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**Flash Eurobarometer 158
(Young people and drugs)**

**Questionnaire
Ireland**

Flash EB 158 "Young People and Drugs"
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Good morning/afternoon/evening. I am from Millward Brown Irish Marketing Surveys. We are carrying out a survey and I would be grateful for your help in answering some questions. The survey will take about ten minutes to answer some questions about a topical subject?

SHOW CARD ONE

Here is a list of drugs: ecstasy, LSD, heroin, morphine, cocaine, crack, glue or solvents, cannabis, amphetamines. Please exclude alcohol, tobacco or doping substances.

SHOW CARD TWO & READ OUT

Q.1. In your opinion, what are the main reasons why people **experiment** with drugs? Please choose the **three** that come closest to your own opinion. (**MAX. 3 ANSWERS POSSIBLE ONLY**)

- Thrill seeking..... 1
- Curiosity 2
- Expected effects of drugs 3
- Problems at home 4
- Problems at school or work 5 (80-81)
- Loneliness..... 6 (82-83)
- Peer pressure 7 (84-85)
- Recreation..... 8
- Social or economic problems (unemployment, poverty, etc.)..... 9
- Lack of willpower 10
- Other reasons (**SPECIFY & code**) 11
- It depends 12
- None of these 13
- Don't know 14

SHOW CARD 3 & READ OUT

Q.2. In your opinion, what are the main reasons why some people **find it hard to stop using drugs**? Please choose the **three** that come closest to your own opinion. (**MAX. 3 ANSWERS POSSIBLE ONLY**)

- Thrill seeking..... 1
- Effects of drugs 2
- Drug dependence 3
- Problems at home 4
- Problems at school or work 5 (86-87)
- Loneliness..... 6 (88-89)
- Peer pressure 7 (90-91)
- Recreation..... 8
- Social or economic problems (unemployment, poverty, etc.)..... 9
- Lack of willpower 10
- Other reasons (**SPECIFY & code**) 11
- It depends 12
- None of these 13
- Don't know 14

SHOW CARD FOUR & READ OUT

Q.3 Drug use may have certain consequences. Please choose the three that come closest to your own opinion. **(MAX. 3 ANSWERS POSSIBLE ONLY)**

- Relief from pain or stress 1
- Problems with the law 2
- Prostitution 3
- Suicide 4
- Mental problems 5 (92-93)
- Drug dependence 6 (94-95)
- Infection with communicable diseases (HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, etc.) 7 (96-97)
- Other health problems 8
- Enjoyment 9
- Poverty 10
- Other (SPECIFY & code) 11
- It depends 12
- None of these 13
- Don't know 14

SHOW CARD FIVE & READ OUT

Q.4. What do you think are the most effective ways of tackling drug-related problems? Please choose the three that come closest to your own opinion. **(MAX. 3 ANSWERS POSSIBLE ONLY)**

- More treatment and rehabilitation of drug users 1
- Information campaigns 2
- Reducing poverty/unemployment 3
- More leisure opportunities 4
- Tougher measures against drug producers and manufacturers 5 (98-99)
- Tougher measures against drug dealers and traffickers 6 (100-101)
- Tougher measures against drug users 7 (102-103)
- Other (SPECIFY & code) 8
- None of these 9
- Don't know 10

SHOW CARD SIX & READ OUT

Q.5. If you wanted to know more about drugs, who would you turn to? Please choose the three that come closest to your own opinion. **(MAX. 3 ANSWERS POSSIBLE ONLY)**

- A friend 1
- Parents/relatives 2
- Someone at school or at work 3
- A doctor, a nurse or other health professional 4
- A social/youth worker 5 (104-105)
- A specialised drugs counsellor/centre 6 (106-107)
- The police 7 (108-109)
- A telephone help line 8
- The Internet 9
- Others (SPECIFY & code) 10
- It depends 11
- None of these 12
- Don't know 13

Q.6. Please tell me if you tend to agree or tend to disagree with each of the following statements.

READ/OUT ▼		Tend To Agree	Tend To Disagree	Dk/No opinion	
a.	It is easy to get drugs near where I live	1	2	3	(110)
b.	It is easy to get drugs in or near my school/college	1	2	3	(111)
c.	It is easy to get drugs at parties	1	2	3	(112)
d.	It is easy to get drugs in pubs/clubs	1	2	3	(113)
e.	People who drink alcohol are more likely to experiment with drugs	1	2	3	(114)
f.	People who smoke cigarettes are more likely to experiment with drugs	1	2	3	(115)
g.	There should be drug testing at school/college/work	1	2	3	(116)
h.	When testing drivers for alcohol, the police should also test for drugs	1	2	3	(117)
i.	Misuse of prescription medicine may be as dangerous as the use of drugs	1	2	3	(118)
j.	Occasional use of alcohol is harmless	1	2	3	(119)
k.	Occasional use of synthetic drugs like ecstasy is harmless	1	2	3	(120)
l.	Occasional use of cannabis is harmless	1	2	3	(121)
m.	People should be punished for using drugs	1	2	3	(122)
n.	If some drugs were cheaper, there would be fewer drug-related problems	1	2	3	(123)
o.	Drug users should be able to get clean needles and syringes at low cost	1	2	3	(124)

SHOW CARD 7

Q.7. Which, if any, of the following applies to you personally?

READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE

- a. I know people who use cannabis..... 1 (125)
b. I have already been offered cannabis 1 (126)
c. I have already tried cannabis..... 1 (127)
- d. I have used cannabis in the last month..... 1 (128)
e. I know people who use drugs (other than cannabis)..... 1 (129)
f. I have already been offered drugs (other than cannabis) 1 (130)
- g. I have tried drugs (other than cannabis)..... 1 (131)
h. I have used drugs (other than cannabis) in the last month..... 1 (132)
i. I smoke cigarettes regularly 1 (133)
- j. I drink alcohol regularly..... 1 (134)
k. None of these..... 1 (135)
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SHOW CARD

Q.8. Here is a list. Please tell me how dangerous or not you consider each of the following.

READ OUT ↓	Very Dangerous	Fairly Dangerous	Not Very Dangerous	Not At All Dangerous	Dk/No opinion	
a. Ecstasy	1	2	3	4	5	(136)
b. LSD	1	2	3	4	5	(137)
c. Heroin	1	2	3	4	5	(138)
d. Morphine	1	2	3	4	5	(139)
e. Cocaine	1	2	3	4	5	(140)
f. Crack	1	2	3	4	5	(141)
g. Glue or solvents	1	2	3	4	5	(142)
h. Cannabis	1	2	3	4	5	(143)
i. Amphetamines	1	2	3	4	5	(144)
j. Doping substances	1	2	3	4	5	(145)
k. Alcohol	1	2	3	4	5	(146)
l. Cigarettes/Tobacco	1	2	3	4	5	(147)

