

# Cambodian Teachers & Students visit Scoil Naomh Feichin

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

Scoil Naomh Feichín hosted a small group of education leaders and students from Cambodia on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2024. The visit was coordinated by Michael Garvey who has worked as a substitute teacher in our school over the last few years and now does some work with Cambodian organisation, PEPY Empowering Youth. Ms Brannigan and her 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils completed projects on the theme of Sustainable Development in preparation for the visit. See highlights of the school visit here:

<https://youtu.be/IgWOccoFW7M>



PEPY Empowering Youth is an organisation based in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Its main focus is on providing support for young people to continue in education through second level and on to third level. Due to historical and financial reasons, the number of children who complete even primary school is very low.

PEPY provides scholarships to young people to complete third level education, and all of these students become role models for their rural villages and communities and consequently school attendance and completion improve.

PEPY's Irish partnership began over a decade ago. Every year year, a group of Irish teachers spend three weeks working with and learning from PEPY in Siem Reap, Cambodia and an annual reciprocal visit to Ireland is then arranged. Two education leaders and two students visit schools, universities and various organisations sharing their culture, education systems, terrible history and positivity for the future of their beautiful country.

The only way to get to a bright and equitable future is through quality and equitable education for all.

*Bryan Collins*

*Principal*

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