

5 February 2026

Dear School Leaders,

RE: Children and Young People Survey to Shape the EA's Equality Action Plan

The Education Authority is in the process of updating its Equality Action Plan. This will help the EA to identify how it addresses inequalities in the Northern Ireland education system.

We want to hear directly from children and young people. We are keen to hear their thoughts on the main issues, concerns or barriers which affect young people and equality groups in relation to:

- Access to education and youth services,
- Making your voice heard,
- Health and wellbeing, and
- Welcoming and inclusive communities

We would be grateful if you could circulate the below link to children and young people in your school. A toolkit including a PowerPoint slide or A4 poster has also been enclosed with English and Irish versions. If you need any different materials, please email us below.

School Leaders in Irish-Medium Schools should be advised that an Irish version of the survey is available for children and young people, also available via the link below.

<https://eanifunding.org.uk/eap2026-consultation/>

EA will also continue to engage with School Leaders as part of its wider stakeholder engagement and participation plans.

If you have any queries, please contact equality.unit@eani.org.uk

Kind Regards,

Equality & Human Rights Service

“To inspire, support and challenge all our Children and Young People to be the best that they can be.”

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