**DevelopmentEducucation.ie Consortium**

**2013-2015 Evaluation**

**Management Committee (MC) Response**

The Management Committee of DevelopmentEducation.ie (DE.ie);

***Welcomes*** the programme evaluation conducted by Áine Fortune and thanks her for presenting such an accessible and detailed report.

***Thanks*** Irish Aid for their ongoing support for the DE.ie programme

***Thanks***Colm Regan andthe 80:20 team, the DE.ie contract partner, for their commitment, creativity and professionalism and wishes Tony Daly well as he takes over the role of Co-ordinator of 80:20.

In addition, the DevelopmentEducation.ie consortium members:

* **Welcome** the finding that all those involved in the DE.ie project, from MC members to end users is very positive, and that Irish Aid ‘the main funder of the project views it as a ‘job well done’ and would like to see it continue in the same manner.’
* **Welcome** the finding that; ‘rather than being a repository for information only, the website has become a public space for ideas, resources and practices to be viewed, shared and debated…*that* offers an alternate, more critically engaged learning environment…’
* **Welcome** the increased reach and reputation of DE.ie as reflected in the 90% increase in visitor numbers over the three year review period (2013-2015)
* **Recognise** that the consortium/partnership approach offers considerable added-value and complementarity to the project as it brings together different organisations, sectors and levels of experience.
* **Recognise** that the project has benefited from an improved monitoring and evaluation function allowing for collection of important data and the measurement of change based on defined indicators
* **Accept** thatin light of increased demands on transparency and accountability within the broader sector, robust yet appropriate governance policy and practice will be crucial in the years to come as the project grows and develops
* **Accept** that the MC, in its 2017-2020 strategy, will address issues, *inter alia,* of target audience, project focus, consortium membership, human resources, flexibility and adaptability.
* **Accept** too that as part of the 2017-2020 strategy that the DE.ie vision anddefinition of project outputs (‘solely a website’or joint ‘consortium ventures’; workshops, networking events, etc.) should be addressed.
* **Recognise** that current funding of DE.ie is inadequate to embrace the wider vision of the project and that funding sources will need to be increased and diversified in the interest of sustainability.
* **Commit** to summarising and circulating key points and outcomes of this review, as outlined in recommendation 1.
* **Accept** in full all other recommendations arising out of the review, many of which will be incorporated into the 2017-2020 strategic planning process.

On behalf of Management Committee



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