





# **Global Schools** Newsletter 2022

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# **GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION (GCE)**

Self Help Africa's team of Global Citizenship Education (GCE) facilitators continue to support post-primary teachers and Youthreach coordinators with a package of interactive and experiential workshops for students across Ireland. Our programmes focus on gender equality, sustainability of food systems, poverty eradication and climate action, featuring examples from our programmes in Africa.

In addition to workshops, the **Science for Development Award programme** offers students the chance to address challenges affecting poorer communities in the world.

- Support is available for students who wish to enter a research project into the **BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition.**
- Join us for our **webinar series**, scientists from the programme countries we work in join current and past winners of the award to discuss current issues relating to Self Help Africa's work.
- Do you have students who would be interested in entering the **trophy design competition**? [Deadline Friday 30th September 2022]

As Ireland strives to play its part in combatting climate change and challenging global inequality, all sectors of society need to rethink consumption of energy, and prioritise sustainable economic and social development.

Similarly, within education this rethink and reinvention is cross curricular and relevant to students at all stages. The pressures and crises are immediate, complex and can feel overwhelming for students. **Young people are demanding a voice and wish to be informed.** Educators are working hard to afford space and opportunity for students to explore and discuss these issues, and the possible actions that can be taken at individual, family, community, national and global level. **Our GCE team are here to assist you with this area of your work.** 

Self Help Africa is an Irish sustainable development agency with a track record as one of the leading NGOs in Ireland, delivering education programmes in schools and teacher training institutions for over twenty years.

You will find details on our workshops, activities and resources below. For more information or to download resources

- visit our website www.selfhelpafrica.org/ie/education
- email us at schools@selfhelpafrica.org
- text or call Dorothy on 086 865 4170

Many thanks, **Dorothy and & the GCE Team** 

# WORKSHOPS

#### https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/education/global-teacher/#workshops

Our engagements will support teachers to deliver on core elements of the curriculums including Science, Business, Geography, Home Economics, CSPE, English and Art, while also providing thought provoking content for Transition Year projects and Wellbeing hours.

Our team is available to facilitate in person where possible, and also online. Workshops are best delivered across a 60-90 minute session for up to 3 consecutive weeks where feasible. There is no cost for schools to participate in our workshops as our programme is fully funded by Irish Aid.



The workshops themes include:

More trees please!

Explore the hidden wonders of trees, and how they are a major part of the answer to combatting climate change.

- Chocolate International trade is the norm but are the rules fair and does everyone benefit?
- Levelling the Field Exploring gender inequality in Ireland and beyond and how it hampers social development.
- Our ability to sustain Take a virtual tour of The Hollies Centre for Sustainability in West Cork
- **Be Safe and Sound** How to be safe online, and be an effective digital citizen for change.

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# **TROPHY DESIGN COMPETITION**

#### https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/education/science-for-development/#competition

Self Help Africa and Irish Aid are seeking submissions from students to design a new trophy to present to the winners of one of the most prestigious prizes awarded at the annual BTYSTE. A monetary prize of €500 will be awarded to the chosen design, while funds will be provided to enable an artist or craftsperson to make this design a reality.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

For enquiries, contact schools@selfhelpafrica.org



### THE SCIENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT AWARD

#### https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/education/sciencefor-development/

The 'Science for Development' award is a Special Award of the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition sponsored by Irish Aid which encourages students to develop projects that could address challenges, such as environmental and social justice issues, affecting communities in poorer countries of the world. Throughout the year, we can help with advice on project ideas or research.



BT Young Scientist Founder Dr. Tony Scott and Tánaiste Simon Coveney with students of North Monastery Secondary School displaying their project of an economical sensor that leads to the conservation of water using sound frequency.

# RESOURCES

#### https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/education/global-teacher/#resources

We offer self-guided resources for teachers and students to explore global issues, and we provide virtual and photo exhibitions for display in your school. Our exhibitions explore climate change, gender equality and trade justice from the point of view of the communities we work with in Africa. Each topic has an equivalent workshop that can be facilitated by our team, including:

- Gender Equality
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Trade Justice
- Global Goals

## **WEBINARS**

https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/education/science-for-development/#webinar

Our 'Science for Development' webinar series endeavours to inspire students to develop project ideas for future Young Scientist exhibitions which benefit communities in the Global South, promote climate action, and take steps towards realising sustainable practices and policies.

#### SAVE THE DATE

- Wednesday 28th September, 11am Social & Behavioural Sciences
- Wednesday 19th October, 11am Technology

