

**ZA4814**

**Flash Eurobarometer 235  
(The Rights of the Child)**

**Country Specific Questionnaire  
Ireland**

**Flash 235 - Template**  
**Flash Eurobarometer *The youth and their rights***

D1. Gender

[DO NOT ASK - MARK APPROPRIATE]

- [1] ..... Male
- [2] ..... Female

D2. How old are you?

- [ ][ ] ..... years old
- [00] ..... [REFUSAL/NO ANSWER]

D3. Are you currently a full time student?

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

- D4. What is the current occupation of the person who contributes most to the household income ? Would you say he/she is self-employed, an employee, a manual worker or would you say that he/she is without a professional activity? Does it mean that he/she is a(n)...

[IF A RESPONSE TO THE MAIN CATEGORY IS GIVEN, READ OUT THE RESPECTIVE SUB-CATEGORIES - ??????????]

**- Self-employed**

- i.e. :    - farmer, forester, fisherman ..... 11  
               - owner of a shop, craftsman ..... 12  
               - professional (lawyer, medical practitioner, accountant, architect,...) ... 13  
               - manager of a company ..... 14  
               - other ..... 15

**- Employee**

- i.e. :    - professional (employed doctor, lawyer, accountant, architect) ..... 21  
               - general management, director or top management ..... 22  
               - middle management ..... 23  
               - Civil servant ..... 24  
               - office clerk ..... 25  
               - other employee (salesman, nurse, etc...) ..... 26  
               - other ..... 27

**- Manual worker**

- i.e. :    - supervisor / foreman (team manager, etc...) ..... 31  
               - Manual worker ..... 32  
               - unskilled manual worker ..... 33  
               - other ..... 34

**- Without a professional activity**

- i.e. :    - looking after the home ..... 41  
               - student (full time) ..... 42  
               - retired ..... 43  
               - seeking a job ..... 44  
               - other ..... 45

- [Refusal] ..... 99

- D6. Would you say you live in a ...?

- metropolitan zone ..... 1  
 - other town/urban centre ..... 2  
 - rural zone ..... 3  
 - [Refusal] ..... 9

INTRODUCTION: In this questionnaire, the word 'child' must be understood as a person under 18 years old. (United Nations definition)

Q1. Are you aware that people under 18 enjoy specific rights compared to adults?

INTERVIEWER: These rights are specific to people under 18 years of age:

- YES, AWARE .....1
- NO, NOT AWARE.....2
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q2. People under 18 years-of-age have specific rights, for instance:

- the right to protection and care necessary for their well-being
- the right to express their views freely and to have them taken into consideration on matters which concern them
- the right to have their interest taken into primary consideration in all actions relating to them, whether taken by public authorities or private institutions
- or the right to maintain on a regular basis a personal relationship and direct contact with both parents, unless that is contrary to their interests

Do you think that the specific rights of children are in Ireland ..?

- Very well protected .....1
- Fairly well protected.....2
- Incompletely protected.....3
- Not protected .....4
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q3. Did you, yourself ever try to seek help in a matter when you thought your rights were violated, or did someone else below 18 years of age you know try that?

- Yes, yourself .....1
- Yes, someone you know.....2
- Both you and other(s) .....3
- No .....4
- [DK/NA] .....9

Q4. What are the problems you think people under 18 years-of-age might encounter when they need help to defend their rights?

- Mentioned ..... 1
  - Did not mention.....2
  - OTHER ..... 9
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- a) They are not aware of their rights ..... 1 2 9
  - b) They do not know how to go about it and whom to contact..... 1 2 9
  - c) The authorities (public administrations as, for instance, city councils, ombudsman) do not respond ..... 1 2 9
  - d) The procedures are too complicated ..... 1 2 9
  - e) The procedures are too lengthy ..... 1 2 9
  - f) OTHER..... 1 2 9

Q5. In which areas do you think that the government or public administration should particularly take the interests of children into account when adopting legislation or taking decisions?

(3 choices among the following fields)

- education .....01
- health and social affairs (for instance, access to hospital care or public transport) .....02
- justice (for example, family affairs and youth justice sector) .....03
- security (for instance, being protected against violence) .....04
- immigration (for example, the conditions under which a family can be reunited) .....05
- the media .....06
- sport and leisure .....07
- the environment (for instance, the environmental protection of children facilities) .....08
- [OTHER] .....09
- [DK/NA] .....99

Q6. Are the following statements right or wrong?

- Right.....1
  - Wrong .....2
  - [DK/NA].....9
- a) If parents are divorced and one of the parents goes to another member state, a new decision on the children's custody and access rights has to be taken. .... 1 2 9
- b) Video games (consoles or online) receive in all European Union countries a label and a ranking specifying the appropriate age group ..... 1 2 9

Q7a. In your opinion, which among the following problems should be tackled first in Ireland?

- Violence against children.....1
- Discrimination and racism.....2
- Drugs .....3
- Alcohol abuse and nicotine addiction .....4
- Child labour.....5
- Sexual exploitation of children .....6
- Poverty and social exclusion .....7
- [OTHER] .....8
- [DK/NA].....9

Q7b. And which should be addressed secondly?

- Violence against children.....1
- Discrimination and racism.....2
- Drugs .....3
- Alcohol abuse and nicotine addiction .....4
- Child labour.....5
- Sexual exploitation of children .....6
- Poverty and social exclusion .....7
- [OTHER] .....8
- [DK/NA].....9

Q8. Which actions should be taken as a priority at the European level to promote and protect the rights of children?

- Mentioned ..... 1
- Did not mention.....2
  
- a) Making a missing children alert system operational throughout the European Union ..... 1 2
- b) Giving more support to organisations working in the field of the protection of children's rights ..... 1 2
- c) Providing more information to children about their rights and where to inquire about them (for instance, through information campaigns, or the creation of a website) ..... 1 2
- d) Involving children more in the definition of policies that concern them, for instance by organising a Forum on these topics ..... 1 2
- e) Promote the children's rights in countries outside Europe ..... 1 2

Q9. Which information channel seems easiest for you to use to find out about your rights?

- The Internet ..... 1
- Material available in libraries (at school, in information centres, in your city) ..... 2
- TV programmes ..... 3
- [OTHER] ..... 4
- [DK/NA]..... 9