that we asked in the first interview in order to match the interviews.

1. Are you (*please circle*): Male      Female

2. Are you (*please circle*): Under 18      18-21

22-30      31-40

41-50      51-60

61-70      71+

3. What is your nationality? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is your occupation?  
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**5. Would you describe yourself as (*please circle*):**

Black	White	Other
Asian	Mixed	Decline to answer

**6. Do you have any of the following:**

GCSE 'O' Levels or equivalent

GCSE 'A' Levels or equivalent

Degree

Post graduate qualification

**7. Please indicate your household's annual income:**

Under £20,000

£20,000-50,000

£50,000+