



# New mural created by Skerries pupils

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THE unveiling of a large community mural took place at Moriarty's SuperValu in Skerries.

The mural, created by students of Milverton and Réalt na Mara National School in Skerries, was the end product of a project, undertaken by Milverton Principal, Johnny Tyndall, along with teachers from Réalt na Mara, Ms. Ní Ódhráin, Mr. Ferry and Mr. O Leary.

The idea to paint a mural came from Mr. Tyndall, after partaking in a teacher study trip to Nicaragua with Trócaire in February of this year, along with other teachers from primary and secondary school teachers who engage in fundraising and development education.

The aim of this trip was to learn about global justice issues such as climate change and then bring this learning back to the classroom. While on the trip, they visited a city called Esteli and it was there that Mr. Tyndall took the inspiration. He was amazed by the work of organisation, Funarte, who use creativity and different energetic activities to make young people aware of human rights. They are a partner of Trócaire, and Mr. Tyndall liked their way of painting murals, which was called 'Muralismo'.

The teachers also visited different places such as farms etc. to see the real-life effects of climate change and then given the challenge of bringing to light back here at home, what people

are suffering over there.

As part of the project, both schools worked closely with Trócaire's Education Officers, Deirdre Walsh and Lydia Mc Carthy. Workshops on climate change were given and children learnt about justice and other people suffering, not only in their own community but also in other parts of the world, focusing on Nicaragua in particular.

Both schools involved in this project also worked closely with artist Eimear McNally, who used participatory methods to work with the young people to design and paint a mural on the theme of 'Action for Climate Justice', focusing on local to global connections between Skerries and Nicaragua.

At the launch, the mural was unveiled and two students who were involved in the project spoke about their experience of partaking and the work that had been put into the project. John Smith, the head of outreach in Trócaire and Mr. Tyndall also said a few words which was followed by music and refreshments as part of the celebration on the night.

Mr. Tyndall said that there was a really positive reaction from it in the community and wished to thank the Chamber of Commerce and also sponsors, Moriarty's SuperValu, Skerries Hardware and Image Depot for all their support.

The beautiful mural can now be viewed on the wall of the car park in Moriarty's SuperValu, Skerries.



Skerries Chamber of Commerce Chair Martin Scully, Breda Tuite SuperValu, Cllr JP Browne and Cllr Brian Dennehy at the Trocaire mural being unveiling at SuperValu Skerries.



Trocaire Head of Outreach John Smith at the Trocaire mural being unveiling at SuperValu Skerries.



Sam O'Reilly, Robyn Bagley, Ciara Griffin and Joe Rogers and Laura Geran at the Trocaire mural being unveiling at SuperValu Skerries.



Vice Principal Realt na Mara Joe Ó Fearraigh, Trocaire Education Officer Deirdre Walsh, Principal Milverton NS Johnny Tyndall and Trocaire Head of Outreach John Smith at the Trocaire mural being unveiled at SuperValu Skerries.