



## About Us

We are a democratic school with a self-directed learning philosophy where governance is shared between students and staff in a mixed age setting.

We provide young people with rich learning opportunities in an environment of trust and reciprocal respect, enabling them to find meaning, purpose and passion in their authentic learning path.

Our vision is a world where all young people have access to a self-directed model of education that values the voice and choice of each individual, empowering them to be agents in their own lives.

“ To improve our schools we have to humanise them and make education personal to every student and teacher in the system. Education is always about relationships. ”

Sir Ken Robinson

**UNLOCKING POTENTIAL, EMPOWERING LEARNERS, TRANSFORMING EDUCATION!**



Registered Charity CHY 22181  
Registered Independent School-TUSLA

# EMPOWERED EDUCATION

Learning Tailored to the individual.

## Support our project

Help us to impact more young people and their families as we develop a Centre of Excellence for Self-Directed Education. Invest in the future of education. Empower our children and teenagers to curate their learning journeys; they are the innovators of the future.

Our Goal € 4,000,000

We'd love to hear from you.

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## Why support us?

- *Market Leader* - one of the largest democratic schools in the world
- *Strong Growth rate* - in five years, we have grown from 15 to 86 students and 12 staff, attracting families from across the globe
- *Secure site* - we have invested in a secure base from which to expand by purchasing our school buildings and seven acres of ground. We have secured planning permission for the development of our new campus
- *Experienced management and staff* - Staff and Trustees have extensive experience in education and business management.

Founded in 2017, Sligo Sudbury School provides a unique, self-directed educational environment for young people aged 5-18. Since its inception the school has experienced exponential growth. There is a high demand for this model of education facilitated by dedicated, professional staff. The school currently serves 86 children and by 2032, we plan to grow to a community of 240; 215 students and 25 staff.

Democratic schools have been flourishing worldwide for over 100 years. Extensive research proves they are a viable model of education where a diverse range of learners flourish. Our retention and growth demonstrate the viability and scalability of our school at this critical time as demand outstrips our availability of places.

## Why self-directed education?

It is clear that there is a growing awareness of the need for a more personalised approach to education. Children and Teens should have the freedom to think for themselves, freedom to move, to dedicate themselves to their passions and interests, the freedom to educate themselves through trial and error, self reflection and personal initiative.

- learning fit for the 21st century
- flexible and innovative
- builds resilience
- promotes problem solving and critical thinking
- allows creativity to flourish
- develops initiative and drive
- empowers the whole child

We urgently need to develop our campus to meet demand and become a Centre of Excellence where policy makers, educators, and learners can experience the potential of Democratic Education.

## Current Project Sponsors

Sligo Sudbury School is supported by and has strategic partnerships with:



Join us in creating a brighter future. Become a sponsor today and help us build a Centre of Excellence for Self-directed Democratic Education.

## The Project

- Designed in consultation with students, staff and parents
- Biophilic design maximising natural light and ventilation, natural materials and connection to nature
- Energy efficient, eco friendly, sustainable building which is sympathetic to our rural landscape
- Dynamic and future-fit 21st century learning environment for ages 5 to 18
- Eudaimonia machine architectural design
- Integrated outdoor and indoor learning spaces supporting individuals varying needs throughout the day
- Community-building spaces - gym, sports hall, dining hall and teaching kitchen, outdoor play and recreation spaces, pitches, running track and food growing areas, parent shelter
- STEAM spaces for science, technology, art, engineering, mechanics, metalwork, woodwork and mathematics
- Auditorium and black box for performing arts and dedicated music and recording studio

## Financial Sustainability

Our school is dependent on its membership and private sponsorship to provide its service. It receives no funding from any state body or government department. Financial performance has improved year on year due to careful governance and prudent spending.