

## "Development Education is Political".

"Poverty is Political"
I liked the quote:

"Politics is who gets what, when, and how."

Harold Lasswell (1902 - 1978)

Development Education reminded me that we should be **OURTRAGED** by so much in the world. And we are not. We should ACT. And teacher training MUST act too. This should be compulsory"

"I started the Global
Teacher Award thinking
it was about
environmental change. I
came out thinking about
climate justice and also
tax, trade and debt
justice".

"I liked the Galway One World definition of **Global Justice Education**:

Addresses global concerns, such as the **root causes** of poverty, inequality, conflict and environmental issues...

Assumes a level of interconnectedness - and involves
an analysis of power

Builds critical awareness, recognising and learning from diverse forms of knowledge

Encourages informed solidarity action

Neoliberal Education does not do that".

"World's 8 Richest
People Have as Much
Wealth as Bottom Half
of the World's
Population"

Oxfam 2017

# It's about Justice, Not Charity

"I grew up thinking Timbuktu is a mythical place.

the Oxford English Dictionary puts it, "the most distant place imaginable".

I was struck by the fact that books were the most valuable traded item in 15<sup>th</sup> century

Tombouctou".

### I liked our Crash Course in Structural Inequality

5:50:500

\$5bn voluntary overseas aid to Global South \$50 billion official overseas aid

\$500 billion

**Unfair Trade** 

**Tax Injustice** 

**Illegitimate Debt** 

"Dear Education Policy Makers. Do you know that Article 4.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals states that by 2030 the countries of the world must:

'ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development'.

#### and will be measured for instance by 4.7.1

Extent to which (i) global citizenship education and (ii) education for sustainable development, including gender equality and human rights, are mainstreamed at all levels in: (a) national education policies, (b) curricula, (c) teacher education and (d) student assessment'

"I like the idea that we are fundamentally confused about the difference between GROWTH and Development"

#### Escobar's quote

Development discourse and practice shaped by the West in its interests – cannot be an emancipatory process for the South as it erases 'local' social and cultural contexts and replaces them with a globalised norm.

"Why don't they teach more Development **Education** in the PME? These issues are more important than a lot of what is taught!"

"Ireland is simply a disgrace when it comes to refugees. We should be out there marching about the numbers we are taking here. Why do you think we are not?"