



DICE (Development and Intercultural Education Project) Annual Conference 2010

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION MATTERS

Mary Immaculate College Limerick

17th and 18th June 2010

CALL FOR PAPERS BOTH ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL

And

CALL FOR POSTER SESSIONS

We have pleasure in inviting you to participate in DICE's 4th annual conference. Each year this conference aims to bring academics, practitioners, NGOs, teachers and the education sector in general together in order to engage in dialogue and reflect on practice. It is an opportunity for us to explore current thinking in the field of Development particularly as it relates to the education sector. Our approach emphasises participation and the sharing of ideas and experience. The atmosphere is one of mutual support and learning and will include workshops, lectures, panel discussions and other activities.

This year's Annual DICE Conference focuses on the theme "Development Education Matters". We believe that it is even more important in times of national and global recession to put the messages of Development Education on the agenda. Development Education can be seen as an "add on" in these times. It is therefore incumbent upon us to emphasise again that Development Education not only matters but is vital if we are to ensure that the worst effects of global recession do not impact fatally on the majority of the world's poor. Now is the time to say that Development Education is not a luxury but a necessity. The Irish public are in fact entitled to understand their rights and responsibilities as global citizens. Development Education offers us opportunities, skills and knowledge which will enable us to understand and address current global crises. It enables the learner to critically evaluate the world around them, it promotes values based on sustainable development and human rights, it challenges global inequalities and it offers solutions at both a global and a local level.

This invitation is open to all, academics, NGOs, colleges, teachers and other practitioners. Papers reflecting the latest research and practice in Development Education are welcome. Please note that some papers in the area of Intercultural Education will also be accepted. Personal reflection/experience is also welcome. Papers will be reviewed by an academic committee which comprises academics from the five teacher education colleges in Ireland. Those chosen will have an opportunity to present their paper at the conference which now has a high profile and excellent reputation. NGOs and other organisations may be interested in providing a poster session rather than an academic paper.

Papers should address this year's theme which is "Development Education Matters". Submission guidelines and information about the conference can be found on www.diceproject.org

Deadline for abstracts to be submitted: Friday 2nd April 2010.

Abstracts should be sent to: Gertrude Cotter, Coordinator, DICE Project, Church of Ireland College of Education, 96 Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6

Please note that a separate invitation will also be sent to NGOs and other organizations who may be interested in having a display stand at the event.

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