

**Terms of Reference**  
**Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Advisory Group for Schools**  
**(October 2022)**

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**Overarching Structures**

Implementation of ESD to 2030 is co-sponsored by the Department of Education, Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (D.FHERIS) and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (D.CEDIY)

- The three Departments have established an overarching ESD to 2030 Steering Group comprising relevant Government Departments and lead agencies to oversee implementation of ESD to 2030
- The Department of Education is now establishing an Advisory Group for Schools which will feed into the overarching Steering Group and will liaise with other structures which may be established by D.FHERIS/ D.CEDIY as required.
- Working/ Task Groups will be established to progress specific actions as set out in ESD to 2030.

**Purpose of the Advisory Group for Schools:**

The ESD Advisory Group for schools will provide a forum for:

- Progressing actions set out in the ESD to 2030 implementation plan 2021 – 2030 related to the school sector
- Raising awareness about ESD and the SDGs, highlighting existing activity relating to ESD, new developments and resources, and sharing best practice including through input to the ESD Newsletter
- Considering issues arising from the findings of ESD related research;
- Creating opportunities, building partnerships and mobilising stakeholders for ESD
- Contributing to the planning of an annual ESD forum which will invite a wide range of relevant stakeholders to consider issues arising from the work of the Advisory Group;
- Contributing to working/ task groups as required
- Liaising as required with other advisory groups across the education sector
- Reporting on progress to the Steering Group for ESD to 2030 through the Chair

**The Advisory Group for Schools**

- The Advisory group for Schools will meet at least quarterly, including the ESD Forum
- The meetings will be facilitated by CAP Unit, Department of Education
- The CAP Unit will provide administrative support to the group

**Membership:** The ESD Advisory Group for Schools members are as follows:

Department of Education	CAP Unit: Evelyn O'Connor (Chair) Leona De Khors Aoife McGrane Daniel O'Gorman  Building Unit: John Dolan / Michael Walsh  Teacher Education: Carmel O'Doherty
National Council for Curriculum and Assessment	Derek Grant
State Examinations Commission	Paul Challoner
Department of Foreign Affairs/ Irish Aid	Emer Carney / Clare Canning
World Wise Global Schools	Rita Walsh
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland	Magdalene Hayden
Green-Schools/An Taisce	Joanne Scott / Birgit O'Driscoll
ECO-UNESCO	Elaine Nevin
Irish Development Education Association (IDEA)	Frank Geary
Environmental Pillar	Davie Philip
DICE Project	
Further Education	Aidan Clifford
Take 1	Valerie Lewis
ETBI	Clodagh Kelly
National Youth Council	Valerie Duffy
Teacher Unions	Moirá Leydon
GAA	Jimmy D'Arcy
ISSU	Róisín Myers
Irish Schools Sustainability Network	Patrick Kirwan
INTO Global Schools	Maurice Hurley
NAPD	Rachel O'Connor
PDST/Scoilnet	Anthony Kilcoyne

\*DFHERIS and DCEDIY reps will be invited to join meetings as observers in order to ensure cohesion across the three sectors of education.