

IRISH EDUCATION GROUP



THE VIEWS OF THE MANCHESTER IRISH COMMUNITY ON THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN

An *Irish Education Group* has been formed to assess the needs and wishes of the community with regard to Education in Manchester. The group is made up of interested people from all sections of the community and if you wish to join you are very welcome. By filling in this questionnaire you could help us accurately represent your needs to Manchester Education Committee.

Thanking you in anticipation.

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- (1) Are you satisfied with the general educational provision in Manchester? **YES/NO**
- (2) Do you feel that a knowledge of their background would benefit children of Irish descent? **YES/NO**
- (3) Do you feel that teaching should take more account of the cultural background of your children? **YES/NO**
- (4) Do you feel that *all* children benefit from a knowledge of other cultural backgrounds? **YES/NO**
- (5) Are you aware of any attempts to include aspects of Irish culture in their curriculum? **YES/NO**
- (6) Have your children ever experienced anti-Irish feelings in school? **YES/NO**
- (7) Do you feel that your children can talk openly of their Irish background in school? **YES/NO**
- (8) Do you think that Manchester children have an accurate view of Ireland and the Irish? **YES/NO**
- (9) Do the books and materials in your child's school give an accurate view of Ireland and the Irish? **YES/NO**
- (10) Do you feel that children of Irish descent do as well educationally as other children? **YES/NO**
- (11) Do you think that Manchester Education Committee should make provision in the following areas:
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| Books and Materials that reflect Irish cultural background | YES/NO |
| Adult Irish Studies classes | YES/NO |
| Irish Language classes in school | YES/NO |
| Irish Language classes in the evening | YES/NO |
| Irish Dance | YES/NO |
| Irish Music | YES/NO |
| Irish Games | YES/NO |
- (12) If Manchester were to provide Irish Traditional music teachers which area would you like your children to follow or take up? (Please tick):
- Violin
Tin Whistle
Concert Flute
Accordion
Bodhra'n
Banjo
Harp
- (13) If Manchester were to provide Irish Games tuition which area would you like your children to take up? (Please tick):
- Gaelic Football
Hurling
Comogie
Hand Ball
- (14) Do you feel strongly about having the Irish dimension represented in Manchester schools? **YES/NO**
- (15) Have you any suggestions for improving the education of our children? Please use the space below to make them known.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Please return to Secretary no later than 30th June, 1986