

International Day of Education

Global Education for Lasting Peace

24th January, 12.30pm – 2pm, online

The Irish Forum for Global Education invites to commemorate the International Day of Education looking at

“**Global Education for Lasting Peace**”.

It is the sixth International Day of Education and will be celebrated under the theme “learning for lasting peace”. With a surge of hatred, violence and conflict, the UNESCO calls for an active commitment to peace. Transformative and well-resourced education is a catalyst for learners to be empowered as agents of peace in their communities, providing them with the necessary knowledge, values, attitudes, skills and behaviours. Looking closely at the nexus of education, peace, and topics, such as attacks on education and climate change, the IFGE invites to explore a way forward in 2024.

We invite all our members, development & humanitarian NGOs, educational agencies and teachers unions, state agencies and all other interested parties to join us on 24th January and hope to initiate an exploration of a way forward in 2024 and to mobilise our partners to maintain education at the top of the political agenda to deliver on SDG4, to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”.

The Irish Forum for Global Education is an independent network of civil society actors, NGOs, unions and other education providers committed to promoting global education issues.

Our three distinguished speakers will give inputs on:

- 1 Education for Lasting Peace | Tony Gallagher, Emeritus Professor at Queen’s University**
- 2 Reflections on 2023 – Education under attack | Agathe Freal, Education Adviser at Concern Worldwide**
- 3 Global Education & Climate Crisis – A report from COP28 | Maulin Utaminingsih, Project Manager at Plan International Indonesia**

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Our distinguished speakers:

Tony Gallagher is an Emeritus Professor at Queen's University where he previously held the posts of Head of the School of Education, Faculty Dean of Research for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Pro Vice Chancellor. His two main research interests lie in the role of education in divided societies, in particular the potential for cross-sectoral school partnerships through shared education, and the civic and democratic role of higher education.

Agathe Freal is one of the Education Advisor working with Concern Worldwide. She has previously worked as Education Manager with Concern in countries such as Sierra Leone and North East Syria and has now been based in Dublin for over 4 years, supporting education programmes globally. She is working closely with the various education teams in countries where Concern operates and supports remotely and in person the development of project proposal, technical guidance and manuals or trainings as requested by country teams.

Maulin Utaminingsih is an experienced professional in DRR, EiE, community development, and child rights. As Project Manager of the DFAT-Funded Urban Nexus Project with Plan Indonesia, she has engaged with government, implemented project management, and collaborated with diverse partners. Her previous roles include project coordinator and senior project officer with Plan International Indonesia, Save The Children Indonesia, Arbeiter Samariter Bund and Putera Sampoerna Foundation. She has contributed to the development of Community Digital Storytelling, Disaster Resilient Education, and Safe School E-Learning.

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