



TY ACADEMY



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IT TAKES



2021- 2022 TY ACADEMY REPORT



31ST JANUARY -
11TH OF FEBRUARY -





What they said

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“I really enjoyed learning from Concern. I have lots of interesting notes and information now it was great to hear from everyone and it got me interested in lots of new subjects”



“It has helped me decide my Leaving Cert subjects as I now have a better idea of what I could do in the future”

“(I want to) get involved more in my local community, research unethical companies and strive to educate people in my community”

TY ACADEMY PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS



62 Registrations



56 Attended



60% Female participants. 40% Male participants



11% of participants from DEIS Schools



Provinces



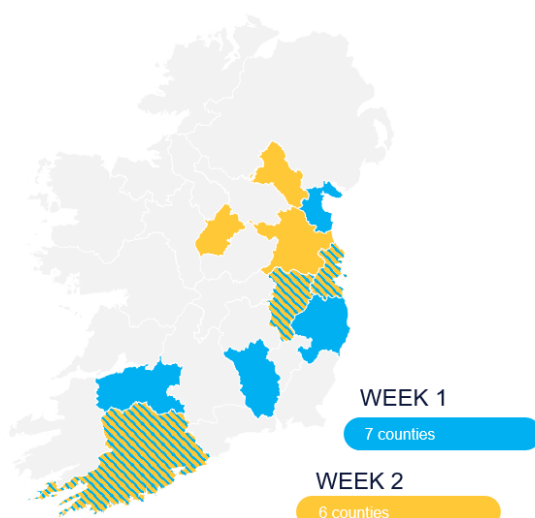
Counties Represented



**Input from 2 Country Offices
Malawi and Sierra Leone**



14 Guest Speakers



TY Academy took place over two weeks from Jan 31st to Feb 4th and Feb 7th to Feb 11th 2022. This was the second time the event took place solely online due to covid restrictions. The programme was a combination of online work experience and project work utilising design thinking methodology. The programme used Miro to allow collaborative work between groups of students. Each week approximately 30 students attended these sessions that ran from 10am – 2.30pm.

The programme had four key and distinct aspects that focused on the learning outcomes and objectives.

1. Introduce students to planning and designing an action using design thinking methods to allow them to engage in critical thinking and advanced problem solving
2. Give students an overview of the many types of careers and people who work in Concern (work experience element)
3. Provide direct contact with as many Concern staff from HO and overseas as scheduling allowed
4. Encourage students to be active citizens and equip them with the necessary tools and confidence to take action on local and global issues important to them

In total 56 students from 36 schools from 10 counties took part. 11% of attendees were from DEIS schools. 25% of schools had not participated in a Concern activity in the last 4 years, while 75% of schools were participating in another Concern activity. 14 guest speakers from various departments in Concern met and worked with the students over the course of the week, including speakers dialling in remotely from Malawi and Sierra Leone.

The programme exceeded the expectations of 24% of participants and the feedback from parents was very positive.

Some feedback from students included:

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Students also said they were more likely to think about how their actions affect others in the future.

TY Academy will be taking place in the 2022-2023 school year. For more information about TY Academy or other programmes for post-primary students please email schools@concern.net

Report compiled March 2022 by Noeleen Doyle.



What they said - actions for the future

I'm going to get more involved in social justice action



I'm going to try my best to do what I can for my local community and people who need help worldwide

avoid unethical companies and sign petitions



reach out to people involved in these issues as they have great stories and experienceand can tell you direct ways to contribute

try harder to reduce my carbon footprint





What they said - actions for the future

makes changes about issues I feel strongly about in my school community



continue advocating for issues I feel passionate about

research more into certain topics/areas



I will share what I learned from this experience

be more aware of the world I'm living in and how my actions big or small make a difference





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