Interviewer: And is his accent different to the others?
“Yeah, it’s more…it’s more…it sounds kinda Irish. More than it would African or Nigerian”

Interviewer: And does that help?
“Oh yeah. It feels like…not that you have more in common, but that you can relate to them more” (Elaine)

“I think when the Irish are talking to the French and they are talking back in English it makes them more comfortable. If the French respond in French they’re not going to know it. Well maybe after a few drinks that might…but if they thought that the French were always going to talk to them in French that might put them completely off” (Laura)

“Do you ever notice that any foreign gang you do get on with, they always have really good English. I think. Yeah. Because they will ‘get you’, yeah. Because it’s very hard to talk to someone if they can’t understand you. You can hardly have a bit of craic anything” (Etain)

“So it wasn’t as hard for him I think to go into first year in college because he kind of knew how to interact with people, he understood the Irish culture” (Cara)

“They are so used to Irish culture and they have probably met Irish people, have spent more time with Irish people and understand the culture better and know how to get on more with Irish people like” (Elaine)

Interviewer: And does it make a difference how well adapted the person is to Irish culture?
“Yeah, I’d say it would. Because first of all you have more things to talk about, you have more in common. Say they like going out, you go out with them, you know what I mean. It gives you more opportunity. If you have more in common you’re gonna be spending more time with them or want to” (Etain)

“If they have been longer in Ireland I think they kind of know our ways better as well. So say going back to the joke thing, they’d know the Irish humour better than someone who just came last year. They are more culturally adapted, so I wouldn’t be as reserved around that person. So I think that’s why I am probably more open with this boy than the other two girls, who I just concentrate solely on the work with.” (Clodagh)

Appendix D: Example of Coding Process