



## There is Hope if We Act Together

### Mural by Students in Milverton and Realt na Mara National Schools 2016

This mural project began with the principal of Milverton National School, Johnny Tyndall, travelling to Nicaragua with Trócaire in February 2016 on a teacher study trip. He was inspired by the work of Funarte, a partner of Trócaire in Nicaragua. Through creative, energetic activities, Funarte ensures that Nicaragua's youth are aware of their human rights and involved in building a society that respects them. One vehicle for this creative education and action is 'muralismo', or mural art in the city of Estelí, which has been given the title the, 'city of murals'.

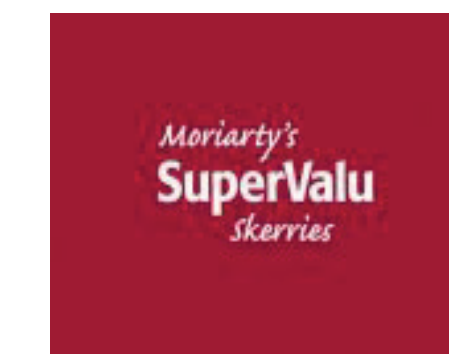
The aim of the trip to Nicaragua with Trócaire was to support teachers to immerse themselves in experiential learning about the issues facing communities in the global south, such as in Nicaragua. Then to bring this learning into the classroom to educate and inspire young people to take action as young global citizens. Through development education workshops in Milverton and Realt na Mara National Schools in Skerries the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class students explored issues surrounding climate change, looking at the local and global implications, and focusing on a case study of Nicaragua.

Their deep sense of justice and empathy for those around the world suffering from the effects of climate change, and their desire to take action for climate justice, where we all take action in solidarity with our compañeros around the world, is evident in the final artwork. The artist Eimear McNally supported the young artists on their journey from exploration and learning to creative expression of their collective response to the issue of climate change. The mural is an example of local to global learning in action, bringing awareness to the equality young people strive for as they look to the future, and the rights and responsibilities we all have to make this a reality; "there is HOPE if we ACT together."



#### Participants

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| Sam Seaver<br>Nathan Grimes<br>Emma Doherty<br>Nicola O'Rourke<br>Kerry Lawless<br>Georgina Byrne<br>Eibhilin O'Reardon<br>Megen Frazer<br>Cillian Daly | Josh Ericson<br>Abby Conroy<br>Grace Cousins<br>Robyn Bagley<br>Alice Clinton<br>Vita O'Brien<br>Tiernan Ryan<br>Carla Cervi<br>Riona Kelly | Kate White<br>Ciara Griffin<br>Jake Butterly<br>Chloe Tobin<br>Ethan Dunne<br>Conor Clinton<br>Liam Cullen<br>Tai Abiru<br>Toyah Butler | Tom Leach<br>Cian Tobin<br>Amy Reynolds<br>Jack Coleman<br>Ciara Culleton<br>Sam O'Reilly<br>Daniel Daly<br>Dion Keogh | Riona Campion<br>Megan Russell<br>Roy Richardson<br>Aaron Deane<br>David Gorman<br>Oscar Bourke<br>Jamie Campbell<br>Isabella Fanning-Tolan | Ailbhe Treacy<br>Amma Darcy<br>Jacob Clinton<br>Laura Gearan<br>Aisling O'Reilly<br>Oscar McIvor<br>Clodagh Grant<br>Kehinde Abiru | Emma Ryan<br>Christian Balfe<br>Peter Dilworth<br>Catherine Gorman<br>Doireann McAuley<br>Aisling Leahy<br>Luke Sparling<br>Kate Boersma | Owen Kane<br>Ella Moore<br>Ella Corr<br>Jade Hamilton<br>Catriona McCann<br>Andrew Daly<br>Joe Rogers<br>Niamh Hoare | Sean Emmett<br>Mimi Bracken<br>Kate Tolan<br>Emma Daughton<br>Kathy Seaver<br>Alex Johnston<br>Alexander Undguron<br>Aisling Rice | Luke Whelan<br>Jessica Butler<br>Robyn Guildea<br>Victoria Taiwd<br>Evan Brennan<br>Thomas Stack<br>Ava Shortt<br>Eoin Gielty |
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