

**Oifig an Aire Stáit don Fhorbairt Idirnáisiúnta agus don Diaspóra**  
**An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Tradála**  
Office of the Minister of State for International Development and Diaspora  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



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Dear Principal, Teachers and Pupils,

I would like to extend my appreciation and to congratulate your school for taking part in the 2025 **Our World Awards**.

**Our World Awards** was established in 2005 to promote awareness of and engagement with global development issues in primary schools, to encourage understanding of and support for the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, and to learn how Ireland is addressing these through the work of **Irish Aid**.

In this, the **20<sup>th</sup>** year of the Awards, it is more important than ever to understand the lives of others globally, and to consider how we can make this a better and fairer world for all through our actions. To all the schools that submitted entries, we greatly appreciate the time and effort you have dedicated to learning about global development issues, and I encourage you to continue spreading the word so that even more schools can take part in this inspiring programme in the years ahead.

It is fantastic to see such strong engagement and enthusiasm from schools across the country. The creativity, imagination, and dedication demonstrated by pupils and their teachers is commendable.

I look forward to meeting the shortlisted schools at the **National Finals in Dublin Castle, on 30<sup>th</sup> May**. Thank you once again for your commitment and participation.

Yours sincerely,

**Neale Richmond T.D.**

**Minister of State for International Development and Diaspora**