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DIGNITY

be our Compass

**kids
own**
PUBLISHING PARTNERSHIP

our project idea began with a
ten foot long compass
placed on the floor





Four key areas, or points of the compass, are incorporated

dignity

being at the heart of each



The opportunity
to take part in dignified work

Affordable
Housing



Zero
discrimination

A living wage &
minimum income
standards





the opportunity

to take part in dignified work

“In Ireland especially we have the cost of living crisis. Everything is going up except the wages. There needs to be what people are calling it, a living wage.”

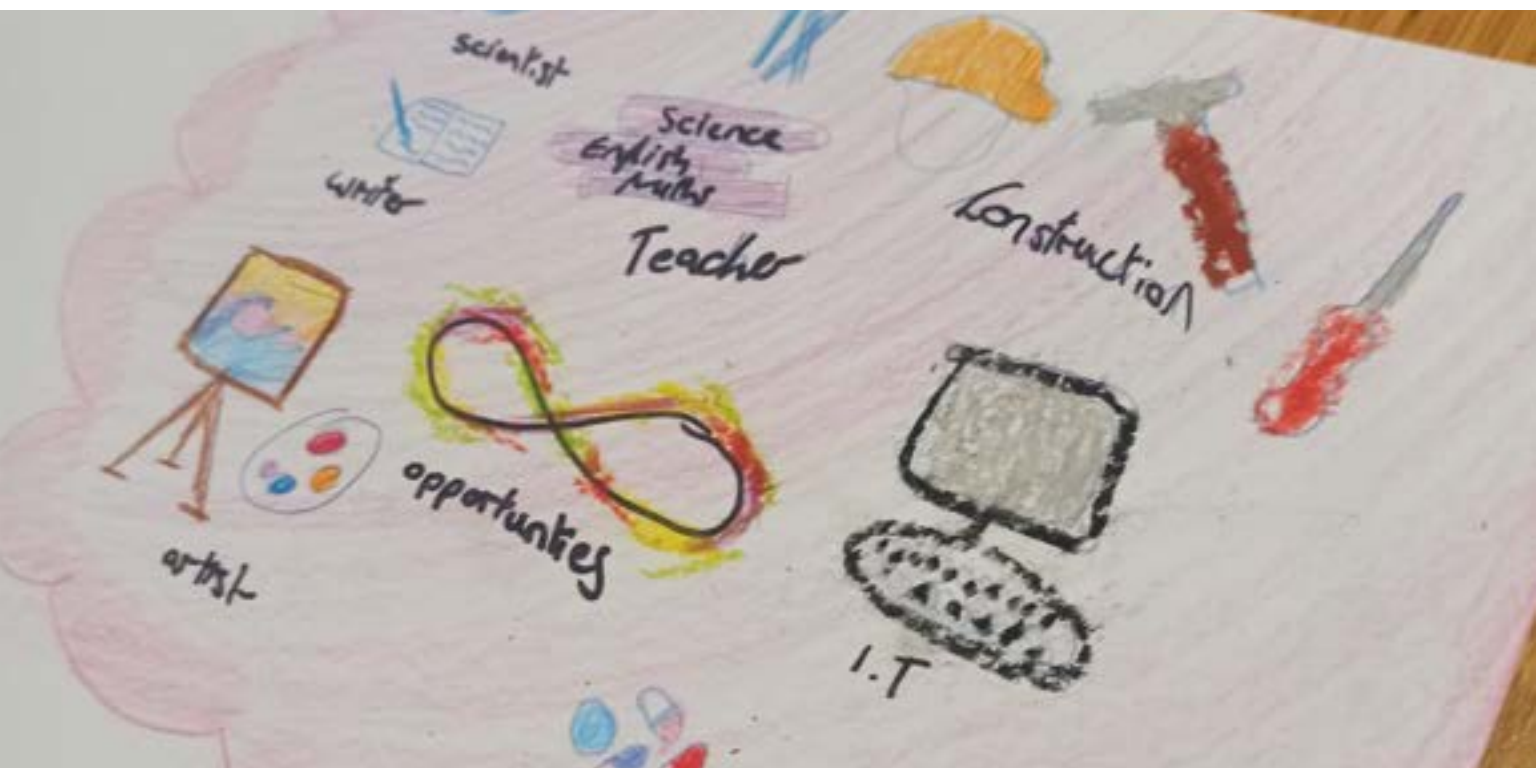
“People should be paid fairly because if you’re working a job the same hours and the same as someone else but in a different place you could be paid more and that would give them more money, so nicer things, and nicer clothes, and a nicer house and someone might feel bad about it and it wouldn’t be fair.”

“No job = no money
= no food = no energy = no life
= no dignity (hope!)

GIVE ME A JOB
EMPLOYMENT FOR EVERYONE
(E.F.E)

Don’t discriminate poverty. Improve it!”





affordable housing

“It’s very important to have affordable houses so everyone can have a home.”



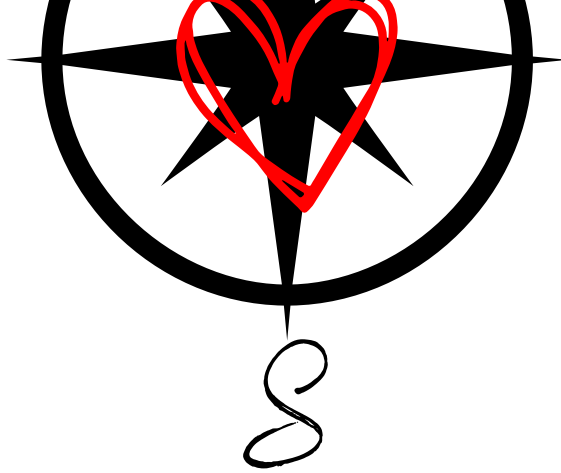
“They have the rent to buy scheme, but you have to be lucky to get mortgage approval at the right time. I think they need to look at opening up the help to buy scheme and make more developments that are more affordable. It’s hard to get any relief when you’re renting. I don’t know anyone who is renting that isn’t under pressure.”



“Sometimes you can see people out on the street and it’s not nice. They may have no money so can’t buy food and can’t get a job.”

“I think it’s really important that young people stay in Ireland and don’t move away. So many people are going to Australia. It is sad because it’s so many people you know, even people that aren’t going over want to go over. Because they think it’s going to be better over there. It is sad because you want people to stay in Ireland, appreciate the culture. If everyone is leaving, then we will lose it. Apartments would be more affordable than houses. They seem to just keep doing huge estates.”





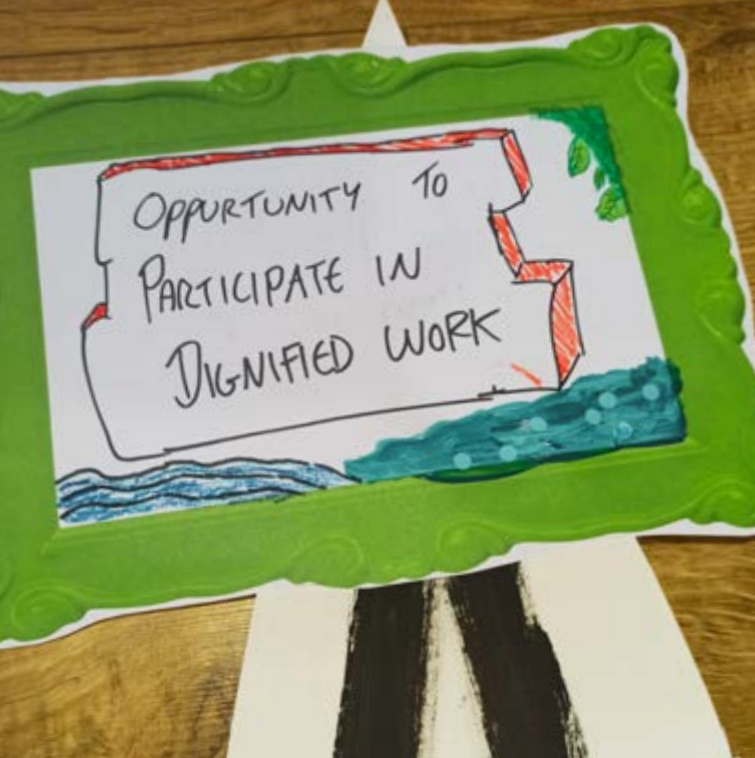
“Minimum wage is a base line, and people shouldn’t be struggling too much.”

a living wage

and minimum income standards

“The first word that comes to mind is humanity. Everyone deserves to get up in the morning and earn a living, not be discriminated against, or be degraded or feel bad about what they do. In a lot of places people do not have the opportunity to work.”

“I think everyone should have an equal chance to work somewhere so they can get paid and they can feed their children and they can feed themselves and buy themselves clothes and have a roof over their head.”

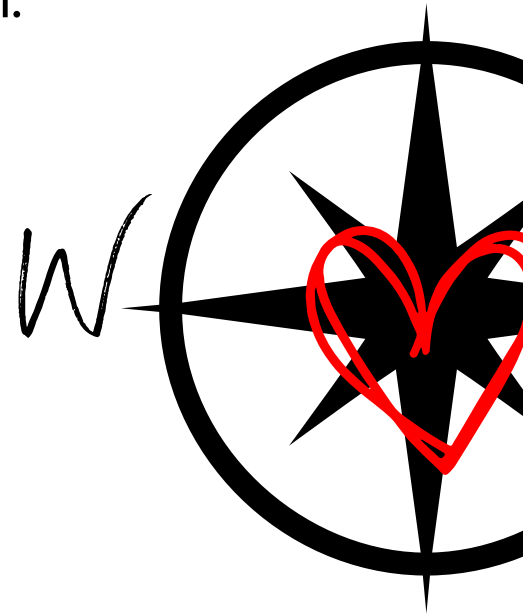


zero discrimination

“It doesn’t matter who you are, where you grow up, what life you’re from.”

“Your experiences should be based on how people treat you, not where you’re born, what you look like. There’s hidden discrimination, it comes back to the rental. It’s just fairness, giving everyone an equal chance.”

“For some people you don’t know what happens in their families, they could just be faking a smile and this could lead to depression and anxiety. You should welcome everyone because you don’t know what they’re coming from.”





working together

towards change to end persistent poverty





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