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# **BRING THE WORLD INTO YOUR SCHOOL!**

***With the Our World Irish Aid Awards***

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## **WHAT ARE THE OUR WORLD IRISH AID AWARDS?**

The Our World Irish Aid Awards, now in their fifth year, are open to pupils from ages 8-13 years (7-18 years in special needs schools) throughout Ireland. The aim is to increase pupils' understanding of global development by learning about the links between their lives and the lives of children in other parts of the world- Projects can be undertaken by pairs, a group, a class, or as a whole school.

### **WHY TAKE PART?**

As the world grows smaller and more interconnected, it has never been so important to learn about the lives of our fellow global citizens, particularly those in the developing world. Schools taking part in this exciting programme that show an understanding of the issues and creativity in what they produce, will be recognised for their hard work by receiving an "Our World Irish Aid Awards" plaque which can be displayed in your school. Those who excel at understanding and responding to the issues and in creating something which reflects this will be invited to a fantastic awards presentation in Dublin.

Hundreds of schools participated last year, and both teachers and children really enjoyed it!


### **WHAT WILL THE CHILDREN LEARN?**

Irish Aid, along with a large number of Irish non-governmental development organisations, is working hard to fight poverty in over 90 of the poorest countries in the world, through projects and programmes which aim to achieve the 8 United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. These Goals are about eliminating poverty and improving the quality of life for people in developing countries. The theme of this year's Awards is "Hunger in our World", which relates to MDG 1.

When you register your school for the Our World Irish Aid Awards programme, you will receive an information pack about the MDGs and in particular about the fight against world hunger.

### **WILL TEACHERS FIND THIS USEFUL IN AN ALREADY BUSY CLASSROOM?**

The topic and themes of Our World Irish Aid Awards are highly relevant for the teaching of 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 etc.



Eight year old Grace Makene in her school classroom. The classes are divided into two shifts in order to accommodate the large number of students that attend this school. Grace's shift begins at 9am and ends at 2pm

## ***HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER AWARDS PROGRAMMES?***

Any medium can be used to present the project. Key features of the Our World Irish Aid Awards are the focus on global development; that children create something in response to what they have learnt and share their learning with a wider audience.

## ***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 consistently 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 an awards ceremony in Dublin.
- One of the entries which is judged to be outstanding will receive the “Our World Irish Aid Awards” trophy.



Teacher Robert Baluku with primary 3 class,  
Kasese, Uganda, 2008

**Irish Aid is Ireland's official programme of overseas assistance to developing countries. A recent OECD report (2009) ranked Ireland's overseas aid programme as one of the best in the world.**

Irish Aid works with governments and development organisations in over ninety countries, providing assistance where it is needed most. In humanitarian emergencies Irish Aid saves lives by quickly providing vital funds and assistance to organisations on the ground. Most of Irish Aid's work however, is focused on long-term development, especially in nine "programme" countries, where it works with governments and other agencies to tackle the root causes of poverty and inequality.

Participating in Our World Irish Aid Awards is easy – register using the form below to receive your Our World Irish Aid Awards pack and DVD. Indicate whether you wish to receive a visit from the Awards support team (such visits are available to schools participating for the first time).

Please send this registration form to:  
Real Events, Cathedral Court, Fumbally Lane, Dublin 8.  
For more information visit [www.irishaid.gov.ie/ourworld](http://www.irishaid.gov.ie/ourworld),  
tel 01 522 4800, fax 01 522 4809, or email [ourworld@realevents.ie](mailto:ourworld@realevents.ie)



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SCHOOL ROLL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_