



WorldWise Global Schools

Global Citizenship Education (GCE) *

*** Please note the accompanying GCE Glossary at the end of these Guidelines ***

Grant Call 2023

Applicant Guidelines: SCHOOL CLUSTERS

KEY DATES

APPLICATION PERIOD:

19th April 2023 (Opens) - 19th May 2023 (Closes)

FUNDING PERIOD:

2023 - 2024 Academic Year

SECTION 1: Background

1.1 Who are WorldWise Global Schools (WWGS)?

WorldWise Global Schools (WWGS) is an Irish Aid programme for Global Citizenship Education (GCE) in the post-primary sector in the Republic of Ireland, and was established in 2013. Since then, the programme has engaged up to 500 post primary schools nationwide, in pursuit of our aim to integrate GCE into all aspects of teaching and learning at post-primary level. WWGS encourages post primary schools to avail of wide ranging GCE provision through the programme. This includes, for example, GCE training and events, resources on integrating GCE into curriculum subjects, grant funding, and the WWGS Global Passport Award. In addition, regionally based WWGS Education Officers provide direct GCE support to schools. Schools can also engage with wide ranging GCE opportunities as provided by WWGS-supported NGOs and education networks.

1.2 What is Global Citizenship Education (GCE)?

Global Citizenship Education is an education process aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of the rapidly changing, interdependent and unequal world in which we live. It is a powerful vehicle through which we can better understand the world we live in and take action to change it as informed global citizens. It equips both educators and learners with the knowledge, skills and values to act ethically and sustainably in a world that is both complex and highly interconnected. Please watch our Introduction to GCE training video for greater detail on GCE by clicking [here](#) to access our [Introduction to GCE](#) video, and please note also a Glossary of GCE terminology that is included at the very end of these guidelines.

GCE uses a range of **active learning methodologies** to foster participative learning through dialogue, discussion, and debate of multiple perspectives and questions relative to global justice issues.

Throughout the GCE journey, learners are encouraged to take a worldly, responsible, accountable and informed approach to analysing global justice issues. The same approach applies to taking action, which doesn't just happen in the short-term, but ideally becomes inherent in learners' daily decisions, behaviours and choices.

The following is an extract from the [WWGS Teacher Handbook](#), which provides an overview of the **guiding principles of Global Citizenship Education**. These **guiding principles** are critically important and underpin all of our work on GCE in WWGS.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF GCE



A Critical Approach to GCE

Taking a critical and analytical approach to global issues involves a process of examining our role in the problems of the world. We must not treat any one issue as having a simple solution, but instead look at these global issues as complex, multi-faceted, multi-layered and with multiple perspectives. The 'Digging Deeper' model © provides a framework for effectively implementing this critical approach to GCE.



Complexity of Global Justice Issues

Global injustices are highly complex and therefore cannot be resolved using simplistic solutions. It is vital that colonisation, historical systems of oppression and capitalism be examined when looking at the root causes of issues. We must also listen to and seek out the voices of people with lived-experience of these issues.

Following this, key practices such as dialogue, reflection, debates and uncomfortable conversations help in the exploration and understanding of these global justice issues.



The Role of a Global citizen

It is essential that learners develop a sense of solidarity and empathy with people globally. Empower learners to be active in raising awareness and creating meaningful change to address their implicit role in the inequalities and injustices present in our world.



A Solid Human Rights Base

Human rights are fundamental to exploring GCE themes. For example, when exploring issues such as the biodiversity crisis, it is important to look at the impact on humans rather than look at the impact on plant and animal species in isolation. Therefore, it is essential that we always focus on the human rights implications of any issue.



Unlearning and Reconstructing

Taking a critical literacy approach to exploring GCE allows students to unlearn dominant streams of thought learned in their own environment. Well-informed global citizens take the time to explore mainstream media, alternative discourse, potential bias, stereotypes, and voices from their own environment. Allowing learners the space to reflect on their own viewpoints and that of others enables them to seek out the truth at the core of the issue, and reconstruct their own perspectives.



Scaffold with Teaching and Learning

It is essential to build teaching and learning around events and activities to deepen understanding. For example, running a Fairtrade day at school has the potential to deepen learning when the topic is explored prior to the event and followed by a more critical investigation of ethical consumer frameworks and global supply chains. This consistent approach consolidates learning and actively moves students towards an in-depth understanding of global justice issues.



Local to Global Links

Explain to learners that today's world is highly interconnected and interdependent. Learners need to be aware and understand that their decisions and actions have consequences for people all over the world. The exploration of GCE themes should connect local issues with global issues, rather than looking at local issues in isolation.

The role and accountability of systems, structures, corporations and power dynamics should be thoroughly investigated, as well as our own complicit actions and decisions.



Solidarity Approach

Critically exploring GCE calls for a solidarity approach, rather than a charity approach when tackling justice issues. Not all charity approaches are negative. However, some can serve to disempower communities who are capable of resolving their own issues, and some also perpetuate stereotypes and false narratives. While fundraising activities are well-intentioned, they can create an 'us and them' mindset and distance us from the issue and exacerbate the problem further.

Taking a solidarity approach to GCE delves deeper into justice issues by looking at the root causes (both historical and current) to make links between power relations, systems and structures. Solidarity takes a systems change outlook and empowers communities to apply their own solutions with the support of the global community. Informed by these solutions, this critical approach to GCE allows learners to become well-informed citizens keen to take meaningful action alongside their global community.

Meaningful action begins with solidarity!

1.3 What is the WWGS Global Passport?

In an effort to encourage and embed sustainable GCE in post- primary schools, WWGS has established the [Global Passport](#) framework.

The Global Passport provides a multi-dimensional framework for GCE, meaning that schools can track and build on their GCE work through a wide variety of entry points, including and beyond the curriculum.

The Global Passport framework enables schools to identify the GCE that they **are already doing**, as well as how they can **further integrate** GCE into all aspects of the school community, and **build on** existing levels of GCE capacity and engagement.

Global Passport ‘Stamps’ - these are the 6 key areas of focus for WWGS:

The eligible activities for which schools can apply for funding under Grant Call 2023 are specifically based around these Global Passport ‘Stamps’ or categories:

1. Curricular (Stamp 1)
2. Extra-Curricular (Stamp 2)
3. Teacher Capacity & Engagement (Stamp 3)
4. Student Capacity & Engagement (Stamp 4)
5. School Leadership and Policies (Stamp 5)
6. Community Engagement (Stamp 6)

You will find more information in relation to the above in Appendix I and in the [WWGS Teacher Handbook](#). This handbook is especially helpful for new or ‘starter’ schools on the WWGS programme, you will also find more information in the handbook on how to explore GCE in your school.

1.4 GCE and the Junior and Senior Cycle

WWGS seeks to promote schools’ understanding of the relevance of GCE to the school curriculum, in line with both the Junior Cycle Framework and the Senior Cycle.

Key Skills

GCE allows learners to acquire **Key Skills**, as set out in the Framework for Junior and Senior Cycle, along with many other skills:

JUNIOR CYCLE	SENIOR CYCLE
Managing myself	Information processing
Communicating	Critical and Creative Thinking
Being creative	Communicating
Working with others	Working with others
Managing information and thinking	Being personally effective

Other Key Skills include: empathy; self-awareness and reflection; ability to manage complexity and uncertainty; informed and reflective action.

Junior Cycle Statements of Learning (SOL)

Exploring GCE allows schools to meet a variety of Statements of Learning (SOLs) at Junior Cycle, particularly the Statements of Learning listed below:

STATEMENT OF LEARNING:	
SOL 5	Has an awareness of personal values and an understanding of the process of moral decision making
SOL 6	Appreciates and respects how diverse values, beliefs and traditions have contributed to the communities and culture in which she/he lives
SOL 7	Values what it means to be an active citizen, with rights and responsibilities in local and wider contexts
SOL 8	Values local, national and international heritage, understands the importance of the relationship between past and current events and the forces that drive change
SOL 9	Understands the origins and impacts of social, economic, and environmental aspects of the world around her/him
SOL 10	Has the awareness, knowledge, skills, values and motivation to live sustainably

SECTION 2: Eligibility Criteria

2.1 What is a School Cluster?

WWGS will support and fund groups of schools that wish to come together in GCE collaboration – known as School Clusters. A School Cluster is comprised of a **minimum of three schools** that wish to jointly apply for WWGS funding (with one as the Lead School). This is in order to enable joint GCE activities and peer learning to take place between the schools in that cluster.

The features that **define a School Cluster** may be that the participating schools have GCE issues or topics of interest in common, have partner schools in the same partner country, work with a particular NGO, share geographical proximity, or be of the same type of school. A school cluster may include schools from Northern Ireland but only where the Lead School is based in the Republic of Ireland.

School Cluster applications should be informed by the following key principles:

1. **Number of Schools** – WWGS will allocate funding to school clusters proportionate to the number of schools participating in the cluster.
2. **Global Passport Stamps** – WWGS requires School Cluster grantees to use and promote the Global Passport amongst their cluster of schools. It can either be used as a framework to support schools in the cluster who are starting their engagement with GCE, or for engaging more deeply in GCE, depending on involvement to date.
3. **Methodologies** – WWGS may allocate funding for a (limited) number of externally facilitated student workshops, but School Cluster applicants are also advised to consider other GCE methodologies, particularly for engaging teachers, in their grant applications.

2.2 How much funding can a School Cluster apply for?

A School Cluster may apply for a grant up to a maximum value of €7,000. Applicants should consider, however, what level of grant funding they will have the capacity to spend in the 2023/24 school year. Applicants should note that there is no guaranteed allocation of funding, regardless of the level of funding requested in an application and/or regardless of any funding allocation in a previous grant award.

2.3 What will WWGS provide funding for?

2.3.1 WWGS will provide funding for actions that support the integration and promotion of **Global Citizenship Education (GCE)** in post-primary schools.

The WWGS Global Passport provides a broad framework within which school clusters can apply for funding across all six Global Passport categories. These six categories represent a **Whole School Approach (WSA) to GCE**. The **WWGS Global Passport Framework** can be viewed at <http://www.worldwiseschools.ie/global-passport/>

Please note the following points in relation to eligibility:

- WWGS is a Global Citizenship Education (GCE) programme, therefore your proposed activities must have a **clear and explicit link to global justice issues**; please provide brief details in the budget lines of your grant application to support this. Please ensure that you are familiar with the Guiding Principles of GCE above in formulating your activities.
- In order for activities to be eligible for WWGS funding, they must be explored within the **global context and root causes of the issues** explored, and they must look at the systems and structures that make it an issue in the first place. We will only fund involvement in initiatives and field trips that are **strongly aligned** with GCE. Please note that you will find an explanatory Glossary of frequently used terms (e.g. GCE, Global Justice etc.) at the end of these guidelines.
- School Clusters may only apply for funding for **activities that involve all schools participating in the cluster**, not just the Lead School. It is critically important that any school cluster application clearly demonstrates the collaborative nature of the proposed project.

The following table outlines suggested eligible activities and costs for which you can apply for WWGS grant funding as a school cluster.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	
COST	RATIONALE & GUIDANCE
Curricular	<p>There are many opportunities to explore GCE via the school curriculum. GCE aligns well to the curriculum in terms of acquiring Key Skills at both Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle level, and also in relation to meeting a considerable number of the Junior Cycle Statements of Learning.</p> <p>Please note: in addition to any cost below, WWGS provides free Subject Specific Teacher Training and subject guides for teachers on integrating GCE into various subject areas. Please see here for the subject guides:</p> <p>https://www.worldwiseschools.ie/resource-library/</p>
Planning Meetings for staff on GCE	Examples of eligible costs here would include teacher substitution costs and/or light refreshments as may be required to facilitate out-of-hours planning meetings for staff e.g. cross curricular planning meetings for GCE themes.
Resources on subject specific GCE	<p>These are intended to deepen the knowledge and understanding of participating teachers on integrating GCE within their own specific subjects. Examples of eligible costs here might include GCE themed books, magazine subscriptions, film, podcasts, courses.</p> <p>Please see this https://www.worldwiseschools.ie/spending-your-grant/ section of our website for further specific resource ideas and options around this.</p>
Extra-Curricular	Stamp Two moves GCE beyond the core curriculum, and specific subject areas, into wider learning opportunities for students and teachers. This can include supporting engagement with events and initiatives outside of the school itself such as; for example, the Concern Debates, as well as a whole range of other initiatives organised and coordinated by various NGOs and Networks that are working on GCE.
GCE themed event(s) hosted in-school	Examples of eligible costs for in-school GCE themed events may include, for example, responsible recycled stationery and materials such as fairtrade bags, badges and chocolate. If planning any such in-school event(s), schools should be mindful of the ethos of GCE where we carefully consider responsible consumption and production.
GCE Displays (e.g. boards, flags, maps, posters, murals)	<p>Creating strong visual GCE displays within the school environs on various GCE themes or global justice issues provides an opportunity for students to share their GCE learning.</p> <p>Please see the https://www.worldwiseschools.ie/spending-your-grant/ section of</p>

	our website for further specific resource ideas and options on this.
Engagement with other National Programmes explicitly linked to GCE (e.g. YSI, BTYSTE, Concern Debates, etc.)	You can use some of your grant funding for costs associated with taking part in national level programmes that are explicitly linked to GCE. Examples of eligible costs here may include, for example, entry or registration fees for events associated with these national programmes and/or travel costs to attend their event(s). Your school project must, however, be Global Justice focused in order to use grant funding for such costs.
External GCE Facilitator(s) for Student Workshops	<p>If your project is focusing on a specific GCE theme or Global Justice issue, you may wish to consider an external expert input for student workshops on the theme/issue, which may entail a cost for some providers (see Section 2.2.2 for funding caps on such fees).</p> <p>Please find a list of NGO workshop providers and independent facilitators here who you can invite to deliver workshops with your students and/or teachers on a wide range of thematic areas.</p>
Teacher Capacity & Engagement	<p>WWGS specifically seeks to build teachers' confidence in their own ability to explore and teach GCE. WWGS aims to equip teachers with the necessary information, skills and tools to impact student knowledge, understanding, skills, values, attitudes and actions. It is recommended that teachers consult, and avail of opportunities as provided by NGOs and education networks, to continue their development, training and learning on GCE.</p> <p>Please note: in addition to any cost below, WWGS provides free Teacher Training for teachers on integrating GCE into teaching and learning, see here for Training and Events.</p>
Teacher Training on GCE provided by External Facilitators	For example, if you are focusing on the area of resource extraction, a staff training in this area will support a focused approach to working on this theme through a whole-school approach.
Planning & Coordination Time for Teachers on GCE	Examples of eligible costs here would include teacher substitution costs and/or light refreshments that may be required to facilitate out-of-hours meetings.
GCE Resources for Teachers	<p>These are intended to particularly deepen the knowledge and understanding of participating teachers on GCE. Examples of eligible costs here might include GCE themed books, magazine subscriptions, film, podcasts, courses.</p> <p>Please see the https://www.worldwiseschools.ie/spending-your-grant/ section of our website for further specific resource ideas and options on this.</p>
GCE Toolkit for Teachers	It is recommended that teachers build up a GCE Toolkit that would include helpful materials for exploring and teaching GCE to students in your school. Examples of eligible costs here may include stationery, art & craft materials, SDG stickers, photos,

	<p>lamination. This is not an exhaustive list by any means and teachers may wish to include other such eligible costs, or indeed consult your WWGS Education Officer if you are unsure as to the eligibility of any specific type of toolkit materials that you may have in mind for your school's GCE actions.</p>
Student Capacity & Engagement	<p>Stamp Four of the Global Passport looks at Building the GCE capacity and engagement of students. Initiatives under this stamp are required to be student-focused and student-led actions and include the formation and support of student committees.</p>
Materials for Student-led actions	<p>Examples of eligible costs here might include some of those as outlined below and/or costs that are unique to each particular action project.</p>
Student skills training for GCE projects	<p>Examples of eligible costs here could include the cost of facilitation, audio and video production, digital skills, student leadership, consensus decision making, art and drama skills, amongst others.</p>
Student GCE Committee costs (e.g. snacks, activities, branding, communication)	<p>Examples of eligible costs here may include items such as refreshments, branding, communication and other activity costs.</p>
School Leadership and Policies	<p>This area focuses on the role of school management in supporting and encouraging GCE to develop and deepen within schools. It may include developing a GCE policy for the school or including GCE as a standing item on the agenda for school planning/board meetings.</p> <p>Please note: WWGS provides free Training for School Management on integrating GCE into schools, see here for Training and Events. In addition, WWGS provides support to schools in developing a GCE policy(s).</p>
GCE School Policy Development	<p>Examples of eligible costs here could include teacher substitution costs and/or light refreshments as may be required to facilitate out-of-hours meetings amongst whole school staff. The school may also wish, for example, to consider undertaking a policy launch event.</p>
Community Engagement	<p>This Global Passport stamp moves beyond the direct school environment and into the wider community that is impacted on e.g. peer learning with the local primary school, featuring on local radio, communications to parents and community groups.</p>
Communication Costs on GCE	<p>Examples of eligible costs here are those required to help the school to communicate your GCE messaging within and beyond the school community. It may include, for example, school website updates, the school GCE newsletter, leaflets, videos, and presentations.</p>
Field Trip(s) on GCE	<p>Examples of eligible costs would include the cost of workshops, admission, venue and/or transport costs. It is imperative that any field trips undertaken by the school</p>

	with WWGS grant funding are explicitly GCE themed.
Global School Partnerships	Examples of eligible costs here would include communication costs and other project costs as required to sustain an existing partnership with a school in the Global South.

2.3.2 Funding Caps on Grant Funding:

Applicants should note the following caveats in relation to a number of specific grant funding project costs:

Cost	Cap
Overall capping	No one area can exceed €500 in total. For example, if you are using funding for a GCE field trip, the limit for the trip is €500 total for transport, admission etc.
External facilitator or guest speaker fees	WWGS permit a threshold of no more than €350 maximum per day . This relates to any facilitator that you may be inviting into school to do workshops with students/teachers. Up to €500 can be applied for on a case-by case basis - approval must be sought from your Education Officer.
Teacher substitution costs	These costs are payable at a WWGS standard rate of €40 per hour , as part of a WWGS contribution towards costs incurred by schools in releasing teachers for WWGS related training or events.
Competition Prizes	Competition prizes (cumulative) should be capped at a total of €50 per grant . Please carefully consider any prizes you are giving to students. If you are purchasing items e.g. reusable water bottle or KeepCup, are they in line with the ethos of GCE where we carefully consider responsible consumption and production. When choosing prizes, please consider if these goods are upcycled, fairtrade and ethically sourced. Consider a voucher from a local bookshop or for an experience.
School Gardens & Equipment (e.g. polytunnels, vegetable seeds, garden materials etc.)	School gardens can be an effective and tangible way to teach students about global food security, climate justice, fair land use etc. Where these themes are clearly linked to curriculum subjects, and where students can appreciate these sustainability actions to be about creating a fairer and more just world, these costs will be considered. It is in this context only that WWGS will permit school gardens to be used as a tool to explore GCE, and any such costs must be capped at a total of €200 per grant.
Refreshments/Food for GCE student events	Capped at €25 per 50 students. For example, a maximum €50 for 100 students. The most that can be spent in this area is €200.
GCE Stationary Supplies	Capped at €250 per grant

ReCreate Membership	Only for use in GCE projects. Maximum spend is €250.
Courses in GCE communication skills (e.g. podcasting, video making etc.)	Only for use in GCE projects. Capped at €500 per grant
Purchasing books	Books on the current syllabus cannot be purchased in bulk. Please see our recommended reading here for books suitable for purchase for group projects of GCE library.
Website Costs	Capped at €100.

2.4 What will WWGS not provide funding for?

The following is an indicative list of activities that are NOT eligible for WWGS funding. Applicants are requested to carefully read this list for guidance before submitting an application.

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES	
COST	RATIONALE & GUIDANCE
Fundraising activities (for example: <i>shoebox appeals, raising money for schools in the Global South, care packages, appeals for donations, bake sales for charity etc.</i>)	WWGS encourages schools to take meaningful action on global justice issues. Although fundraising activities can be a very popular action to take in schools, they tend to reinforce a charity rather than a solidarity approach to an issue. While a charity approach is inherently well intentioned, some charitable activities can serve to disempower communities who are capable of resolving their own issues, and some also perpetuate stereotypes and false narratives. A charitable approach can create an ‘us and them’ mindset and distance us from the issue and exacerbate the problem further. Critically exploring GCE calls for a solidarity approach, rather than a charity approach when tackling justice issues. Please see the WWGS Teacher Handbook for more details.
Exclusively environmental activities that do not have a clear global justice dimension	Activities that focus solely on animals/biodiversity/insects/food/the environment, without exploring the human rights and global justice dimension, are not eligible for WWGS funding. In order to explore environmental issues through a GCE lens, you are encouraged to explore the root causes, including the human cause <i>and</i> impact on human civilisations/communities, and how this links with our everyday lives, both locally and globally.
Consumer Products (for example: water bottles, hoodies, individual sustainability kits)	WWGS does not approve the use of grant funding for large-scale purchasing of consumer goods, for example purchasing reusable water bottles for a whole-class or year group, despite this being seen as something that may represent a sustainable action. The reason for this is that there are issues around bottle identification if the whole school/year/class has the same bottle; along with it contributing to waste and often resulting in messaging to students that action in GCE is "only as a consumer!" which does not tackle the root causes of the global issues we are looking at as part of GCE.

<p>Capital Equipment will generally not be funded (for example: <i>cameras, projectors, ICT equipment, water fountains, recycling bins, litter pickers etc.</i>)</p>	<p>Capital Equipment costs will not be funded unless they can clearly be justified as essential to the delivery of the project. This rationale for these costs will need to be explained to your Education Officer and agreed by the WWGS team on a case-by-case basis.</p>
<p>Equipment relating to Green Schools</p>	<p>WWGS does not allow the purchasing of green school flags, flag poles or other green schools resources</p>
<p>Student or Teacher Travel <u><i>outside of Ireland</i></u></p>	<p>WWGS is unable to fund student or teacher travel outside of Ireland. Many schools may be seeking to do this in relation to a partnership or immersion project that they are involved in. See WWGS’s Global School Partnership guidelines to see what qualifies as an equal partnership or link between two schools with shared learning on GCE as the main objective.</p>
<p>Student wellness and health related activities (for example: <i>Yoga, mindfulness and meditation workshops, sensory gardens, healthy eating & nutrition</i>)</p>	<p>Activities that focus solely on wellness and health are not eligible. Although important for the wellbeing of students, yoga, mindfulness and meditation activities are not eligible for funding.</p> <p>While WWGS recognises that ‘Good Health and Wellbeing’ is one of the Sustainable Development Goals (Goal 3), in order for grant funding was to be considered around this theme, it would need to be explored in a GCE context and have a clear human rights and global justice focus e.g. consider exploring global access to healthcare and medicines. Exploring themes related to ‘Good health and Wellbeing’ with your students must have a strong GCE focus - see our website for the global justice theme SDG guidelines. Here you will find a WWGS guide on how to approach Wellbeing and GCE.</p> <p>The Junior Cycle Wellbeing Guidelines link closely with the core values of GCE and here are a few suggested approaches you can take with regard to the wellbeing indicators set out in the guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Responsible - Taking action to promote the wellbeing of others can be looking at how current global systems impact on people’s wellbeing (e.g. modern day slavery, clothing industry, companies damaging the natural environment or health of local communities as a result of resource extraction or pollution etc.) ● Connected - Act in solidarity with affected communities and take action to create a better world. consider how these issues are connected with our own lives, on an individual, local and national scale. ● Resilient - Have an understanding of how the world works - why things are the way they are (understanding root causes and having critical thinking skills). Feel part of the solution. ● Aware - Consider their values on global issues and work to build greater awareness and understanding of what can be done to tackle these.

Applicants should note that this table is not an exhaustive list of ineligible activities and the WWGS Grants Selection Committee (which will meet in June 2023) reserves the right to deem other activities ineligible as necessary. If you are still unclear as to whether particular costs that you are considering including in your application are eligible or not, **please contact the Education Officer for your region** – contact details are available at the conclusion of these guidelines.

SECTION 3: Application & Appraisal Processes

3.1 Application Process:

- 3.1.1. Applicants must complete an Excel application form for which **school cluster applicants must register** on the WWGS website. Please click here on [Registration for WWGS Grant Call 2023](#) to register your school cluster's interest in applying for grant funding for the next school year. On registering here, WWGS will provide you with the application form and instructions.
- 3.1.2. If you are a **current WWGS cluster grantee** (i.e. in receipt of grant funding in 2022/23), you **do not need to register** on the WWGS website. You will automatically be sent the excel application form for your Lead School to complete.
- 3.1.3. Only **ONE application per school cluster** will be accepted. Please note that one school amongst the cluster of schools that has come together must act as the Lead School in the cluster application.
- 3.1.4. Please note that the Lead Contact in the school cluster **must** consult with colleagues in the school cluster prior to submission to ensure that only one application is submitted on behalf of the cluster. (**Note:** Individual schools can be party to applications submitted by NGOs, Education Networks or School Clusters, in addition to their own individual applications, so long as the projects are clearly distinct and unrelated).
- 3.1.5. The Lead School submitting the application should log in to their WWGS account to attach the completed School Cluster Application in the Google Docs, Notes and Attachments section at the bottom of the page of the 2023/24 application. The declaration should be completed and then the application submitted.
- 3.1.6. If you require any technical support on **completing your application**, please get in touch with the Education Officer for your region.
- 3.1.7. Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the WWGS Global Passport at <http://www.worldwiseschools.ie/global-passport/> prior to developing their application.
- 3.1.8. Only fully completed applications received by the 19th of May 2023 will be considered. An automatic email will issue from WWGS to the Lead Contact once the application is submitted, confirming that it has been successfully submitted. Any applications received after the 19th of May will not be eligible for funding.
- 3.1.9. Current grantees must complete their end-of-year report along with their application by the 19th of May 2023 to be eligible for funding. Any school submitting their application without completing their report by the 19th of May

will not be eligible for funding.

- 3.1.10. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications for the 2023-24 academic year where possible from June 2023. Contracting with successful applicants will commence from August.
- 3.1.11. Projects can commence at the start of the 2023/24 school year once a signed contract has been returned to WWGS and the school has adhered to any necessary pre-conditions.
- 3.1.12. Feedback can be provided to unsuccessful applicants with a view to informing any future grant application.

3.2 Appraisal Process:

An external Grants Selection Committee will have oversight over all applications received and make decisions on funding allocations. This is a competitive grant round and, as such, funds are awarded on the basis of available funding (which may be subject to change each year) and on the basis of established assessment criteria. The general criteria for assessing grant applications and contributing to the overall grants decision-making process are set out in the following list.

- 1. Relevance** – this relates to whether the proposed actions are in line with good practice Global Citizenship Education (GCE) and the **WWGS guiding principles of GCE** as mentioned on page 3 and 4. Options for good practice GCE are provided in the online application form, herein within the Grant Call Guidelines, and via the WWGS website.
- 2. Capacity** – this relates to the schools’ capacity to deliver on the proposed project and the level of risk, if any, in grant allocation.
- 3. Sustainability/Impact** – this relates to the extent to which the application aims to embed and build GCE capacity in each school, and have maximum impact on students/teachers/whole-school communities, and indeed the wider community beyond the school. It is important to us that students beyond the current school cohort benefit from the project. For example, tell us about your plans for maintenance, what your future aspirations for your school might be and how you will spread the learning beyond just the staff attending the training and students involved in the project.

CONTACT, SUPPORT AND KEY DATES

The WWGS staff team, in particular the **Education Officers**, are available to provide support and guidance to schools throughout the application process. Contact details for all the WorldWide Global Schools team are available at <http://www.worldwiseschools.ie/contact/>. The WWGS Education Officers, whose contact details are also below, can be contacted depending on which county your school is in.

WWGS Education Officer EAST Region Lizzy Noone 086 8720879 lizzy.noone@worldwiseschools.ie		WWGS Education Officer EAST Region Sinéad Hayes 085 3502877 sinead.hayes@worldwiseschools.ie		WWGS Education Officer WEST & Midlands Region Aoife Rankin 089 4636427 aoife.rankin@worldwiseschools.ie		WWGS Education Officer SOUTH Region Laura Power 087 3848418 laura.power@worldwiseschools.ie	
Dublin North Cavan Monaghan	Louth Meath	Dublin South Kildare	Wicklow Wexford	Donegal Roscommon Mayo Sligo Leitrim Galway	Clare Limerick Longford Westmeath Offaly Laois	Cork Kerry Tipperary	Waterford Kilkenny Carlow

Key Stage	Key Dates
Grant Call Opens	April 19th 2023
Application Deadline- Submission of Online Application Form and Appendices	May 19th 2023
Appraisal and Notification of Funding Decisions	June 2023 *
Payments Schedule	September 2023 *

*May be subject to change

WWGS would like to thank you for expressing an interest in helping to deepen post-primary level engagement with Global Citizenship Education (GCE).

GLOSSARY

The following glossary offers some definitions of frequently used terms that may assist or enhance your understanding of Global Citizenship Education (GCE).

Climate Justice	Climate Justice as a concept recognises that, although global warming is a global crisis, its effects are not felt evenly around the world. The worst effects of the climate crisis – for example: extreme heat, flooding and crop failures – are disproportionately felt by countries and communities in the Global South. Climate Justice looks at the impacts of climate change on communities/people/nations, and examines the fairness of these impacts. For example, rural small-holder farmers may be feeling the extreme effects of climate change such as poverty, food insecurity and access/ability to pay for basic needs, while the farmer is contributing very little to the change in climate.
Charity	Charity , as a concept, is often based on the premise that marginalised people have some sort of deficit, and that the giver has the expertise to decide both what the community needs and how to provide it. A charity approach to GCE (e.g. fundraising activities) can, although well intentioned, create a hierarchal 'us' and a 'them' mindset, and distance us from the issue. When we think of a problem as being elsewhere, we can't see how we are connected to that problem, or how we might be able to positively contribute to solutions in solidarity with people suffering from that issue. When we are not connected to the issue, we may not be motivated to find a deeper understanding of the root causes of that problem. A charitable approach can also serve to disempower communities capable of resolving their own issues, and can use images and messaging that creates or perpetuates stereotypes of people and places.
DEIS	DEIS stands for Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools. The DEIS programme is the Department of Education's main policy initiative to respond to educational disadvantage. The DEIS programme focuses on targeting additional resources to those schools included in the programme to ensure every child has an equal opportunity to achieve their potential. The programme includes initiatives that apply to pre-school, as well as primary and post-primary schools, in addition to youth/community initiatives.
Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)	Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is education that allows every human being to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary to contribute towards more sustainable patterns of living. It is transformative education in that it aims at reorienting societies toward sustainable development. ESD is futures-oriented, focusing on protecting environments, and creating a more ecologically and socially just world through informed action. A global justice dimension is regarded as integral in defining ESD.
Environmental Education	Environmental Education is a process that helps individuals, communities, and organisations learn more about the environment, and develop skills and understanding about how to address global environmental challenges.
Established School	An Established School is a school previously or currently in receipt of WWGS grant funding or a Global Passport award.
Global Citizenship Education (GCE)	Global Citizenship Education is an education process aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of the rapidly changing, interdependent and unequal world in which we live. It is a powerful vehicle through which we can better understand the world we live in and take action to change it as informed global citizens. It equips both educators and learners with the knowledge, skills and values to act ethically and sustainably in a world that is both complex and highly interconnected.
Global School Partnership	A Global School Partnership (GSP) is a partnership between two or more schools in the Republic of Ireland and the Global South for the purposes of mutually shared learning.
Global South	Global South is a term that generally refers to countries classified by the World Bank as low or middle income that are located in Africa, Asia, Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean. Like its predecessors

	(periphery; less developed, developing, underdeveloped; third world) it groups together very diverse economic, social and political experiences and positions into one overarching category.
Global Justice	Global Justice is about reducing global inequalities to create a fairer and more just world. Global Justice issues are highly complex and cannot be resolved using simplistic solutions. It is vital that colonisation, capitalism, and historical systems of oppression be examined when looking at the root causes of global justice issues.
Human Rights	Human Rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world from birth until death. When exploring a global justice issue, it is important to look at the impact of the issue on humans. For example, if exploring the biodiversity crisis, it is important to look at the impact on humans rather than looking at the impact on plant and animal species in isolation.
Scaffolding	Scaffolding is an essential practice which builds teaching and learning around events and activities to deepen understanding. In a scaffolding approach to GCE, this may refer to the work that is done around an activity, event or module. For example, running a Fairtrade day at school has the potential to deepen learning, only when the topic is explored prior to the event, and followed up thereafter by a more critical investigation of ethical consumer frameworks and global supply chains. This consistent approach consolidates learning, and actively moves students towards an in-depth understanding of global issues.
Solidarity	Solidarity emphasises the interdependence of people in the global community and is based on the understanding that conditions of inequity are created by the dominant culture. In contrast to a charity approach, a solidarity approach acknowledges that individual communities are capable of designing and resolving their own solutions. Solidarity takes a systems change outlook and empowers communities to apply their own solutions, with the support of the global community. A solidarity approach to GCE involves delving deeper into global justice issues and looking at the root causes (both historical and current) to make links between power relations, systems and structures.
Sustainability	Sustainability means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
SDGs	The SDGs or Global Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals. They were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.
Social Justice	Social Justice is the objective of creating a fair and equal society in which each individual matters, their rights are recognized and protected, and decisions are made in ways that are fair and honest. A just society is one that is structured in such a way as to promote rights relationships, so that human rights are respected, human dignity is protected, human development is facilitated, and the environment is respected and protected.
Starter School	A Starter School is a school not previously or currently in receipt of WWGS grant funding or a Global Passport award.

APPENDIX I

Key Area	About
1. Curricular (Stamp 1)	<p>This area is about exploring GCE through the curriculum. There are many opportunities to explore GCE in the Junior and Senior Cycle.</p> <p>Please note: WWGS provides free Subject Specific Teacher Training and Subject Guides for teachers on integrating GCE into various subject areas, see here for guides.</p>
2. Extra-Curricular (Stamp 2)	<p>This area moves GCE beyond the core curriculum into wider learning opportunities for students and teachers. This can include engaging in events and initiatives outside of school, such as the Concern Debates and BTYSTE, as well as a whole range of other initiatives organised and coordinated by various NGOs and Networks that are working on GCE.</p>
3. Teacher Capacity & Engagement (Stamp 3)	<p>This area looks at building the capacity and confidence of teachers to explore and teach GCE. WWGS aims to equip teachers with the necessary information, skills and tools to impact student knowledge, understanding, skills, values, attitudes and actions in relation to GCE.</p> <p>Please note: WWGS provides free Teacher Training for teachers on integrating GCE into teaching and learning, see here for Training and Events.</p>
4. Student Capacity & Engagement (Stamp 4)	<p>This area looks at building the capacity of students to understand and engage with GCE. Initiatives under this area are required to be student-focused and student-led and include the formation and support of student committees for GCE.</p>
5. School Leadership and Policies (Stamp 5)	<p>This area focuses on the role of school management in supporting and encouraging GCE to develop and deepen within schools. It may include developing a GCE policy for the school or including GCE as a standing item on the agenda for school planning/board meetings.</p> <p>Please note: WWGS provides free Training for School Management on integrating GCE into schools, see here for Training and Events. In addition, WWGS provides support to schools in developing a GCE policy(s).</p>
6 Community Engagement (Stamp 6)	<p>We recognise that a school is at the heart of the local community, and so what you do has the potential to inspire those who surround you. This area moves GCE beyond the direct school environment and into the wider community e.g. peer learning with a local primary school or communications to parents and community groups on GCE via local radio or a school newsletter.</p>

In addition to the above, the [WWGS Teacher Handbook](#) provides more information (especially for new or 'starter' schools) on the WWGS programme and on how to explore GCE in your school.