

# Global Citizenship Education Spring 2024

Sophie McElligott on a study visit to Zambia in November 2023





## INFORM - INSPIRE - EDUCATE

Self Help Africa's schools team are available to do workshops in your classroom.

Over the past **20 years** our team has worked with more than **250 schools**, bringing to life for students an array of issues that can help them to better understand the challenges, and become **active global citizens** in a complex world that we all share.

Why not bring our workshops into your school, this year?

Our Global Citizenship Education (**GCE**) workshops are fully funded by Irish Aid, the overseas arm of the Dept of Foreign Affairs.

In the current school year, we're offering teachers and students the chance to host interactive presentations on issues including '**Climate Change & Adaptation**', '**Gender Equality**,' the '**Future of Food**' and sustainable agriculture, and what it means to be a conscious consumer with '**Ethical Fashion**.'

You can find out more about our workshop options and availability at: [selfhelpafrica.org/ie/education/global-teacher/](https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/education/global-teacher/), get in contact by emailing [schools@selfhelpafrica.org](mailto:schools@selfhelpafrica.org), or give Dorothy a call on: **086-8654170**.



Students from Ballinteer Community School testing their knowledge at the BT Young Scientist 2024

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS PILOT

We've just launched a new Primary School Pilot programme for 5th and 6th class pupils. If you have a junior school or know of primary school teaching counterparts who might be interested, please let them know!

In line with the INTO's promotion of Global Citizenship Schools and its commitment to the UN Global Goals, we aim to provide younger children with the chance to consider some of the competing needs and complex challenges affecting people living in rural Africa - all told by focusing on the needs and wants of Africa's iconic elephant.



Workshop at Ardagh Boys SNS, Rosscarbery

To learn more get in touch on the above e-mail or phone number.

## SCIENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT

Natural and social sciences play an important role in addressing global poverty eradication and the creation of a fairer world for all. And at the annual BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition, our **'Science for Development Award'** has been **celebrating great student projects** that have addressed some of these issues, for the past 20 years.

At the recent 2024 BT Expo, Ella Ryan and Rachel Hamm from Moate Community School in Westmeath won the Irish Aid sponsored 'Science for Development' prize, which included Self Help Africa's **perpetual trophy** plus a **€7,000 travel bursary** which will enable the girls and their teacher to travel on our annual Schools Study Visit to Africa, later this year. They received the prize for their project 'Banana Bandages: a sustainable approach to wound care.'

Read more at:

[selfhelpafrica.org/ie/winning-motivation/](https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/winning-motivation/).



Ella and Rachel at their project stand with the new Science for Development trophy.

Late last year, winners of the prize from years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 travelled with Self Help Africa on a week long visit to Zambia - a field trip that had been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Irish Times wrote about their visit:

[www.irishtimes.com/environment/climate-crisis/2024/01/04/irelands-young-scientists-experience-first-hand-development-and-climate-challenges-facing-zambia/](https://www.irishtimes.com/environment/climate-crisis/2024/01/04/irelands-young-scientists-experience-first-hand-development-and-climate-challenges-facing-zambia/)