

What's Goal 4: Quality Education all about?

Word Bank		
Word	What it means	Similar Words
Aspire	to want strongly; have as an aim	want, wish, hope
Quality education	An education which sets the learner up to be able to support themselves, take part in society and take actions to make our world a better place	Excellent learning experience
Human rights	Basic freedoms that belong to every person from birth until death (e.g. the right to look for a safe place to live)	Freedoms

All 17 Global Goals **aspire** to make our world a better place by the year 2030. Global Goal 4: **Quality Education**, is about making sure that everyone gets a good education. Because of Global Goal 4, more children are going to primary school than ever before! Still, there is a lot of work to be done to make sure they get a *quality education*.

Many things can affect our learning. If a school does not have enough rooms, class sizes will be too large, making it hard for teachers to give attention to every child.

Sometimes schools may not have:



Electricity



Drinking Water



Enough Toilets



Enough Books



Computers

Imagine how hard it would be to see what your teacher is writing on the board on a dark, rainy day in Ireland, or to not be able to have a drink of water all day. Sometimes, a school may have all of this combined, which can really make learning difficult.

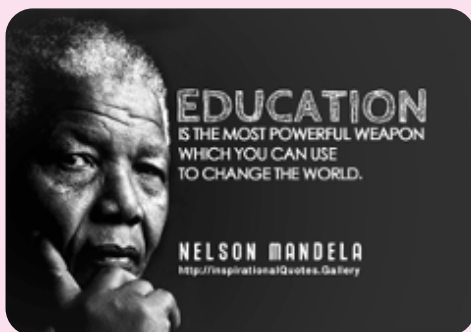
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Irish Aid, the Government of Ireland's programme of overseas cooperation, works towards Goal 4 by supporting children's education in a number of ways. Because girls are more likely to be kept from or drop out of school, Irish Aid focuses on supporting girls to stay in school for longer; this helps the communities where they live.

IRISH AID SUPPORTS QUALITY EDUCATION BY:

- Giving funding (money) to support things like teacher training, school fees/ uniforms for children, and education programmes.
- Improving class sizes, so that classes have less children per teacher
- Making sure that more children have access to books and other learning materials
- Building schools in faraway areas so that children don't have a long journey to and from school

All of this is done because if more young people have access to quality education, their chances in life are better; they can get better jobs and earn enough money to look after themselves and their families; they will have the skills to take part in actions to make our world a better place. Lots of people believe that quality education is the key to making all the 17 Global Goals happen.



Take a minute to think about the idea of education as being the most important weapon or tool we have to change our world. Why might Nelson Mandela (1918-2013), the first black President of South Africa and a famous **human rights** activist, have thought that education was so important? Write what you think below (use 1-2 sentences).

Source: <http://inspirationalquotes.gallery/education-is-the-most-powerful-weapon-which-you-can-use-to-change-the-world/>
