Sixth Class pupils of Sacred Heart NS, Aughrim, Co Wicklow, were declared the overall winners of the Our World Irish Aid Awards at a ceremony in Dublin Castle on Tuesday, 21 February. More than 9,000 students from 450 national schools took part in this year’s Our World Irish Aid awards.

Minister of State for Trade and Development Joe Costello, TD, presented the award before an audience of 300 children and teachers from primary schools across Ireland. The Our World Irish Aid Awards encourage young people from around Ireland to learn more about the lives of children in developing nations. The theme of this year’s competition was ‘Caring for Our Planet, Feeding Our World’.

The winning project, entitled ‘Don’t Stop Believing’, focused on the similarities that exist between Ireland and Uganda. The Wicklow pupils produced a song, a board game, a mural, a book and a 3D sustainable village model.

Also honoured at this year’s ceremony with Awards of Excellence were:
- Christ Church NS, Waterford
- Ray NS, Donegal
- Scoil Naisiunta Naomh Philomena, Offaly
- St Mary’s BNS, Monaghan
- Scoil Naisiunta Naomh Eoin, Offaly

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