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Irish Aid — Ireland's official overseas aid programme

# A BETTER WORLD

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## 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:

- › **Humanitarian assistance** to communities affected by war, climate change and extreme weather events
- › **Development 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. Ireland's aid programme is internationally ranked as one of the best in the world.



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## 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 people 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 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.

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

- › **1.6 billion people** gained access to clean cooking fuels
- › The number of children under 5 dying annually has **fallen by almost half**
- › The number of extremely poor has been **cut by half**
- › Globally the number of people with access to electricity **more than doubled**

### But still, in our world of 7.6 billion people:

- › **36 million children** are displaced
- › Only **26%** of parliamentary seats are held by women
- › An estimated **24% of young people** do not have access to clean drinking water
- › **9 out of 10 people** living in cities breathe polluted air
- › About **15%** of the world's population, over a billion people, have some form of disability.

Sources: The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2018; World Bank 2018; UNHCR 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 2020 AWARDS: 'A BETTER WORLD'

This year's theme relates to all of the Global Goals and recognises that we need to work together to address global issues.

By participating in the Awards, pupils will explore the links between their lives and the lives of people in developing countries. They will learn how all countries, including Ireland, are working together to combat inequality, climate change, and poverty. The Awards will encourage pupils to work together to create A Better World.



## WHO CAN TAKE PART?

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

### Ireland:

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

**Northern Ireland:** Years 5, 6 & 7

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

Entries from extracurricular groups are also welcome, but must be submitted by a teacher in the school.

## CURRICULUM LINKS

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

### Ireland:

- › Languages
- › Religious/Ethical Education
- › Social, Environmental and Scientific Education
- › Social, Personal and Health Education
- › The Arts 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:  
3 APRIL 2020**

# TAKE PART IN 5 EASY STEPS

## 1. EXPLORE

The Awards website, [www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie](http://www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie), contains a range of useful materials, available in both English and as Gaeilge, 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 2020 Awards theme, A Better World.

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

## 2. CHOOSE

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

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

- › The importance of the Global Goals as a way to improve the lives of people 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 people in one or more of Irish Aid's 8 partner countries

- › The importance of Global Goals as a way of fighting hunger, poverty and the climate change in our world

Whatever the chosen topic, it is important that the project addresses the 2020 theme: **"A Better World", with a focus on the developing world context.**



## 3. CREATE

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

You can adapt or expand upon projects completed for other related programmes or awards and enter your revised project for the Our World Irish Aid Awards.

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 others about what can be done to create a better world
- › 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. Use **#OurWorldAwards15** and share their project journey!

**Remember:** Describe how your pupils engaged 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)

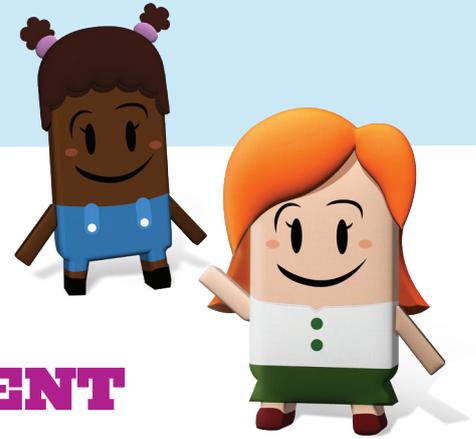
Project entry deadline: **3 April 2020**

For further detail about submitting Award entries and for judging criteria visit: [www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie](http://www.ourworldirishaidawards.ie)

Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the 2020 Our World Irish Aid Awards invites teachers and pupils to learn about the Global Goals for Sustainable Development, an internationally agreed plan to create a better world for all people everywhere, now and in the future.

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

- › The challenges faced by those most at risk of being left behind
- › The lives of children and families in the developing world
- › How Ireland, through Ireland's aid programme, is working to achieve the Global Goals
- › What we can do to contribute to the achievement of the Global Goals, and create a better world for people and our planet, now and in the future



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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)

Remember to share your pupils' #OurWorldAwards15 project journey and follow @Irish\_Aid on Twitter for project updates and helpful tips.



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