



Ireland in a Changed and Turbulent World: A Manifesto for a Society Ready to Overcome Local and Global Challenges

In a world of rapid change and mounting crises, Ireland must prioritise equipping its citizens with the education, values, and skills necessary to overcome both local and global challenges. From climate breakdown and deepening inequality to the spread of disinformation, discrimination, and the rise of racism - this new era presents unprecedented issues that demand informed and engaged collective responses.

Ireland's commitment to Global Citizenship Education (which includes Education for Sustainable Development) plays a crucial role in fostering the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values needed to navigate today's interconnected world.

By embracing these educational frameworks, in line with our commitment to achieving Sustainable Development Goal [Target 4.7](#), we affirm our dedication to justice, peace, democracy, human rights, partnership, global solidarity, and environmental stewardship.

Our efforts are already having a real [impact](#), such as improving school curricula and teacher education and reaching [at least 362,000 learners across Ireland in 2023](#) alone. However, the scope and urgency of today's crises call for renewed dedication and focus. Ireland must strengthen its commitment to Global Citizenship Education as we navigate complex, interconnected challenges at home and abroad, while approaching critical climate tipping points. **This requires increased investment, strategic prioritisation, and a whole-of-government approach.**

Only by championing Global Citizenship Education and taking decisive action can we ensure that Ireland and its people are prepared to meet the pressing challenges of our time, fostering a more sustainable and fairer society in a turbulent world.

In the next Programme for Government, Ireland must:

- Significantly increase our investment in Global Citizenship Education and Education for Sustainable Development while instituting a whole-of-government approach.