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Tamanda Banda,
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Irish Aid, Ireland's Official Overseas Aid Programme, invites you to

BRING THE WORLD INTO YOUR SCHOOL!

With the Our World Irish Aid Awards

Information for Principals

SCHOOL NAME _____

SCHOOL ROLL NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE/EMAIL _____

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/HEAD _____

REPRESENTATIVE TEACHER _____

We are interested in undertaking the Our World Irish Aid Awards Programme in the following classes:

3rd class 4th class 5th class 6th class

Northern Ireland year 5 year 6 year 7

If you are entering for the first time please tick here if you would like to receive a visit from one of our team – prompt registration is necessary to avail of this.

Tick here if you would like to receive a pack in Irish.

Tick here if you would like a text reminder about the upcoming programme deadlines Mobile no.: _____

Please indicate how you FIRST heard about the programme

This brochure Past Participant

TV/Radio/newspaper article Advert In service flyer

Word of mouth Other (please state) _____

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



WHAT ARE THE OUR WORLD IRISH AID AWARDS?

The Our World Irish Aid Awards were established by Irish Aid in 2005 to encourage pupils to explore global development issues, and to recognise how their lives link with the lives of children in developing countries. Now in its seventh year, the Awards are open to pupils from ages 8-13 years (7-18 years in special needs schools) throughout the island of Ireland. Projects can be undertaken by pairs, a group, a class, or as a whole school.

WHAT ISSUES WILL THE CHILDREN EXPLORE?

The Our World Irish Aid Awards enable children to engage with global issues concerning human rights and sustainable development. Of particular importance are the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These Goals are about eliminating hunger and poverty, protecting the environment and improving the quality of life of all the world's people. Ireland, along with other countries and development organisations, is working to achieve the eight MDGs by 2015.

The Our World Irish Aid Awards offer a fantastic opportunity to encourage pupils to think globally and act locally, and provide excellent curriculum-linked materials which can be easily delivered in the classroom.

WILL TEACHERS FIND THIS USEFUL IN AN ALREADY BUSY CLASSROOM?

The topics and themes of the Our World Irish Aid Awards are highly relevant for many of the strands of the primary curriculum in SESE, SPHE, The Arts, Language and Literacy, Personal Development and Mutual Understanding, The World Around Us and Religious Education, amongst others. All the support materials provided are carefully designed to cover areas of the curriculum.

Beatrice Dyson (right) and friend, Chifwani Primary School, Zambia

WHY SHOULD YOUR SCHOOL TAKE PART?

Key features of the Our World Irish Aid Awards are:

- the focus on learning about global development;
- that pupils create something in response to what they have learnt;
- that pupils share their learning with a wider audience;
- substantial support for teachers throughout, including visits to schools and curriculum-related teaching materials;
- that participating schools which show a good understanding of the issues and demonstrate creativity in what they produce, will be awarded an "Our World Irish Aid Awards" plaque, which can be displayed in their school;
- that entries which demonstrate an exceptional level of understanding and presentation of the issues will be invited to a prestigious awards ceremony in Dublin.

HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER AWARDS PROGRAMMES?

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HOW DO WE GET INVOLVED?

Participating in the Our World Irish Aid Awards is easy. Register, using the form overleaf to receive your Our World Irish Aid Awards pack and indicate whether you wish to receive a visit from the Awards support team (such visits are available to schools participating for the first time). Once you have completed your project, send it into the Our World Irish Aid Awards Project Office by the 2nd of December.

WHAT MIGHT THE CHILDREN CREATE FOR THE AWARDS?

It can be a picture, a drawing, a poster, a collage or frieze. They could make a movie, compile a booklet, make up a quiz, conduct an interview, carry out a survey, make a model, write a song - in fact, anything in any medium that contains a message about global development.

YOUR ONLY LIMIT IS YOUR IMAGINATION!

WHAT HAPPENS THEN TO THE CHILDREN'S WORK?

All entries are judged on their creativity, understanding of the subject and their impact:

- Schools whose projects show a good understanding of the subject and creativity will receive an "Our World Irish Aid Awards" plaque.
- Ten to fifteen projects that show an excellent understanding of the issues and creativity will be invited to receive an award at a ceremony in Dublin.
- One of the entries which is judged to be outstanding will receive the "Our World Irish Aid Awards" trophy.

Alex Mwelo, a student at Nyangi Primary School, Zambia

