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Seamount College has been committed to fostering Development Education in the school for several years. This year, it is one of a small number of schools around Ireland piloting a Development Education programme for Transition Year. The primary aim of Development Education is to promote an understanding of the causes of poverty and inequality in the world. In conjunction with its Development Education programme, the school has also had an association with the Irish charity, Aidlink, for many years.

As a result of its Development Education programme and through its association with Aidlink, the school established a link in 2006 with Notre Dame Senior High School, an all-girl's Catholic school in Sunyani, Ghana. That year, Margo Mhic Dhomhnaill and Geraldine Connors, made the first teacher exchange to Notre Dame, where they taught in Ghanaian schools and visited various projects undertaken by Aidlink. Last year Seamount College and the wider Kinvara community welcomed Augustine Akwowuki and Naomi Gardor Tanawa, two teachers from Notre Dame to Ireland.

This June, Seamount College takes the next step in this very valuable and worthwhile linking project. Five students from Seamount, accompanied by two teachers, will participate in the first student immersion visit with Notre Dame. The project is being organized through Aidlink. The students' families are meeting the cost of their children's trip to Ghana. However the students are also trying to raise money for in country costs as well as specific Aidlink projects in Ghana and this is where we hope you can help us.

We would very much appreciate it if you would make a contribution to support this project and to support our school and we very much look forward to hearing from you.

Is mise le meas,

Maighr ad Mhic Dhomhnaill

Eileen Fitzgerald