

A VISION FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION IN IRELAND



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CONTEXT

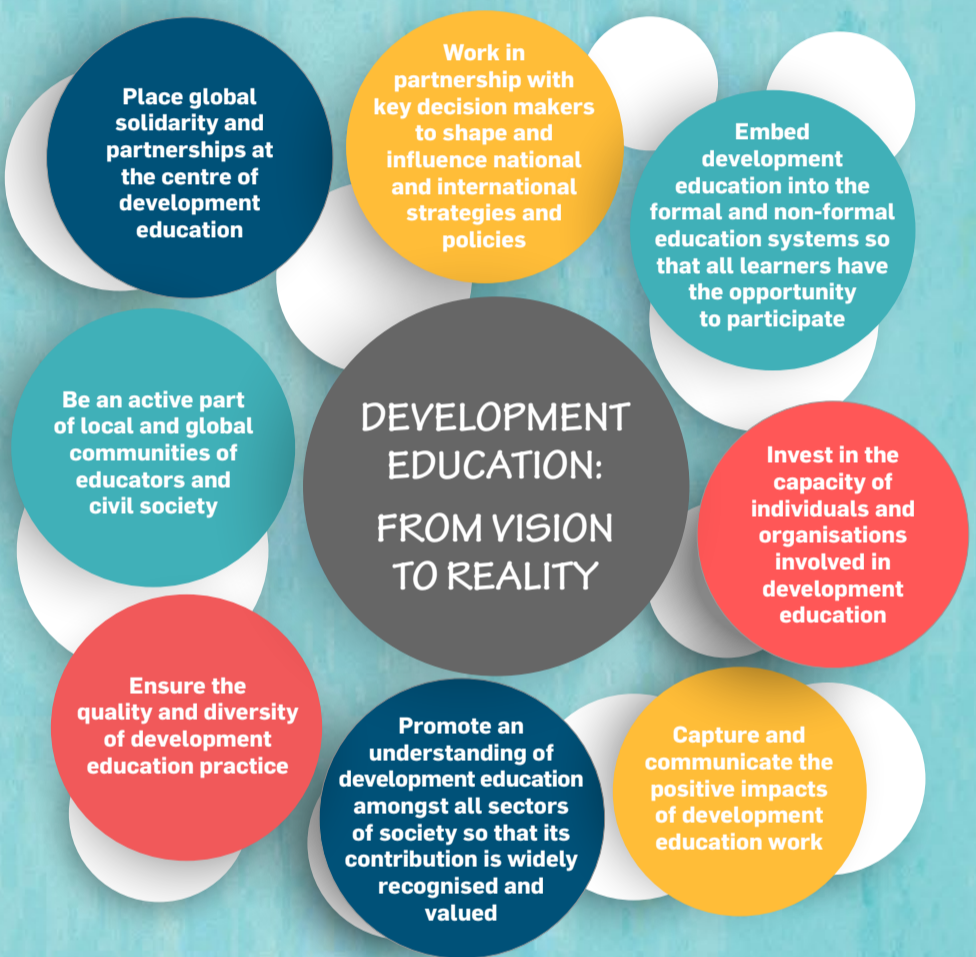
This Vision has been created by the Development Education sector in Ireland, to reflect our current aims and our aspirations for the future. It is the result of a sector-wide collaborative process led by IDEA, the Irish Development Education Association, to articulate our shared vision for Development Education in Ireland. Development Education has been making significant contributions to Irish society for more than forty years. This vision builds on these strong foundations and looks to our future aspirations and contributions.

The purpose of this vision is to inform Development Education strategies and practices in Ireland. We hope it will be used and adapted to communicate the hugely important contribution Development Education makes in Ireland and globally. We call on all involved in Development Education in Ireland to share our vision and work towards making it a reality.

VISION

Our vision is of an equal, just and sustainable world where empathy, solidarity and active citizenship are fostered and people are empowered to analyse and challenge the root causes of injustice, poverty and inequality.

FROM VISION TO REALITY



CHARACTERISTICS

Development education engages with people through a process of interaction, reflection and action.



CONTRIBUTES TO KNOWLEDGE

KNOWLEDGE

Explores cultural, environmental, economic, political and social relationships and challenges local and global power inequalities caused by patterns of production, distribution and consumption [tbc]



STRENGTHENS VALUES

VALUES

Seeks to bring about positive change, informed by values of equality, diversity, sustainability and human rights and responsibilities.



ENHANCES SKILLS

SKILLS

Equips people to explore multiple perspectives and critically engage with local and global issues, using participative and creative approaches.



PROMOTES ACTION

ACTIONS

Enables people to make connections between their own lives and global justice issues, and empowers them to make a positive difference in the world.