

# **Development Perspectives (DP)**

Results for 2016



This document serves as an overview of how Development Perspectives performed as an organisation in 2016. It's clear from previous research, which we have undertaken allied to repeated project evaluations that people increase their knowledge about Development issues post participation in our programmes, feel more empowered and confident to take action, have the requisite skills to lead and initiative change and lastly become more socially and politically involved in their communities.

For the purpose of structure, the results for 2016 are categorized under the relevant strategic aim of which DP has 5. This makes it easier to understand why that activity was undertaken and how it fits into the organisation achieving its mission, which in the case of DP is to

**“Contribute to lessening poverty, inequality and climate change through transformative education and active global citizenship”.**

## **1. Citizens in Ireland have an increased knowledge and understanding of and deeper engagement with Global Justice issues.**

### **Insight**

- 20 people completed Insight 2016 (10 from Ireland and 10 from Tanzania). 160 people attended the Insight 2016 exhibition event with a further 270 people engaged in 18 regional activities hosted by Insight participants. 4 Tanzanian participants were in Ireland for 10 days as part of phase three of Insight.
- “Most Significant Change” research was undertaken. This will be made available in August 2017.
- An internal review of Insight took place with clear identification of how to improve the different phases of the project.
- New partnerships and MOU's for 2018 and beyond were identified and developed.

### **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Challenge – Instigated in May 2016.**

- 8 stand alone workshops were held in 7 different locations catering for 105 people. 8 information packs were created and disseminated to 300 people monthly.
- The SDG Challenge had information stands at the Dóchas AGM and Empower events.

### **Erasmus +**

- Two week long Erasmus + training courses – (Sport and Global Education and Spinning a Yarn) catered for 52 participants from 9 EU countries.

### **Sustainable Schools**

- Our World Wise Global schools project was completed in May 2016. 5 Secondary schools were involved in the project (2 in Louth, 2 in Monaghan and 1 in Meath) with 100 transition year students, 50 Teachers and 30 board members/parents participating.

### **Three Countries Documentary**

- Research and Pre production development of “Three Countries” documentary took place throughout 2016.

### **Public Engagement**

- 1 new blog article was posted every 14 days. DP had 52 hits on the website each day. We saw a doubling of Twitter followers in the last year (3740 followers on DP and 2500 on the SDG challenge) with an extra 1,000 likes on Facebook.
- 4 newsletters were compiled and distributed to 688 people quarterly.
- 1 TV appearance on TV3 by Trevor Hogan, “Insight 2016” ambassador.
- 4 National Radio appearances featuring Trevor Hogan, Elysha Brennan (2015 Rose of Tralee) and Stephanie Kirwan.
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## **2. Empowered and skilled citizens in Ireland and Tanzania are actively involved in tackling poverty, inequality and climate change.**

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### **Sustainable Living Skills**

- 28 people completed 2 editions of the Sustainable Living Skills training course in Dundalk. A further 8 people participated in 1 or more of the sessions.

### **Community Garden**

- Development of the Community Garden in Dundalk. This activity is still ongoing.

## **3. Increased recognition of the importance and relevance of Development Education in contributing to a more equitable, just and sustainable world.**

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### **Civicus International Civil Society Week**

- Designed and delivered a workshop with the Melton Foundation at the Civicus International Civil Society week in Columbia for 30 activists from across the world.

### **Eine Welt Netz Conference**

- Spoke at and contributed to the Eine Welt Netz at their annual conference in Germany. 120 people attended.

### **Membership, Representation and Networking**

- Active members of the Irish Development Education Association, Dóchas – the umbrella group for Irish Development NGO’s / Comhlámh / Global Education Network of Young Europeans (GLEN) / Global Citizenship Education and public engagement Hub of CONCORD / EC DEAR Multi stakeholder Group / Coalition 2030 / Louth and Meath Public Participation networks (PPNs)

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#### **4. Build sustainable partnerships locally and internationally to broaden engagement and expand Development Perspectives' impact.**

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##### **Erasmus + Strategic Partnership**

- We are part of a consortium of six organisations (four from Europe and two from Africa), which is in receipt of an Erasmus + strategic partnership grant to contribute to a global partner network. The project is called "Global Education Learning Platform – GELP".
- 2016 saw 2 study visits successfully completed (Benin and Czech Rep) with 5 people from DP involved in week long training courses. 1 follow on dissemination event was held in Dublin in late 2016 with 30 people attending.

##### **Uvikiuta (Tanzanian Partner)**

- DP continues to communicate and will hopefully meet with Uvikiuta in 2017 to discuss another MOU to cover 2018 – 2020.

##### **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Challenge – Instigated in May 2016.**

- 11 partners worked with DP on the SDG challenge in 2016. Trócaire, SUAS, Zero Hunger, AkidWa, National Women's Council of Ireland, Kimmage Development Studies Centre, National Youth Council of Ireland, Global Citizenship Award, Cultivate, Icarus and Social Justice Ireland.

##### **End FGM Training**

- 3 day End FGM training developed and facilitated for the Guardian Newspaper in Wicklow for 18 activists from across the world.

#### **5. Strengthen the organisational capacity of Development Perspectives to ensure sustainability, effectiveness, transparency and accountability.**

- DP held four board meetings during 2016 and two sub committee meetings.
- Three board members participated in Governance training.
- The board was renewed throughout 2016 with new board members becoming involved.
- Six full team meetings were held.
- Three internships were hosted and successfully completed.
- Job descriptions and contracts for staff and facilitators were updated.
- Our Memorandum and Articles of Association was updated.
- DP participated in an audit for Comhlámh as a requirement of being a signatory to the code of good practice as a volunteer sending organisation.
- Self reported practice on imaging and messages was submitted to Dóchas.
- Designed a training brochure to increase unrestricted revenue for 2017.

All financial information can be perused on our website where we publish our annual audited accounts.