

# CSPE Teachers: Ireland and the Wider World

**1.4 billion** people  
live on less than  
one euro a day

**1 billion** people  
suffer from  
chronic hunger

Ireland is a leader in  
the fight against global  
hunger and poverty



Students from Larkin College in the Centre, 2008

**Bring Ireland and the wider world  
into your classroom by bringing  
your class into the Irish Aid Centre  
on O'Connell Street, Dublin**

**The Centre offers workshops on global development  
and guided tours of the multimedia exhibition on  
Irish Aid for CSPE classes. There is no charge for  
these visits.**

CSPE students can learn about:

- global citizenship,
- the role Ireland plays in international development assistance
- the role they can play as Irish citizens in the fight against global poverty

CSPE students who visit will learn about key CSPE concepts of

**Interdependence  
Development  
Rights and Responsibilities  
Stewardship**

 [www.irishaid.gov.ie](http://www.irishaid.gov.ie)

Students will learn how:	CSPE Ireland and the Wider World – Unit 4	Through
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– One billion people in our world today are undernourished</li> <li>– Smallholder farmers, many of whom are women, hold the key to food security in Africa</li> <li>– Those who suffer most from climate change are poor farming communities in developing countries</li> <li>– Ireland is leading the fight against global hunger and food insecurity</li> <li>– Overseas development assistance is part of Ireland’s foreign policy</li> <li>– Irish Aid works to fight global poverty</li> <li>– The role that they can play as active citizens</li> </ul>	<p><b>Concepts:</b></p> <p><b>Development</b></p> <p><b>Interdependence</b></p> <p><b>Rights and Responsibilities</b></p> <p><b>Stewardship</b></p>	<p><b>Exhibition:</b> including film, slideshow, graphic displays, Artefacts</p> <p><b>Workshop:</b> including roleplay, discussion, presentation.</p>

... and many more....

## Action Project

Design your Action Project around a visit to the Centre...

A class visit to the Centre offers an ideal opportunity for an Action Project by some or all of the class. Centre staff will facilitate the process by dealing directly with the student or students organising the visit, once contact has been made and this has been sanctioned by the teacher.

For example:

- Teacher contacts Centre to set up visit for Action Project

Student/s can then do the following as required:

- contact Centre by phone or email to organise booking
- take on the other organisational aspects such as transport etc
- receive an email confirmation of the arrangements and information and pass on to the teacher
- introduce their class group to Centre staff on arrival

They could also do some or all of the following, if agreed:

- carry out local surveys or quizzes before the visit to see what students already know. (Irish Aid can provide lists of relevant questions or students can devise these themselves)
- find out information about Irish Aid and development before the visit
- put together a number of questions to be put to Irish Aid staff during the visit

The CSPE teacher and another adult (with groups of over 18) must accompany the class for the visit.

Before leaving the teacher will receive a pack with follow up lessons and information about further useful resources and opportunities for development education.

**Following the visit** the students could do some or all of the following:

- evaluate the impact of the visit through designing and circulating a short questionnaire to students who participated and write up the results.
- Write a letter to the Irish Aid Centre to communicate their findings.
- Share what they have learnt through presentations, displays, articles etc to the wider school community.
- Decide on actions they and their classmates might take in their own lives as a result of the visit.
- Support the development effort – e.g. promote Fairtrade products in the school, link with a school in a developing country through the Worldwise Programme

Students can then write their Action Project report on the whole process involved in their visit to the Irish Aid Centre.



Mother of eight, Mildred Mulenga working amongst cassava plants, Northern Province, Zambia. Households in Distress (HID) a local NGO supported by Irish Aid, provided assistance to Mildred and her fellow villagers. Credit: Daniel Rowan

For schools who don't wish to relate the visit to the Action Project the visit will provide a unique learning opportunity to develop the CSPE students' understanding of Ireland and the Wider World in relation to the key concepts of **development, interdependence, stewardship and rights and responsibilities**.

In this case the teacher contacts the Centre and makes the arrangements. S/he will be sent a previsit lesson by email with the booking confirmation.

Schools visits take place at 10.00 and 12.00 Monday to Friday and last for 90 minutes. Groups of more than 18 must be accompanied by two adults, including the teacher. Experienced facilitators lead the workshops and exhibition tour.

**Advance booking is required. To book email: [irishaidcentre@dfa.ie](mailto:irishaidcentre@dfa.ie) or contact Ruth Powell: 01-8546932**