

Erasmus: Survey of the Attractiveness of Dublin as a destination for Study Visits



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Introduction

Twenty-five years ago, the European Union took a bold step when they inaugurated the Erasmus Programme. Today, students from 33 European countries (EU 27 plus Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey) can spend from three to twelve months on a study visit or placement in one of these countries. So far some 2.5m students have undertaken a period abroad including approximately 35,000 students from Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

In each participating country, a National Agency is appointed to manage the programme and since 1987 that task has been carried out by the Higher Education Authority – the statutory planning and development body for higher education and research in Ireland. A key function of the National Agency is to promote increased participation in the programme from among those HEIs eligible to take part. The Irish National Agency is also keenly interested in the experiences of students who come to this country. This interest is shared by the Office of International Relations and Research of Dublin City Council and in particular by the current Lord Mayor Andrew Montague (2011-12) who has been a strong advocate of the educational and personal benefits of spending a period abroad as a student. Among the innovations introduced by Lord Mayor Montague has been a prize for the International Student who best engages with Dublin City.

Arising from this shared interest, the Erasmus National Agency supported by Dublin City Council has conducted a survey of incoming Erasmus study visit students (2011-12) on the "Attractiveness of Dublin as a destination for Study Visits". Students attending the National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM) were also included as many such students commute from Dublin City to NUIM. The purpose of the research is to identify areas where improvements might be made to better enhance the experience of Erasmus students who come to Dublin.

Thanks to the co-operation of the International Offices of the following institutions incoming Erasmus students were asked to complete a short online questionnaire –

- University College Dublin
- Trinity College Dublin
- Dublin City University
- National University of Ireland, Maynooth
- Dublin Institute of Technology
- National College of Art and Design
- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
- St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra
- Froebel College of Education
- Institute of Technology Tallaght, Dublin
- Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown
- Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dún Laoghaire
- Royal Irish Academy of Music
- Mater Dei Institute, Dublin
- Griffith College Dublin

Since 2000, close to 40,000 students have come to Ireland as part of the initiative. Ireland is one of a small number of countries which takes in more students than it sends abroad. According to the most recent finalised set of statistics (2009-10), Ireland received 5,073 incoming students of which 3,958 (78%) were on study visits (attending an HEI in Ireland as part of their course) and 1,115 (22%) were on placements with Irish enterprises. The corresponding figure for outgoing students was 2,128 comprising 1,600 (75%) on study visits and 528 (25%) on placements.

Erasmus Mobility flows outgoing (from Ireland) and incoming (to Ireland)

	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	TOTAL
OUTGOING	1648	1707	1627	1705	1572	1567	1524	1817	1836	2128	17131
INCOMING	3166	3232	3473	3584	3649	3871	4012	4522	5151	5073	39733

Dublin received 1,711 incoming Erasmus Students on study visits or 43% of the total number who came to Ireland in 2010. The following tables capture the experiences of 315 respondents to the survey.

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ERASMUS STUDENT PROFILE

Based on the findings of this survey, a typical Erasmus Student visitor to Dublin is likely to be a female from France in the 20-25 age-bracket and attending Trinity College Dublin. The English language will have been the key attraction of Dublin as well as an established academic relationship between her home higher education institution (HEI) in France and a Dublin/Maynooth HEI and the reputation of the capital as a "friendly city".

1. Country of Origin (Home Country)

	Respondents	%
France	118	37.9
Germany	52	16.7
Spain	35	11.3
Italy	21	6.8
Belgium	12	3.9
Austria	11	3.5
Netherlands	10	3.2
Switzerland	10	3.2
Czech Republic	7	2.3
Sweden	7	2.3
Finland	5	1.6
Denmark	4	1.3
Poland	4	1.3
Hungary	3	1.0
Bulgaria	2	0.6
Norway	2	0.6
Romania	2	0.6
Slovakia	0	0.0
Croatia	1	0.3
Liechtenstein	1	0.3
Portugal	1	0.3
United Kingdom	1	0.3
Cyprus	0	0.0
Estonia	0	0.0
Greece	0	0.0
Iceland	0	0.0
Latvia	0	0.0
Lithuania	0	0.0
Luxembourg	0	0.0
Malta	0	0.0
Slovenia	2	0.6
Turkey	0	0.0

2. Gender

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Male	107	34.4
Female	204	65.6

3. Age profile

Age profile	Respondents	%
20-25	294	94.5
26-30	13	4.2
31-35	2	0.6
35-40	1	0.3
41-50	1	0.3
50+	0	0.0

4. Which Irish Higher Education Institution (host college) do you currently attend?

	Respondents	%
Trinity College Dublin	91	30
Dublin Institute of Technology	86	28
University College Dublin	48	16
Dublin City University	27	9
National University of Ireland Maynooth	17	6
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	10	3
Institute of Technology Tallaght Dublin	10	3
National College of Art and Design	6	2
St Patrick's College Drumcondra	6	2
Not indicated	7	2
	308	100

5. Why did you choose to come to Dublin for your Erasmus Study Visit?

	Respondents	%
English language	258	84.6
Existence of established relationship between home college and host college	163	53.4
Reputation of Dublin as a friendly city	149	48.9
Educational reputation of host college	95	31.1
Recommendation of friend	39	12.8
Ease of access to Dublin	39	12.8
Recommendation of family member	9	3.0
Family connection	8	2.6
Reasonable cost of living	5	1.6

6. What was the duration of your Erasmus Visit in months?

Months	%
12	0
11	0
10	10.4
9	35.6
8	9.4
7	0.3
6	2.9
5	15.2
4	25.9
3	1.3

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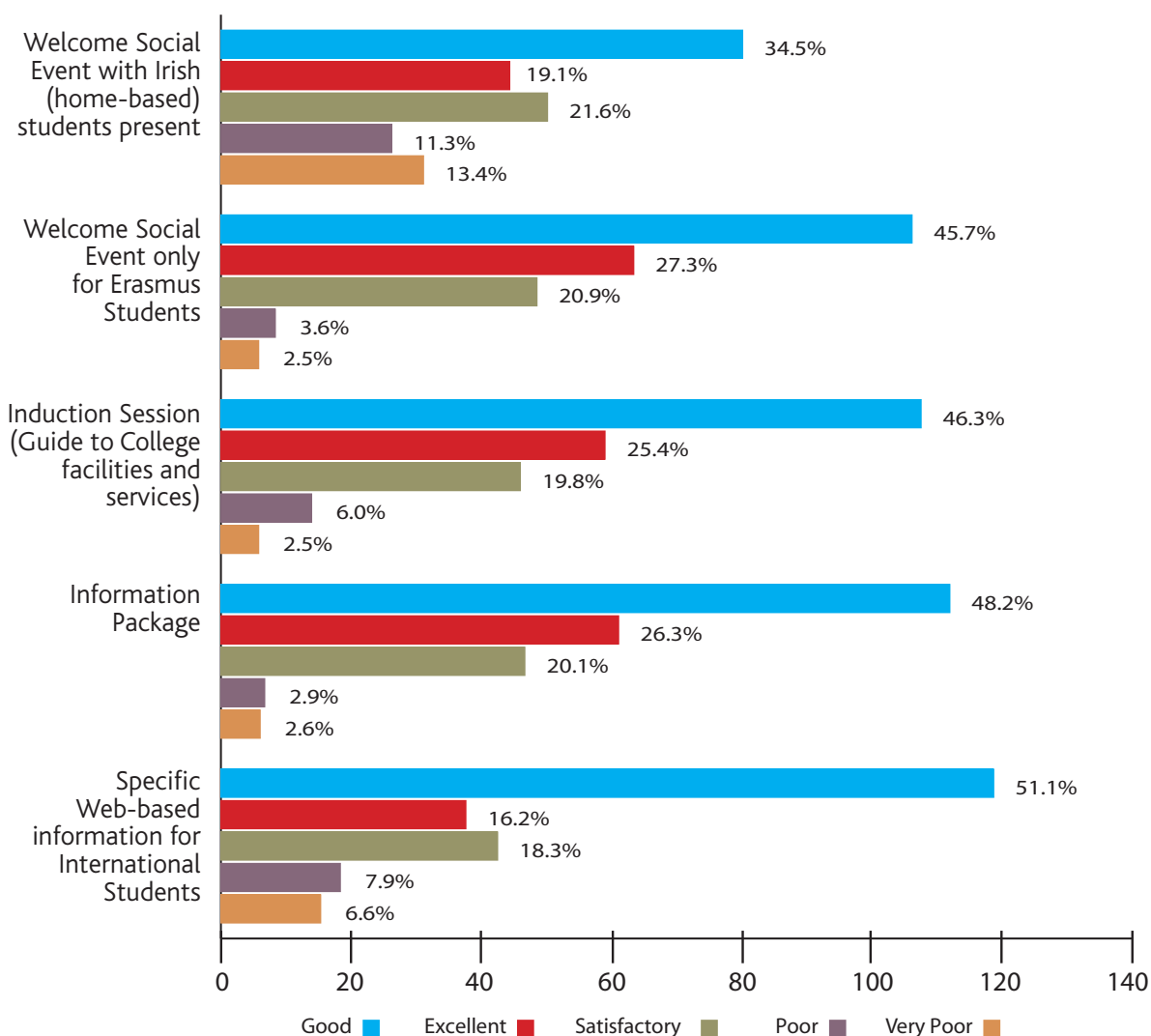
WELCOME EXPERIENCE

Over 80% of students will have received a Welcome Social Event, Induction Session and/or Information Package on arrival from their host HEI. However only 43% will have enjoyed a Welcome Event at which Irish students from the host institution were present. Over a third will have been given some exposure to the Irish language with 28% getting the opportunity to sample gaelic games during their visit but 41% did not get the chance to interact with any aspect of Irish games, language, music, dance, theatre, drama or art.

7. Did your host college organise/provide any of the following?

Did your host higher education institution organise any of the following	%
Welcome Social Event only for Erasmus Students	87
Induction Session	84
Information Package	82
Specific Web-based information for International Students	58
Welcome Social Event with Irish (home-based) students present	43
None of the above	1

8. How would you rate the Welcome events?



9. Did your host college organise any Irish Cultural Events for incoming Erasmus Students?

	Respondents	%
Gaelic Games	86	28.2
Irish Language	108	35.4
Traditional Irish Music	59	19.3
Traditional/Ceili Dancing	61	20.0
Irish Theatre	17	5.6
Irish Art	18	5.9
No such activity was offered	124	40.7

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STUDENT SUPPORT

Satisfaction with the level of student support offered by higher education institutions in the Dublin/Maynooth area is high with nearly 83% describing the assistance received from the International Office as "Good" or "Excellent". 79% of respondents said the support offered by Course Lecturers was "Good" or "Excellent" but 23% were dissatisfied with the level of support in the area of accommodation. The quality of facilities also compares favourably with the students' home institutions with 58% saying the Library was "Better" or "Much Better"; 51% indicating similar for computer facilities and 48% for sports facilities.

10. How would you rate the level of student support offered to you by your host college?

Answer Options	Excellent	Good	Average	Very Poor	No opinion
International Office	126	115	39	13	3
%	43.6	38.9	13.2	4.4	1
Accommodation Service	22	61	84	68	56
%	7.6	21	28.9	23.4	19.2
Course Lecturers	81	151	48	8	6
%	27.6	51.4	16.3	2.7	2
Examinations Office	32	99	76	14	70
%	11	34	26.1	13.8	24
Careers Service	23	56	40	13	149
%	8.2	19.9	14.2	4.6	53
Chaplaincy	24	53	30	4	164
%	8.7	19.3	10.9	1.5	60
Students Union	76	116	39	12	50
%	25.9	39.6	13.3	4.9	17.1

11. How would you rate the standard of facilities in your host institution compared to your home college?

Answer Options	Much Better	Better	The Same	Poorer	Much Poorer	Did not avail of this service
Library	98	74	55	42	21	6
%	33%	25%	19%	14%	7%	2%
Language Laboratory	35	38	52	25	3	130
%	12%	13%	18%	9%	1%	46%
Computer Support	79	71	68	45	13	17
%	27%	24%	23%	15%	4%	6%
WiFi Availability	43	56	104	49	31	12
%	15%	19%	35%	17%	11%	4%
Sports Services	129	70	29	18	11	35
%	44%	24%	10%	6%	4%	12%
College Health Services	73	42	49	11	8	106
%	25%	15%	17%	4%	3%	37%
Support for Disabled Students	28	32	51	15	1	161
%	10%	11%	18%	5%	0%	56%

12. How would you rate the quality of the teaching you received compared to your home college?

	Respondents	%
Much Better	27	9.1
Better	74	25.0
The Same	117	39.5
Poorer	70	23.6
Much Poorer	8	2.7

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ACCOMMODATION

Just over 1 student in 5 stays in College Accommodation with sharing an apartment or house being the preferred choice for 71%.

13. What type of accommodation do you stay in?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
College accommodation	64	21.7
Shared House	98	33.2
Apartment Shared	110	37.3
Apartment Non-Shared	17	5.8
Private hostel	0	0.0
Staying with a family	6	2.0

14. Did the International Office assist you in finding accommodation?

Yes	No	Not applicable
81	208	6
27.5%	70.5%	2

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TRANSPORT

79% of respondents said they walked to college each day with 21% using Dublin Bus and some 19% cycled on occasions. The very low level of take-up of the Dublin Bikes facility reflects the lack of such stations on the campuses of HEIs and the general unavailability of the service outside the area bounded by the Grand and Royal Canals. Websites were the preferred information tool when it came to sourcing transport information – 84% – with only 10% using a Smart Phone app.

15. How do you travel to college each day - more than one answer possible?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Dublin Bus (Bus Áth Cliath)	63	21.4
Walk	233	79.0
Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann)	2	0.7
DART	3	1.0
LUAS	18	6.1
Cycle	56	19.0
Drive	1	0.3
Lift	1	0.3

16. How often have you used the Dublin Bikes Facility?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Never	276	93.6
Once per week	6	2.0
2-5 times per week	7	2.4
7-10 times per week	3	1.0
11+ times per week	3	1.0

17. Public Transport Usage: How do you Access Information on transport services - more than one answer possible?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Website	248	84.1
Smartphone App	28	9.5
On-street electronic notices	102	34.6
On-street hard copy notice	91	30.8
Hard copy timetables	50	16.9
Not applicable	17	5.8

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FRIENDSHIP

Half of the respondents found it "Easy" to make friends with only 4% finding it "Difficult". However, the friendship circle of most incoming Erasmus students tends to revolve around students from their own country or fellow Erasmus students. Nearly 64% said that Irish students counted for 50% or less of their friendship network. Nearly two-thirds of incoming students join a campus-based club or society but only 5% join clubs or societies which are external to the HEI.

18. Did you find it easy to make friends?

Answer Options	Easy	Average	Not so easy	Difficult	Respondents
Friends	142	93	35	12	282
	50%	33%	12%	4%	100%

19. Friendship Network - please indicate which percentage range best describes the background of your friendship network

Answer Options	75-100%	50-74%	25-49%	0-24%
Fellow Nationals	60	70	69	83
Fellow Erasmus Students	167	76	30	9
Irish Students in my host college	21	82	105	74
Friends who were not attending my host college	34	54	78	116

20. Did you join any club or society within your host college?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Yes	185	65.6
No	101	35.8

21. Did you join any club or society external to your host college?

	Respondents	%
Yes	13	4.6
No	271	96.1

Society/Club	Number of respondents	%
International Student	51	17.4
Law	19	6.5
Philosophy	13	4.4
Hiking	11	3.8
Dance	9	3.1
Volleyball	9	3.1
Aerobics	9	3.1
History	9	3.1
Squash	8	2.7
Gospel/Choral	7	2.4
Basketball	7	2.4
Music/Alternative Music	6	2.0
Drama	5	1.7
Surfing	5	1.7
Climbing	5	1.7
Swimming	5	1.7
Badminton	5	1.7
Rugby	5	1.7
Caving	4	1.4
Yoga	4	1.4
Soccer	4	1.4
Spanish	4	1.4
Mountaineering	4	1.4
Fencing	4	1.4
Boxing	4	1.4
Archery	3	1.0
Rowing	3	1.0
Erasmus Student Network	3	1.0
Tennis	3	1.0
Poker	3	1.0
GAA	3	1.0
Sci-Fi	3	1.0
Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transexual	3	1.0
Irish/Cumann Gaelach	3	1.0
Vegetarian	2	0.7
Christian	2	0.7
Film	2	0.7

Society/Club	Number of respondents	%
French	2	0.7
Walking	2	0.7
Irish Sign Language	2	0.7
Comedy	2	0.7
Food and Drink	2	0.7
Labour	2	0.7
Kayak/Canoe	2	0.7
Veterinary	1	0.3
Modern Languages	1	0.3
Management Society	1	0.3
Investor Society	1	0.3
Fashion	1	0.3
Athletics	1	0.3
St Vincent de Paul	1	0.3
Erasmus Society	1	0.3
Juggling	1	0.3
Media	1	0.3
Zumba	1	0.3
Table Tennis	1	0.3
Photography	1	0.3
Karate	1	0.3
Hockey	1	0.3
Games Society	1	0.3
Amnesty International	1	0.3
Psychology	1	0.3
Classical	1	0.3
Afro Carribean Society	1	0.3
Frisbee	1	0.3
Cycling	1	0.3
Judo	1	0.3
Book	1	0.3
Russian	1	0.3
Europa	1	0.3
Scandinavian	1	0.3
Diving	1	0.3
American Football	1	0.3
Italian	1	0.3

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INTERACTION WITH DUBLIN AND THE REST OF IRELAND

Erasmus Students are very active visitors to the major landmarks/tourist sites of Dublin. Locations that have been visited by at least half of the incoming students include – Dublin Castle, General Post Office, St Patrick's Cathedral, Christchurch Cathedral, National Gallery of Ireland, Trinity College – Book of Kells, Guinness Storehouse, Phoenix Park, St Stephen's Green, Temple Bar.

Two-thirds of respondents participated in the St Patrick's Festival, while attending football/hurling games at Croke Park, the Temple Bar TradFest, Rugby games at the AVIVA stadium and Culture Night were other popular social activities.

In terms of experiencing Dublin city and county, Erasmus students would appear to limit themselves to Dublin 1 – City Centre -36% and Dublin 2 – 36% with Grafton Street, St Stephen's Green and Merrion Square all popular attractions.

97% availed of the opportunity to visit another part of Ireland – County Galway was the most visited location with Connemara and the Aran Islands popular attractions. County Antrim is the second most visited county with Belfast and the Giant's Causeway particularly attractive destinations.

22. Did you visit any of the following landmark sites in Dublin - more than one answer possible?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Dublin Castle	194	69.8
Kilmainham Gaol	95	34.2
Leinster House (Houses of Parliament)	63	22.7
General Post Office	181	65.1
St. Patrick's Cathedral	197	70.9
Christchurch Cathedral	183	65.8
Pro Cathedral	9	3.2
National Museum of Ireland - Kildare Street	131	47.1
National Museum of Ireland - Collins Barracks	84	30.2
National Gallery of Ireland	149	53.6
National Library of Ireland	71	25.5
National Botanic Gardens	63	22.7
Book of Kells - Trinity College	183	65.8
Chester Beatty Library	61	21.9
Guinness Storehouse	195	70.1
Dublin Zoo	80	28.8
Phoenix Park	218	78.4
Garden of Remembrance	89	32.0
Irish National War Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge	26	9.4
St Stephen's Green	261	93.9
Irish Writers' Centre	33	11.9
Croke Park	61	21.9
Royal Hospital Kilmainham (Irish Museum of Modern Art)	39	14.0
Joyce's Tower, Sandycove	20	7.2
Marino Casino	5	1.8
Temple Bar	271	97.5

**23. Did you attend any music, sporting or cultural festivals/events?
If so, which ones and where?**

Festivals	Respondents	%
St Patrick's Festival	66	40.7
Gaelic Games Croke Park	22	13.6
Temple Bar TradFest	13	8.0
Rugby Games at AVIVA	13	8.0
Culture Night	11	6.8
Arthur Guinness Day	10	6.2
Oktober Fest	5	3.1
Dublin Film Festival	5	3.1
Theatre Festival	3	1.9
Trinity Ball	2	1.2
Soccer Internationals	2	1.2
Jazz Festival Cork	2	1.2
Spanish Film Festival	1	0.6
One City One Book	1	0.6
Oireachtas Killarney	1	0.6
Gay Theatre Festival	1	0.6
Forbidden Fruit Festival	1	0.6
Dublin Dance Festival	1	0.6
Dublin Bay Prawn Festival	1	0.6
City Soul Festival	1	0.6

24. What is your favourite area in Dublin?

Area	Respondents	%
Dublin 2 - St Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, Merrion Square	110	35
Dublin 1 Temple Bar	60	19
Dublin 1 City Centre (including Trinity College)	55	18
Gardens and Parks (excl St Stephen's Green)	16	5
River Liffey/Quays/Boardwalk	11	4
Howth	10	3
Dublin 6 - Ranelagh/Rathmines/Portobello	10	3
Docklands	6	2
National Botanic Gardens	4	1
Dublin 8 - Liberties	4	1
Dublin 4	4	1
St Patrick's Cathedral	2	1
Phibsborough	2	1
Killiney	2	1
Grand Canal	2	1
George's Street	2	1
Drumcondra	2	1
Christchurch Cathedral	2	1
Rathfarnham	1	0
Malahide	1	0
Dún Laoghaire	1	0
Dublin Mountains	1	0
Dalkey	1	0
Croke Park	1	0
Clonskeagh	1	0
Blackrock	1	0
	312	100

25. Did you visit other parts of Ireland?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Yes	270	97.1
No	9	3.2
Please specify region, city or location	251	

	Respondents	%
Galway	174	22.2
Antrim	123	15.7
Cork	114	14.5
Wicklow	81	10.3
Kerry	66	8.4
Clare	61	7.8
Donegal	30	3.8
Kilkenny	24	3.1
Limerick	23	2.9
Meath	15	1.9
Sligo	11	1.4
Tipperary	11	1.4
Derry	10	1.3
Louth	8	1.0
Mayo	8	1.0
Offaly	6	0.8
Waterford	4	0.5
Wexford	4	0.5
Kildare	3	0.4
Down	2	0.3
Laois	2	0.3
Westmeath	2	0.3
Carlow	1	0.1
Cavan	1	0.1
Fermanagh	1	0.1
Armagh	0	0.0
Leitrim	0	0.0
Longford	0	0.0
Monaghan	0	0.0
Roscommon	0	0.0
Tyrone	0	0.0
	785	100.0

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Interaction with Dublin's Local Authorities (City or County Councils)

Not surprisingly, Erasmus Students have little direct interaction with the Local Authorities but significantly 46% use the services of the public libraries and nearly 30% use one of the sports centres.

26. Did you contact any of the following local authorities seeking information or assistance?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Dublin City Council	9	3.3
South Dublin County Council	1	0.4
Fingal County Council	0	0.0
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council	1	0.4
Not applicable	264	96.4

27. Did you avail of any of the services provided by a Local Authority?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Swimming Pool	52	19.0
Sports Centre	82	29.9
Public Sports Park	63	23.0
Public Library	126	46.0

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My Dublin Experience

The most positive aspect of the experience of Erasmus Students was the friends made and the friendliness of Irish people – 36%. Students also greatly welcomed the opportunity to improve their command of the English language and sharing a different cultural experience.

The negative aspects were the high cost of living in Dublin – 36% while the vagaries of the Irish weather failed to impress 18% of respondents.

91% agreed that there was always “something interesting” happening in Dublin and 61% of respondents like the visual appearance of the city.

There is a widespread perception of Dublin as a “safe” city both in terms of daytime and night-time activity. Over 90% rated the areas where they lived, studied and centre city as “safe” or “very safe” during the day.

88% said they did not encounter any form of religious, gender, racial, ethnic or other prejudice in Dublin. When the remaining 12% was examined it was impossible to draw any valid conclusions as the responses lacked clarity.

Students did find Dublin an “expensive” or “very expensive” city to live in – 90% – but there was satisfaction that clothing represented “good” or “excellent” value for money – 65%.

The most pleasing conclusion was that 91% “enjoyed” or “very much enjoyed” their Erasmus study visit to Dublin/Maynooth and nearly 96% would return for a holiday.

28. What was the most positive aspect of your Erasmus stay in Dublin?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Friends made/Friendliness of Irish	143	36
English language improvement	68	17
Cultural Experience	64	16
Academic Experience	34	9
Personal Development	33	8
Beautiful city/country	29	7
Social Life/Sport	15	4
Opportunity to travel	8	2
International Environment	5	1
Employment found	1	0

29. What was the most negative aspect of your Erasmus stay in Dublin?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Cost of living	86	36
Weather	42	18
Accommodation difficulties	20	8
Difficulties making friends with Irish students	20	8
Loneliness	14	6
Crime	13	5
Public Transport	13	5
Academic Issues	9	4
Public Drunkenness	7	3
Unfriendly people	5	2
Food	5	2
Street litter	4	2

30. Would you agree that there is always something interesting going on in Dublin?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Respondents
Dublin	104	136	24	0	264
	39%	52%	9%	0%	100%

31. How would you rate the following features of Dublin?

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Poor	Very Poor
Cleanliness of streets	37	104	73	34	16
	14%	39%	28%	13%	6%
Visual appearance of city - architecture, streets and landscapes	50	112	73	26	3
	19%	42%	28%	10%	1%
Access for people with disability	22	88	118	25	6
	8%	34%	46%	10%	2%
Street Signage	30	94	91	38	10
	11%	36%	35%	14%	4%
Green Space	91	126	35	11	1
	34%	48%	13%	4%	0%

32. Did you find Dublin a safe place to live (night)?

Answer Options	Very safe	Safe	Not safe	Very unsafe	Respondents
Neighbourhood where you live	86	118	50	10	264
	33%	45%	19%	4%	100%
Area where college is located	96	132	33	4	265
	36%	50%	12%	2%	100%
City Centre	58	166	36	3	263
	22%	63%	14%	1%	100%

33. Did you find Dublin a safe place to live (day)?

Answer Options	Very safe	Safe	Not safe	Very unsafe	Respondents
Neighbourhood where you live	138	104	21	2	265
	52%	39%	8%	1%	100%
Area where college is located	159	97	7	1	264
	60%	37%	3%	0%	100%
City Centre	138	116	9	0	263
	52%	44%	3%	0%	100%

34. Did you encounter any religious, gender, racial, ethnic or other prejudice when in Dublin?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Yes	33	12.5
No	234	88.3
Please specify type of prejudice	25	

The Erasmus National Agency notes that it was not possible to tabulate responses in relation to the nature of the prejudice due to a lack of clarity on the respondents' part. Below are listed the various comments:

Gender (women towards men)

I have seen racism on the streets, between Dubliners and people of countries/cultures

Guy with anti-church sign in front of Marlborough St church

It was not against me but against my friend who is half French half Lebanese. He couldn't enter in a night club 3 times... And I know his arabic appearance was the reason!!

Guys are disrespectful with girls, some problems because of my French accent

Discimination against Germans

Towards Travellers and LGBT members

All the black people are working in Taxis or in the bathroom

Racial

National discrimination

Racism

In general not much, because it's full of different cultures and people from all over the world, it's one of the things I like more here. Although sometimes religious standards were too present in young Irish people.

Gender prejudice (abortion laws, social expectations, home-making mothers, younger sisters not being expected to go to university)

One day some people blamed us for being Spanish

Religious people thinking that they are smarter than me just for believing in God.

35. Did you find Dublin expensive to live in?

Answer Options	Very Expensive	Expensive	Same as my home country	Cheaper than my home country	Respondents
Cost of Living	147	94	19	5	265
	55%	35%	7%	2%	100%

36. Rate Dublin on its value for money for the following:

Answer Options	Very Good	Good	Ok	Bad	Very Bad	Respondents
Eating out	10	71	88	82	14	265
	4%	27%	33%	31%	5%	100%
Alcohol	8	31	68	88	69	264
	3%	12%	26%	33%	26%	100%
Accommodation	2	22	77	103	61	265
	1%	8%	29%	39%	23%	100%
Transport	6	31	73	95	60	265
	2%	12%	28%	36%	23%	100%
Student-Friendly Entertainment (Nightlife etc)	37	75	97	44	8	261
	14%	29%	37%	17%	3%	100%
Sporting Activities	32	80	115	20	9	256
	13%	31%	45%	8%	4%	100%
Cultural Activities	38	99	100	23	2	262
	15%	38%	38%	9%	1%	100%
Clothes	45	129	81	8	1	264
	17%	49%	31%	3%	0%	100%

37. Have you enjoyed your learning experience in Dublin?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Very Much Enjoyed	152	57.4
Enjoyed	90	34.0
Average	18	6.8
Did not enjoy	4	1.5
No opinion	1	0.4

38. Would you return to Ireland for the purposes of any of the following - more than one answer possible?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Further Study	84	31.7
Work	107	40.4
Holiday	245	92.5

39. Would you recommend Dublin as an attractive destination for an Erasmus Study Visit?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Yes	244	92.1
No	21	7.9

40. Would you recommend Dublin as an attractive destination to pursue a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate degree?

Answer Options	Respondents	%
Yes	193	72.8
No	72	27.2

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