



The European Social Survey in Ireland

Parent Information Sheet

What is the project about?

The European Social Survey (ESS) is a Europe-wide survey that takes place every two years.

Who is undertaking it?

This project is being undertaken by Professor Michael Breen who is the Principal Investigator for Ireland in Round 5 of the survey. The survey is being conducted by Amarárch Research, who have been commissioned to undertake this research. It is funded by the Irish Research Council for Humanities and the Social Sciences.

Why is it being undertaken?

To chart the attitudes, beliefs and behaviour patterns of the European population.

What is involved for the participant?

Participants are randomly selected. The interview involves 45 mins to 60 mins of the participant's time answering a series of questions. The information is kept entirely anonymous. Participants may refuse to answer any question or to stop the interview at any stage. Involvement is entirely voluntary.

Why is my child being asked?

The survey is conducted among the whole European population of those 15 years of age or older. Because the group between 15 and 18 represent the views of the upcoming generation, their views are particularly important. Your address was chosen randomly and your child was randomly selected from within the household.

What will happen to the data after research has been completed?

All the answers are collected together for each country and analysed to help researchers understand various social issues better. No participant can be identified from the data. All involvement is confidential.

How can I contact somebody about this survey?

You can contact Prof. Breen at any stage at 061 204972 or by email Michael.breen@mic.ul.ie.

If you have concerns about this study and wish to contact someone independent, you may contact:

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Parental Informed Consent Form

Dear Parent,

As indicated in the parent information sheet this research seeks to chart the attitudes, beliefs and behaviour patterns of the European population. Your child's views are important as representative of 15 to 18 year olds

Your child's name will not be used at any stage in the data. Your child may refuse to answer any question or withdraw at any stage. The information your child provides will be used only for this survey and will be held anonymously and confidentially. In keeping with the Data Protection Act (2003) all participant data will be destroyed as soon as the dataset is finalised.

Please read the following statements before signing the consent form.

- I have read and understood the parent information sheet.
- I understand what the project is about, and what the results will be used for.
- I am fully aware of all of the procedures involving my child, and of any risks and benefits associated with the study.
- I know that my child's participation is voluntary and that my child can withdraw from the project at any stage without giving any reason.
- I am aware that my child's information and answers will be kept confidential.

Name (PRINT):	
Name (Signed):	
Date:	