

# BECOMING A MEMBER OF IDEA

Membership of IDEA is open to organisations and individuals who are committed to providing, promoting or advancing development education throughout the island of Ireland and who shares IDEA's vision and mission.

## MEMBERS RECEIVE:

- Our fortnightly E-Circular, informing you of all upcoming IDEA events, training, funding and job opportunities
- Free or reduced rates to IDEA events and training courses
- Opportunities to network and meet with other development education organisations
- Opportunities to contribute to the development of the DE sector in Ireland through our National Council and our Working Groups
- Representation on your behalf to policy makers and funding bodies
- Online services, including the IDEA member-only space and the Development Education Database of Training (DE DoT).
- Promotion of your organisation through our website listing of members

Application forms are completed and submitted to the National Council, who have the final approval on all membership applications. This can be made at any time of the year. Membership is for the calendar year. You can find the application form and more information on our website:

[www.ideaonline.ie/content/become-member](http://www.ideaonline.ie/content/become-member)

# WHAT IS DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION?

*"An educational process aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of the rapidly changing, interdependent and unequal world in which we live..."*

## FOR IDEA, DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION HAS:

- An explicit focus on social justice, globalisation and development
- A focus on multiple perspectives on the story of development
- Roots in, and strong links to, civil society at home, promoting empowerment of the grassroots
- Participatory, transformative learning processes
- A focus on awareness-building and action for positive change
- A focus on active Global Citizenship

*"...It is about supporting people in understanding, and in acting to transform the social, cultural, political and economic structures which affect their lives and others at personal, community, national and international levels."*

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**"WE SEE  
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## OUR STORY

The **Irish Development Education Association** (IDEA) is the national platform for organisations and individuals engaged in the provision, promotion and advancement of development education throughout the island of Ireland. IDEA has been in existence since September 2004.

The Association grew out of calls from the Development Education sector for an umbrella association to represent them nationally. Since its inception, IDEA has been a member-led organisation, with members actively engaged in the management and direction of the association.

IDEA has been funded by Irish Aid since 2005. Currently, IDEA receives multi-annual funding from Irish Aid to implement its Strategy (2011–2014).

There are seven active working groups in IDEA. These are groups of members who come together to work on areas of common interest:

- Research**
- Communications**
- Minorities**
- Community Development and DE**
- Formal Education and DE**
- Quality and Impact of DE**
- Regional DE**

## OUR VISION

IDEA's **vision** is of a world based on global justice, solidarity, equality and sustainability. We see development education as an essential process that empowers people to create this world.

## OUR MISSION

IDEA's **mission** is to work with our members to promote, support and enhance development education throughout the island of Ireland.

## OUR STRATEGIC AIMS

IDEA's mission has been broken down into **four strategic aims**. These will guide IDEA's work over the next four years. These are:

- Strategic Aim 1:**  
TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECTOR
- Strategic Aim 2:**  
TO RAISE AWARENESS OF, AND MAKE THE CASE FOR, DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION
- Strategic Aim 3:**  
TO CREATE A MORE ENABLING POLICY ENVIRONMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION
- Strategic Aim 4:**  
TO STRENGTHEN IDEA'S CAPACITY TO WORK EFFECTIVELY

## WHAT WE DO

Examples of the kind of work we do:

- Annual Conferences**
- Policy Positions**
- Capacity-building Events**
- Specialised DE Learning Programmes**
- Research in DE**
- National and International Networking**
- Informing Members of Current Events and Opportunities**

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