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**Flash Eurobarometer 319B  
(Youth on the Move - Respondents Aged 15-35 –  
Mobility in Education and Work)**

**Country Questionnaire  
Ireland**

Questions for the Flash Eurobarometer on  
Youth on the Move  
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SCREENER

**S0. Is anyone in your household between 15 and 35 years-of-age?**

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... [THANK AND TERMINATE]
- [DK/NA] ..... [THANK AND TERMINATE]

**S1. Is more than one person in your household between 15 and 35 years-of-age?**

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

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**D0. What is your nationality?**

**D1. How old are you?**

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

**D2. Gender**

- Male ..... 1
- Female ..... 2

**D3. Are you currently in education or training? This can be full-time or part-time.**

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

[ASK IF D3=1]

**D4a. What type of education or training are you in?**

- Lower secondary level ..... 1
- Upper secondary level, general education ..... 2
- Upper secondary level, vocational education and training, including apprenticeships ..... 3
- Post-secondary, non-higher education ..... 4
- Higher education ..... 5
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

[ASK IF D3=2 or 9]

**D4b. What is the highest level of education or training that you have completed?**

- Left school before completing lower secondary education ..... 1
- Lower secondary level ..... 2
- Upper secondary level, general education ..... 3

- Upper secondary level, vocational education and training, including apprenticeships ..... 4
- Post-secondary, non-higher education ..... 5
- Higher education ..... 6
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

**D7. Are you currently in work? This can be full-time or part-time, including alongside education / training.**

- Yes, full-time ..... 1
- Yes, part-time ..... 2
- No ..... 3
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

[ASK IF D3 = (2 or 9) AND D7=(3 or 9)]

**D8. Which of the following best describes your current situation?**

- Unemployed and looking for a job ..... 1
- Unemployed but not looking for work ..... 2
- Unable to work because of a disability or illness ..... 3
- On maternity/paternity/parental leave ..... 4
- A homemaker ..... 5
- Other ..... 8
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

<b>A. EDUCATION &amp; TRAINING</b>
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*In this section, we will ask you some questions about the education and training options open to young people in your country after the end of compulsory schooling.*

[ASK ALL]

**Q1. In your opinion, is vocational education and training an attractive option for young people in your country?**

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

[ASK ALL]

**Q2. In your opinion what is the most important reason for young people to go into vocational education and training? And the second most important reason?**

[READ OUT - ROTATE – RECORD FIRST ANSWER, THEN THE SECOND ANSWER]

- To acquire practical skills and undertake practical training ..... 1
- To improve their job opportunities ..... 2
- To get qualified to apply for higher levels of education (post-secondary or tertiary levels) ..... 3
- To obtain higher wage levels ..... 4
- To improve their opportunities to set up their own business ..... 5
- Other ..... 6
- [DK/NA] ..... 6

[ASK ALL]

**Q3. In your opinion, is higher education an attractive option for young people in your country?**

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

[ASK ALL]

**Q4. In your opinion what is the most important reason for young people to go into higher education? And the second most important reason?**

[READ OUT – ROTATE – RECORD FIRST ANSWER, THEN THE SECOND ANSWER]

- Interest in specific subjects/disciplines ..... 1
- To improve their job opportunities ..... 2
- To obtain a higher level qualification ..... 3
- To obtain higher wage levels ..... 4
- To improve their opportunities to set up their own business ..... 5
- Other ..... 7
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

<b>B. YOUTH MOBILITY</b>
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[ASK ALL]

**Q5. Have you ever stayed abroad for learning or training purposes (outside the country where you received your prior education) or are you currently abroad?**

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

[IF THE ANSWER IS "NO" IN Q5, GO TO Q9]

**Q6. I will read out examples of different learning mobility periods abroad. Please tell me what the main purpose of your mobility period was/is and for how long it lasted.**

**In case you have been abroad within the same type of learning mobility more than once, please indicate the total combined length of the stay for that type of mobility period.**

[INTERVIEWER, ASK RESPONDENT TO ADD THE NUMBER OF WEEKS/MONTHS TOGETHER FOR ALL THE STAY FOR THE SAME TYPE OF MOBILITY PERIOD]

- None ..... 1
- Less than three weeks ..... 2
- Between three weeks and three months ..... 3
- Three months to one year ..... 4
- More than one year ..... 5
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

- A - Studying as part of school education (lower and upper secondary school) ..... 1 2 3 4 5 9
- B - Studying as part of vocational education and training ..... 1 2 3 4 5 9
- C - Studying as part of higher education ..... 1 2 3 4 5 9
- D - Traineeship in a company or similar organisation as part of higher education ..... 1 2 3 4 5 9
- E - Traineeship in a company or similar organisation as part of vocational education and training/apprenticeship ..... 1 2 3 4 5 9

[ASK IF THE ANSWER ON Q6 IS "2" OR "3" OR "4" OR "5"]

**Q7. Thinking about your longest stay abroad, how did you finance your stay?**

[READ OUT - MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE]

- Private funds / savings ..... 1
- National or regional study loans/grants ..... 2
- Paid partly by employer ..... 3
- EU funded mobility programmes (LLP, Youth in Action, Erasmus Mundus or other) ..... 4
- Other grants and awards ..... 5
- [DK/NA] ..... 9

[ASK IF THE ANSWER ON Q6 IS "2" OR "3" OR "4" OR "5"]

**Q8. Spending time abroad could bring several benefits. Please list the most important benefit of your longest stay abroad.**

[READ OUT - ROTATE – RECORD THE FIRST ANSWER]

- Credits / points for the programme of study / training ..... 01
- Improved opportunities for subsequent employment ..... 02
- Professional skills you did not already have ..... 03

- Improved academic knowledge .....	04
- Improved foreign language skills.....	05
- Greater ability to adapt to new situations .....	06
- Improved awareness of another culture.....	07
- Better interpersonal skills.....	08
- Other benefits .....	09
- [DK/NA] .....	99

**And what would be the second most important benefit?**

[READ OUT- ROTATE – RECORD THE SECOND ANSWER]

- Credits / points for the programme of study / training .....	01
- Improved opportunities for subsequent employment.....	02
- Professional skills you did not already have.....	03
- Improved academic knowledge .....	04
- Improved foreign language skills.....	05
- Greater ability to adapt to new situations .....	06
- Improved awareness of another culture.....	07
- Better interpersonal skills.....	08
- Other benefits .....	09
- [DK/NA] .....	99

[ASK ALL]

**Q9. Apart from vacation or tourism, learning or training, have you ever stayed abroad for at least one month for the following purposes?**

[READ OUT – ROTATE – MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE]

- Working (found a job abroad) .....	1
- Volunteering .....	2
- Within other educational contexts or outside formal education(for example a traineeship following graduation, participation in a youth project, language course, training paid by employer)	
☐ .....	3
- Living abroad for other reason .....	4
- [Never stayed abroad].....	5
- [DK/NA] .....	9

ASK IF THE ANSWER IS “NO” IN Q5 AND “NEVER STAYED ABROAD” IN Q9

**Q10. What was the main reason for you not to spend any time abroad for education, training, working or volunteering?**

[READ OUT –ROTATE – RECORD THE FIRST ANSWER]

- A lack of information / guidance about mobility opportunities.....	01
- You were not interested in going abroad .....	02
- Lack of foreign language skills .....	03
- Legal obstacles.....	04
- A lack of funding / too expensive to stay abroad .....	05
- National/regional student loans or grants could not be transferred abroad .....	06
- Concerns about the quality of the training or other activities available abroad.....	07
- Could not get your study/training recognised (in cases where studying or training was the plan)	
☐ .....	08
- Family commitments (children, dependent relatives etc).....	09
- Other reasons .....	10
- [DK/NA].....	99

**What was the second main reason for you not to spend any time abroad for education, training, working or volunteering?**

[READ OUT – ROTATE – RECORD THE SECOND ANSWER]

- A lack of information / guidance about mobility opportunities.....	01
- You were not interested in going abroad.....	02
- Lack of foreign language skills .....	03
- Legal obstacles.....	04
- A lack of funding / too expensive to stay abroad .....	05
- National/regional student loans or grants could not be transferred abroad.....	06
- Concerns about the quality of the training or other activities available abroad.....	07
- Could not get your study/training recognised (in cases where studying or training was the plan)	
☐ .....	08
- Family commitments (children, dependent relatives etc).....	09
- Other reasons .....	10
- [DK/NA].....	99

<b>C. EMPLOYMENT &amp; ENTREPRENEURSHIP</b>
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[ASK ALL]

**Q11. Finding a relevant and suitable job after finishing education is often a challenge.**

**In your opinion, what is the main concern of young people in your country regarding getting a job after finishing education?**

**And the second main concern?**

[READ OUT – ROTATE - RECORD FIRST ANSWER, THEN THE SECOND ANSWER]

- That they don't have the right knowledge or skills .....	1
- No good job opportunities available in their field of studies .....	2
- No jobs available in their city or region (might have to move) .....	3
- Jobs are available but they are very poorly paid (salary not adequate for a reasonable standard of living)	
☐ .....	4
- They don't know what job opportunities are out there.....	5
- [DK/NA] .....	9

[ASK ALL]

**Q12. How would you rate the guidance and counselling you have received during your school education ...[READ A AND B]**

-Very poor.....	1
- Poor .....	2
- Satisfactory.....	3
- Good.....	4
- Very good .....	5
- [Not relevant/did not receive any guidance or counselling].....	8
- [DK/NA] .....	9

A - on the different further education and training options open to you? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 8 9

B - on future employment opportunities? ..... 1 2 3 4 5 8 9

[ASK ALL]

**Q13. Would you like to set up your own business in the future?**

- Yes .....	1
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- No because it is too risky.....	2
- No, you don't have adequate entrepreneurship skills .....	3
- No, because no access to finance.....	4
- No, it is too complicated to set up a business .....	5
- [I have already set up a business].....	8
- [DK/NA] .....	9

[ASK ALL]

**Q14. Would you be willing / would you like to work in another European country in the future?**

- Yes, for a limited time .....	1
- Yes for the long term.....	2
- No .....	3
- [DK/NA] .....	9