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**Limerick Primary School Children Set to Become Movie Stars following the launch of  
'Development and Intercultural Education Matters!'**

Children from **Scoil Íosagáin**, **CBS** and **Limerick Educate Together Mungret** are set to become national movie stars following the launch of a DVD entitled **'Development and Intercultural Education Matters! - a practical guide from the primary classroom'** which took place at Mary Immaculate College (MIC) on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2010.

The DVD, which was shot in a number of schools across Limerick and Dublin earlier this year, was officially launched by Minister of State for Overseas Development, **Mr. Peter Power** T.D., at the 4<sup>th</sup> DICE (Development and Intercultural Education Project) Annual Conference entitled **Development Education Matters.**

The DVD, which was co-produced by the DICE project and INTO Learning, explores development and intercultural education in the primary classroom. Issues discussed include what is meant by development and intercultural education, where does it fit into the curriculum, methodologies and approaches that can be used and the challenges and opportunities this area brings to the classroom. It also specifically explores themes such as identify, gender messages and perceptions, the right to education and the right to be protected. A copy of the DVD will be distributed to every primary schools in September through the INTO.

Speaking at the launch Minister Peter Power paid special tribute **Prof. Peadar Cremin**, President of Mary Immaculate College and its staff for their dedication and leadership in the area of development education. He congratulated the five Colleges of Education, including Mary Immaculate College, for the coordination role they played in this project saying,

***"I would like to congratulate all who were involved in putting today's conference together and producing this important DVD. Both clearly show the innovative and engaging scope of development and intercultural education. The partnership of DICE and the INTO on this DVD project is to be commended. It highlights why development education matters by showcasing the good practice in Irish classrooms.***

***"Irish Aid places a premium on education, both at home and in the countries in which we work. We are very committed to ensuring that our teachers have the skills, resources and confidence to explore curricula and programmes through the lens of development education.***

***“This partnership between Irish Aid and the five Colleges of Education has gone from strength to strength. I am proud to say that every newly-qualified primary school teacher in Ireland now has development and intercultural education as part of their college experience.***

***“I believe this is crucial to informing Ireland’s young people about their role as global citizens and encouraging them to engage with development and work towards creating a fairer world.”***

Also speaking was Alison Gilliland, Acting Senior Official with INTO who said

***“Development education really matters. All the children here today are the decision makers of the future. The knowledge, skills and attitudes they develop in schools today will influence the decisions they make in the future.”***

Attending the conference was **Robert Kirkpatrick** from the Department of Education & Skills, **Gerry O’Sullivan** from INTO, **Moira Leydon** from ASTI, students from **Marino College** and **Austin Gormley** from Irish Aid who funded the conference.



**Up and coming Limerick movie stars: Students from *Scoil Íosagáin*, *CBS* and *Limerick Educate Together Mungret* pictured with Prof. Claire Lyons (MIC), Minister Peter Power, Prof. Peadar Cremin (MIC), Minister Peter Power, Deirdre O’Rourke (MIC), John Fingleton from the DICE Project and Allison Gilliland from INTO, following the recent launch of a DVD, in which they star, entitled *‘Development and Intercultural Education Matters!’* at Mary Immaculate College.**

