



Educate
Together



Making child-centred, ethical education available to every child, so that we learn together to live together.

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Impact Review 2013

Educate Together provides child-centred, ethical education in National Schools all over Ireland - fostering leadership, inclusion and social cohesion, inspiring each individual student to reach their full academic and social potential.

Priorities for 2013

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Supporting our
schools

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Providing choice
at primary and
second-level

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Advancing
ethical education
in Ireland

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Changing the
system

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Achieving
financial
sustainability
and security

A message from Paul Rowe, CEO

Welcome to our review of 2013, a truly remarkable year for Educate Together in terms of opening schools, supporting them and leading the way in ethical education.



Forging respectful, equal relationships between people who differ in social class, race, culture or creed is a key challenge to all of us at a local, national and international level. I am so delighted to be working with so many committed parents, communities and supporters to do just this. Together we are providing

education that promotes social justice, human rights, democracy, cultural diversity and environmental awareness.

I want to extend a huge thanks to our key financial investor, the One Foundation, for the wonderful partnership we have had over the past five years. None of

the achievements we have made in the past few years would have been possible without their vision and support.

On behalf of the staff, the Board of Directors and the entire Educate Together family, enjoy our review of 2013 and thank you for your support.

Paul Rowe, CEO, Educate Together

1. Supporting our schools

Creating safe, stimulating and inclusive environments

By supporting our schools we are creating safe, stimulating and inclusive environments in which children can learn, create and explore.

In the case of all three schools opened in 2013, intensive work was required to secure suitable temporary accommodation so that the schools could open successfully in September. We also continued to advocate for an improving policy and funding environment in relation to new schools and we worked towards measuring and improving the quality of our existing schools.



“Educate Together is about inclusion and diversity, but then also about innovation and best practice, and bringing all those things together at the same time is really powerful.”

Darren Ryan, Alumnus, North Bay Educate Together NS

Board Members offered online and face-to-face training in:

- Child protection
- The Board as a corporate entity
- Legal issues
- Appointment procedures
- Relevant contracts tax and VAT training



2. Providing choice at primary and second-level

Opening and expanding schools

By opening schools we continue to provide an ethical education choice for parents in Ireland and now also in the UK: in December 2013, Educate Together was asked by the Department for Education in London to open a school in Bristol.

In 2013, for the very first time, the State asked parents in Ireland what kind of school they wanted for their children. These surveys saw Educate Together selected as preferred patron in 25 communities, proving the overwhelming demand for Educate Together schools around the country.

“When he went back to school this week he literally ran through the gate screaming with joy. I would say [the school] practices inclusion at an exceptional level.”

Galway parent of son with cerebral palsy





New primary schools open in Rochestown (Cork), Firhouse (Dublin 24) and Portobello (Dublin 8).

Approval for second-level schools in Cork, Kildare, Wicklow and Dublin.

Educate Together works with more than 40 groups of parents all over Ireland who are campaigning for an Educate Together school.

“The progress which Educate Together has made over the last three years is an area that I think we should be proud of.”

Ruairi Quinn, Minister for Education and Skills, 2013

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New schools opened

25

Communities the government has identified for changeover to Educate Together

1,000

New student places created across the Educate Together network

3. Advancing ethical education in Ireland

What is the Educate Together Ethical Curriculum?

Ethical education develops in learners a critical knowledge and understanding of right and wrong, and a heightened awareness of social, ethical and moral issues and standards.

Ethical education nurtures respect for a person's right to hold and practice religious and other beliefs. It involves an exploration of the infinite variety and richness of humankind, and the creation of intercultural spaces where values can be articulated and critically examined.

Ethical education focuses on questions of equality, justice and sustainability. It helps learners to develop spiritually and to think critically, and empowers them to make a difference.



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

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Claire Marshall was the first graduate of our postgraduate Certificate in Ethical and Multi-denominational Education. Claire was conferred in St. Patrick's College of Education in November 2013.

A further 14 students began this same course in 2013.



17 students enrolled on the Postgraduate Certificate in Ethical and Multi-denominational Education at St. Patrick's College.

71 student teachers took Learn Together electives in national Colleges of Education.

Over 250 participants enrolled in Educate Together online summer courses for teachers.

Almost 2,000 visitors to Educate Together's online ethical education resource bank.

4. Changing the system

Strengthening our work by forming partnerships with other Irish organisations

Case Study:

Dublin City University

A partnership that will develop innovative new approaches to teacher education at primary and second-level with potential application both nationally and internationally, including:

- Evaluation and support of innovative curriculum design and implementation in the first Educate Together second-level schools.
- Development of professional education programmes for teachers in Educate Together schools.

- Development of programmes to further support Educate Together Board of Management members in areas such as governance, child protection, human resources, health and safety, data protection, financial management and ethics.
- Promotion of educational sustainability through the creation of a sustainable technology and research hub.



5. Achieving financial sustainability and security

Educate Together can only continue working if long-term financial sustainability is achieved

Educate Together has enjoyed the partnership of the One Foundation for the last five years and thanks it sincerely for its vision and support. The One Foundation has now come to the end of its grant-making period and we are looking for other organisations to follow in its footsteps to make real and impactful change to education in Ireland and now internationally.

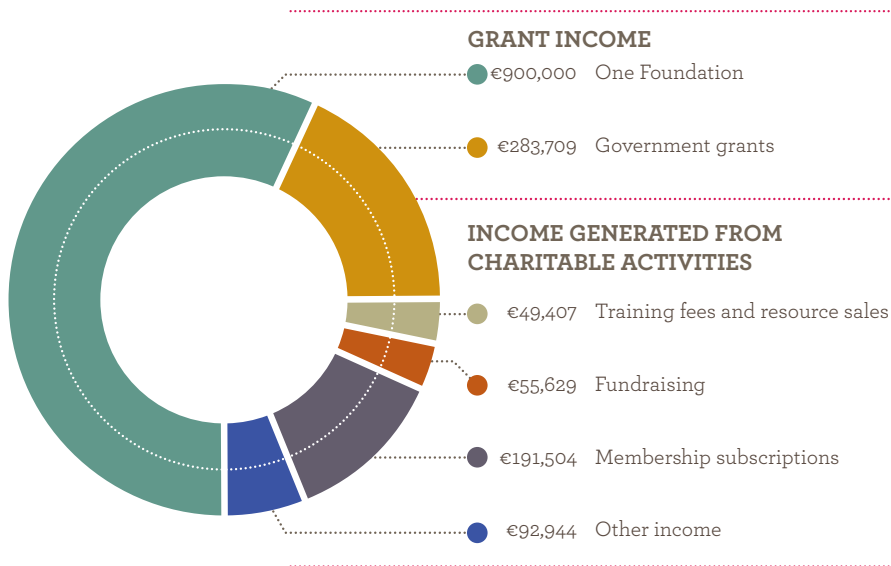
Educate Together relies on the generosity of parents and the public. Contributions, whether they are a single donation or a monthly contribution, mean that we can continue to open schools, support them and ensure children are receiving the highest quality of ethical education.



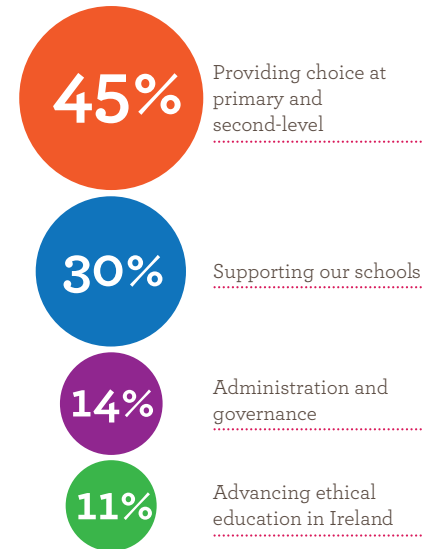
ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2013

2013 incoming resources



Resource allocation



	Total 2013	Total 2012
	€	€
INCOMING RESOURCES		
<i>Grant Income</i>		
One Foundation grant	900,000	950,000
Government grants	283,709	169,254
Other grants	0	10,000
<i>Income generated from charitable activities</i>		
Membership subscriptions	191,504	148,953
Training fees and resource sales	49,407	34,981
Fundraising	55,629	58,481
Other income	92,944	40,628
Total incoming resources	1,573,193	1,412,297
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Programme-related costs	1,314,370	1,339,092
Administration and governance costs	188,137	140,761
Total resources expended	1,502,507	1,481,099
Net incoming (outgoing) resources for the year	70,686	-68,802
Reserves at the beginning of the year	105,763	174,564
Reserves at the end of the year	176,449	105,763



GOVERNANCE

Board of Directors 2013

Chair

Diarmaid MacAonghusa

Finance and Business

Simon Bradshaw

Mary O'Rourke

John Roberts

Legal

Richard Bourke

Education

Andrea Burke-Khan

Joanne Galvin

Maurice Hurley

Áine Hyland

Paddie Murphy

Ferdinand von Prondzynski

Company Secretary

Paula Fagan, Financial Controller

Chief Executive Officer

Paul Rowe

Chief Operating Officer

Emer Nowlan

“Education either functions as an instrument which is used to facilitate integration of the younger generation into the logic of the present system and bring about conformity or it becomes the practice of freedom, the means by which men and women deal critically and creatively with reality and discover how to participate in the transformation of their world.”

Paulo Freire

Make an Impact Today

“I’d like to think that my donation is helping to make Ireland a more inclusive and civilized place.”
Educate Together parent and supporter

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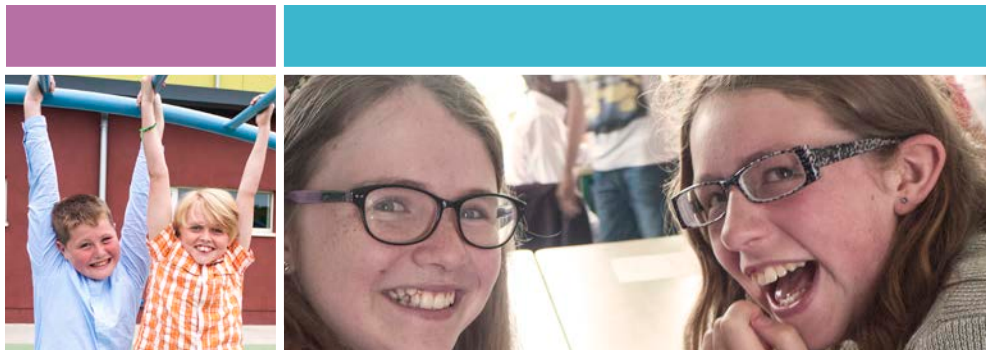
www.educatetogether.ie/donate
or call Sarah Williams,
Development Coordinator, on
[01 429 2500](tel:014292500) to discuss how you
can make an impact today.



Give the Gift of Education

You do not have to be wealthy to leave a legacy. Please be assured that a gift of any size is appreciated and will make a difference to many children for generations to come.

For more information about leaving a legacy to Educate Together go to www.educatetogether.ie/legacy or contact Sarah Williams, directly on 01 429 2500 or sarah.williams@educatetogether.ie



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