

Irish Aid — Ireland's official overseas aid programme

# TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD

**OUR WORLD IRISH AID AWARDS 2018**



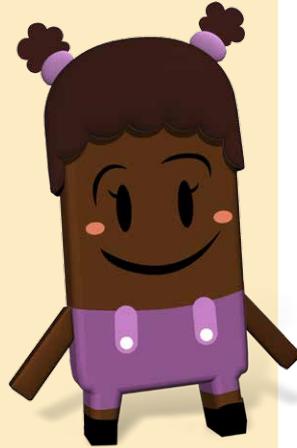
## IRISH AID

Irish Aid is Ireland's official programme of overseas development assistance, managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Irish Aid works with governments, aid organisations and the United Nations in over 80 countries.

### Irish Aid provides:

- › **Emergency humanitarian aid** to communities affected by war, climate change and extreme weather events
- › **Development aid** – assistance for long-term improvements for communities in some of the poorest countries in the world

Irish Aid works in 8 partner countries in Africa and Asia to tackle hunger, poverty, climate change and inequality, and to support human rights. The Irish Aid programme is internationally ranked as one of the best in the world.



## THE AIM OF THE OUR WORLD IRISH AID AWARDS

### Irish Aid established the Awards in 2005 to:

- › Increase pupils' understanding of the United Nations Global Goals and the work of Irish Aid
- › Help pupils to explore the links between their lives and the lives of children in developing countries

# THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In 2015, the United Nations agreed a set of 17 Global Goals to deal with the most serious problems facing the world, such as poverty, injustice, and the damage to the environment. These Goals, which build on the achievements of the previous UN Millennium Development Goals, aim to make a better life for all people now and in the future.

### In recent years, the United Nations Global Goals have led to many improvements for the world's population, for example:

- › **2.6 billion people** gained access to improved source of water
- › Globally the number of out-of-school children **fell by almost half**
- › The number of extremely poor people has been **cut by half**
- › The number of children under 5 dying annually from hunger and disease has been **reduced by half**

### But still, in our world of 7.5 billion people:

- › About **1 billion people** do not have access to electricity
- › Globally **795 million people** suffer from chronic hunger
- › Each year **300 million tonnes** of plastic are created, with **only 15% recycled** leaving 46,000 floating pieces of plastic per square mile of ocean
- › An estimated **114 million young people** do not have basic reading and writing skills

\*Sources: Human Development Report, 2016; The Sustainable Development Goals Report, 2017

✿ **193 countries, including Ireland, have promised to work together to tackle these global challenges and achieve the Global Goals by the year 2030.**

## THE THEME FOR THE 2018 AWARDS: 'TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD'

This year's theme relates to many of the global goals, with particular relevance to the transformative power of education.

By participating in the Awards, pupils will explore the links between their lives and the lives of people in developing countries, and learn how both rich and poor countries are working together to create a better world and a better future through the Global Goals. The Awards will also help pupils to consider what they, as children in Ireland, can do for people and planet.



## WHO CAN TAKE PART?

Projects can be undertaken by pairs, a group, a class, or by the whole school.

### Republic of Ireland:

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes

**Northern Ireland:** Years P5, P6 & P7

**Special Schools:** Pupils aged 7-18 years

## CURRICULUM LINKS

Taking part will provide pupils with learning opportunities directly linked to the primary curriculum, including:

### Republic of Ireland:

- › Language
- › Social, Personal and Health Education
- › Social, Environmental and Scientific Education
- › Religious/Ethical Education
- › Literacy and Numeracy

### Northern Ireland:

- › Language and Literacy
- › Mathematics and Numeracy
- › Personal Development and Mutual Understanding
- › The Arts
- › The World Around Us
- › Religious Education

PROJECT ENTRY DEADLINE:  
**23 MARCH 2018**

# TAKE PART IN 5 EASY STEPS

## 1. EXPLORE

The Awards website, [www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie](http://www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie), contains a range of useful materials, including:

- › Downloadable PDFs of the pupil's magazine (Resource section)
- › Detailed curriculum-linked lesson plans (Teacher section), including:
  - › Worksheets for pupils
  - › Teacher resource sheets
- › Good practice ideas (Teacher section)

These materials will help you and your pupils to think and talk about development issues, and explore the 2018 Awards theme.

**REMEMBER:**  
Fill out the Entry Diary (included with this booklet) with your group/class as you go!

## 2. CHOOSE

Having used the magazine and lesson plans to help pupils understand the theme, choose a relevant topic of interest for your project.

Projects in any medium could focus on any, or all, of the following:

- › The importance of the Global Goals as a way to improve the lives of children in developing countries (for a list of countries officially classified as 'developing' visit [www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie/faqs](http://www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie/faqs))
- › The experiences of children in one or more of Irish Aid's 8 partner countries
- › The importance of providing quality education as a way of fighting hunger, poverty, climate change and inequality in developing countries

Whatever the chosen topic, **it is important that the project addresses the 2018 theme: 'Transforming Our World', with a focus on the developing world context.**



## 3. CREATE

Create a project that shows your pair/group/class response to this year's theme. Projects can take any form. You will find plenty of ideas on the website.

Remember to complete and submit the Entry Diary with your project by the deadline. The Diary is used as part of the judging process, so it is very important to note all the work done by you and your pupils throughout.

## 4. ENGAGE

Pupils should communicate what they have learned to the rest of the school and/or the wider community. They could, for example, do one or more of the following:

- › Talk to other classes in the school
- › Display posters, artwork or information in the school or local community
- › Host an assembly or exhibition of their work
- › Tell people about what can be done to help eradicate poverty and protect the environment
- › Compile and show a film or slide presentation
- › Write to public representatives or public figures
- › Send an article or email to a local newspaper or community newsletter
- › Record a radio show
- › Write a blog or use social media to record their progress and raise awareness

Don't forget to note how your pupils engage with others in the Entry Diary.

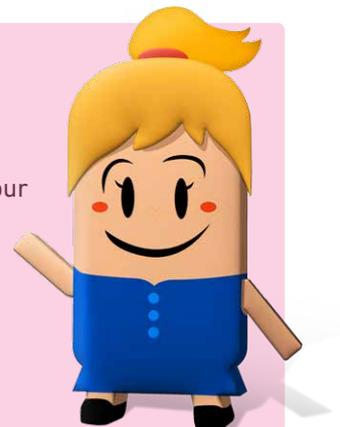
## 5. ENTER

Make sure to complete the entry form (including the Entry Diary section) and send it along with your project to:

**Our World Irish Aid Awards**  
**Real Nation**  
**24 Arran Quay**  
**Dublin 7**  
**D07 W620**

Or you can email the project to: [ourworld@realnation.ie](mailto:ourworld@realnation.ie)

Project entry deadline: **23rd March 2018**



For further detail about submitting Award entries and for judging criteria visit:

[www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie](http://www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie)

The 2018 Our World Irish Aid Awards 'Transforming Our World' invites teachers and pupils to think about the global goals, with particular relevance to the transformative power of education.

## WHATEVER THEIR PROJECT, WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR PUPILS WILL CONSIDER:

- › The interdependence between people and the natural world
- › The lives of children and families in the developing world
- › How Ireland, through Irish Aid, is working to achieve the Global Goals
- › What we can do to contribute to the achievement of the Global Goals, for the benefit of all people and our planet, now and in the future



## THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL GOALS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



For further information on the Our World Irish Aid Awards and the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development visit:

[www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie](http://www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie)

You might find it useful to display the Global Goals poster, included with this booklet, on your classroom wall.



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