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Contact Details

1. Name and Address

You do not have to provide your name and address. If you do include your contact details I can provide you with a copy of the report once it is completed. Your details will not be shared with any other body. Your answers will remain anonymous.

Name

Company

Address

Address 2

City/Town

Post code

Email Address

2. Are you a teacher?

☐

Yes

☐

No

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3. Are you a parent?

☐

Yes

☐

No

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Teachers and Education stakeholders

* 4. Should there be more support for citizenship education in schools?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

* 5. Would a module during initial teacher education on diversity inclusion training help to support teachers teaching in ever increasingly diverse classrooms?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

6. Are you a parent?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Parents

* 7. Does your child/children go to an integrated school?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

* 8. If you answered yes to the above, would you make the same decision again?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comment

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Statutory Duty for Integrated Education

The Department of Education's statutory duty for integrated education states, 'It shall be the duty of the Department to encourage and facilitate the development of integrated education, that is to say the education together at school of Protestant and Roman Catholic pupils.'

* 9. Do you think the Department of Education's statutory duty should be changed to also 'promote' the growth of integrated education?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

Comment

* 10. Do you think the Department of Education should have a duty to strategically plan for the growth of integrated education?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

Comment

* 11. Do you agree that a strategic plan would help to achieve further development and growth of Integrated Education

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

Other (please specify)

* 12. Do you agree that in planning for Integrated Education the Department of Education should set minimum targets

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

Comment

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Enrolment Criteria

The Department of Education's policy on religious balance in integrated schools states, "Schools must demonstrate the ability to achieve a minimum of 10% of their 1st year intake drawn from the minority tradition (Protestant or Roman Catholic) within the school's enrolment and the potential to achieve a minimum of 30% in the longer term."

* 13. Do you believe the enrolment criteria should be reviewed to give recognition to those children of mixed, other or no religious background

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

Other (please specify)

* 14. Should the policy of religious criteria be continuously monitored and changed/updated to reflect the continuing diversity in Northern Ireland (e.g. following the census)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

Other (please specify)

* 15. Should each integrated school have an individual enrolment criteria set to reflect the community in which it serves

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't Know

Other (please specify)

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Transformation

Transformation is a process of change of status of an existing school to integrated status stemming from an aspiration to provide an integrated school in an area. The

Department of Education's transformation policy has not been updated since 2005.

* 16. Should a complete review of the transformation process and legislation be carried out by the Department?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

* 17. Do you think there should be a more proactive approach by government to encourage and facilitate discussions between schools in different sectors that may wish to explore amalgamation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

* 18. Should there be financial incentives for schools to transform to integrated status?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

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Education and Training Inspectorate

The Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI), is an organisation which provides inspection services and information about the quality of education being offered to

the Department of Education (DE)

* 19. Should the Education and Training inspectorate (ETI) have a dedicated team to inspect and help develop the integrated ethos in integrated schools?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

* 20. How frequently should the ETI inspect schools that have newly transformed to integrated status to examine how they are performing against their transformation plan?

- ☐ Every Year
- ☐ Every 2 years
- ☐ Every 3 years
- ☐ Every 4 years
- ☐ Never

Comment

* 21. Should integrated schools have an additional inspection criteria to make sure they are attaining an integrated ethos?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

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Funding for Integrated Education

All grant-aided schools in Northern Ireland are funded by the Northern Ireland Government and either receive their funding from the Department of Education or the Education Authority. Integrated schools do not receive any additional funding from the Government to help them develop and maintain their integrated ethos.

* 22. Do you think there should be dedicated funding for the development of integrated education?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

* 23. Should integrated schools receive additional funding to help develop the ethos of integrated education?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

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Area Planning

Area Planning is the process in which the Department of Education plan educational provision to ensure ‘high quality education that is delivered in schools that are educationally and financially sustainable.’

Note:

The Education Authority (EA) is the statutory planning authority for the controlled sector.

The Council for Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) has the statutory planning role for the maintained sector.

* 24. Currently the demand for integrated education is not assessed, should an audit be done to effectively plan and budget for integrated education?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

* 25. Who should be responsible for conducting the audit? Please tick any you feel should be involved

- ☐ Local Council
- ☐ Education Authority
- ☐ Department of Education
- ☐ NI Council for Integrated Education (NICIE)
- ☐ Don't Know
- ☐ Comment

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Fair Employment Legislation

An exception dating back to the original drafting of Fair Employment legislation in Northern Ireland means that teachers in schools are not protected in employment against discrimination on the grounds of religious belief. This duty is under Article 71 of the Fair Employment & Treatment (NI) Order 1998.

* 26. Should teaching appointments be subject to Fair Employment legislation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

* 27. Do you think repealing Article 71 would encourage a more integrated workforce?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Comment

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Additional Questions

Human Rights and Equality Implications

* 28. How do you think the proposed legislation will impact on human rights?

- ☐ Positively
- ☐ Negatively
- ☐ Not significantly
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Unsure

Comment

* 29. How do you think the proposed legislation will impact on equality of opportunity?

- ☐ Positively
- ☐ Negatively
- ☐ Not significantly
- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ Unsure

Comment

30. Do you have any comments on the likely savings/financial implications of the proposed legislation?

31. Do you have any other comments on the proposed legislation?

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Thank You

Thank you for spending your time completing this survey. Your answers will be used to help to shape the proposed draft legislation. If you have included your contact details I will email you a copy of the report once it is completed.

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Thank you
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