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Tá súil agam go bhfuil cúrsaí go maith libh uilig.

As you may be aware, the INTO has been lending its backing to a campaign that aims to plant over One Million Trees **in Africa and Ireland** each year, to combat climate change.

We signed up to support this campaign with Self Help Africa in 2020, but because of the Covid-19 pandemic had to defer our active participation until the brave new post - COVID era! So far it has been a roller coaster success with approx. 700 Primary Schools across the island of Ireland signed up over the last two years.

A colossal thank you to all for embracing this wonderful initiative and educating our school communities about Global Solidarity in tandem with Cherishing our Planet.

Every school that participates in the One Million Trees campaign received a free native Irish tree per classroom, together with access to age-appropriate lesson plans that can be used by teachers with their pupils.

This project provides schools with a pro-active educational intervention that resonates positively with the INTOs goal of Global Citizenship and Solidarity, while allowing schoolchildren to do something practical that responds to the climate change challenge.

A big thank you to the delegates and schools who have signed at recent INTO Conferences with our Plant a Million Trees ambassador, Seán Mc Mahon - ex-President INTO, or through "In Touch", social media etc.

This year, Self Help Africa are distributing the tree saplings in the two weeks running up to Easter 2024 so time for schools "to get your shovel".

If your school has not already signed up please do so now using the following link:

<https://selfhelpafrica.org/onemilliontrees/school-registration/>

Closing date this year is February 29th.

Having signed up your school contact will get an email from Self Help Africa with all details regarding distribution etc.

Yours sincerely,

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