

**Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Irish Society
Public Perception Survey**

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1. Age
 - a. Less than 18
 - b. 18-25
 - c. 26-35
 - d. 36-45
 - e. 46-55
 - f. 55+
2. Gender
 - Male
 - Female
3. Nationality
 - a. Irish
 - b. EU
 - c. Other European
 - d. Asian
 - e. African
 - f. USA/Canada/New Zealand/Australia
 - g. Middle Eastern
 - h. Other
4. How long have you resided in the Republic of Ireland?
 - Less than 1 year
 - 1-5 years
 - More than 5 years
5. How long do you plan to remain in the Republic of Ireland?
 - Less than 1 year
 - 1-5 years
 - More than 5 years
6. Have you heard of Spirasi?
 - Yes
 - No
7. If yes, from what source? _____
8. Are you involved in any way, either through contributions or volunteerism, with other not-for-profit or charity organizations in Ireland, such as Trocaire, Concern, Goal, etc?
 - Yes
 - No
9. The difference between a refugee and an asylum seeker is...
 - a. Refugees, but not asylum seekers, are entitled to work and live in the community
 - b. Asylum seekers, but not refugees, are entitled to work and live in the community
 - c. Refugees come from a different part of the world than asylum seekers
 - d. Refugees leave their countries for different reasons than asylum seekers
 - e. There is no distinction between the two
 - f. Do not know
10. How do you feel about voluntary immigrants who are here to work as compared to refugees and asylum seekers who are fleeing persecution?
 - a. I am only comfortable with immigrants who come for work purposes
 - b. I am only comfortable with refugees and asylum seekers in need of safety
 - c. I am comfortable with both voluntary immigrants and refugees/asylum seekers
 - d. I am not comfortable with either voluntary immigrants or refugees/asylum seekers
11. How many people have been granted refugee status in the Republic of Ireland in the past six years?
 - a. Less than 1,000
 - b. 10,000
 - c. 25,000
 - d. 50,000
 - e. 100,000

12. Refugees and asylum seekers face many difficulties upon coming to the Republic of Ireland.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Do not know

13. The government adequately addresses the needs of refugees and asylum seekers.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Do not know

14. I would be willing to contribute time or money to organizations that provide aid to refugees and asylum seekers in the Republic of Ireland.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree Do not know

If you disagree, for what reasons? Circle all that apply.

Refugees and asylum seekers...

- a. Abuse the social welfare system
- b. Do more harm than good to the economy
- c. Make the country's crime problem worse
- d. Are making bogus claims to enter the state
- e. Undermine the country's cultural identity
- f. Other _____

If you agree, for what reasons? Circle all that apply.

- a. I, or someone I know, can empathize with the circumstances of refugees and asylum seekers
- b. I support such causes on the basis of my faith
- c. I support a minimum standard of living for all people
- d. The country's cultural life is enriched
- e. Other _____

15. How would you react to refugees or asylum seekers in your community?

- a. Not be welcoming
- b. Take no interest
- c. Learn more about them
- d. Be welcoming
- e. Make friends
- f. Campaign on behalf of their needs

16. How much social contact or interaction do you have with people of African, Eastern European, or Asian descent? (circle highest degree of interaction)

- a. None
- b. In public, commercial settings
- c. In the workplace
- d. Friends
- e. Family

17. Asylum seekers currently are placed in direct provision centers and not allowed to work until they receive refugee status. Do you think they should be allowed to work while their cases are considered?

Yes No Do not know

18. Which sources of media do you pay attention to regularly? Circle all that apply.

- a. None
- b. Magazine
- c. Newspaper (print or online)
- d. Internet
- e. Radio
- f. Television