**Irish Forum for Global Education**

**UN International Day for Education, Tuesday 24th January**

***Lunchtime seminar***

**The UN International Day for Education on 24th January marks the role of education in peace and development. Without inclusive and quality education for all, countries will not succeed in breaking the cycle of poverty, achieve gender equality or address the climate crisis. Building on the global momentum generated by the UN Transforming Education Summit last September, the 2023 Day will call on governments to commit to strong political mobilisation to support financing for education and ensure commitments are translated into action. To mark this day, the Irish Forum for Global Education is hosting a lunchtime seminar which will reflect on the international and domestic challenges in the theme for the 2023 Day -** **‘invest in people, prioritise education’.**

**13.00 Welcome**

Aidan Clifford, Chairperson of Irish Forum for Global Education

**13.05 – 13.30 Invest in People, Prioritise Education**

*Global Partnership for Education - Maryam and Nyvaal Rehman*

*Action Aid International – David Archer*

13.30 - 13.40  **Discussion**

**13.40 – 13.50 Advocating for Teachers; International Task Force on Teachers for**

**Education 2030**

*Peter Wallet. UNESCO TTF*

**13.50 – 14.00 Lessons for Ireland: investment and quality education**

*Dr. John Walsh, TCD*

**13.55 – 14.00 Closing observations**

**The Global Partnership for Education (GPE)** is the largest global fund solely dedicated to transforming education in lower-income countries. Stakeholders include governments, donors, civil society, private sector and youth. In 2021, Ireland pledged €60 million towards GPE’s financing campaign– a nearly 50% increase from Ireland’s previous contribution to GPE in 2018 - with €10 million dedicated to the Girls’ Education Accelerator. GPE youth advocates– Maryam and Nyvaal Rehman – will speak of the transformative impact of education for girls in Pakistan. Aged 19, these Pakistani-Canadian twin activists, journalists and filmmakers have already received several awards for their work on promoting the right to education and gender equality.

**Action Aid International** is a leading global federation working for a world free from poverty and injustice. It is a key agency in promoting financing for education and has provided a strong critique of global tax regimes and how they undermine economic and social development. David Archer is Head of Public Services with ActionAid, having been Head of Education for many years.  He is a co-founder of the [Global Campaign for Education](http://www.campaignforeducation.org/) and Chair of the Board of the [Right to Education Initiative](http://www.right-to-education.org/). He played a lead role in the Stakeholder Convenor for the Finance Action Track in advance of the 2022 UN Transforming Education Summit. Peter Wallet is a Project Officer in the Task Force Secretariat.

**The International Task Force on Teachers for Education 2030** is a global partnership created in 2008 to advocate for teachers and the teaching profession. It brings together governments, international agencies, NGOs and others around the mission of ensuring a qualified, motivated and empowered teacher in every classroom. The Task Force raises awareness, expands knowledge and supports countries to achieved Sustainable Development Goal 4.c - substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries, especially least developed countries and small island developing States

**Dr. John Walsh**, TCD, is a lecturer in Trinity College’s School of Education and is a member of its Cultures, Academic Values and Education research group. He is an acknowledged expert on the history of Irish education, in particular the transformation of educational policy in post-1960s Ireland. His research interests include educational policy in a national and international context; the interaction between church and state in education; higher education in Ireland; history of education in contemporary Ireland; and currently, the influence of international agencies on national educational policies.