# Global Goals in Woodbrook College

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All over the world, initiatives are taken to make our planet more sustainable. In 2015, World leaders agreed to 17 Global Goals to help us make it more sustainable. The 17 Global Goals are:



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Ms. Hand Runs the *Global Citizenship* club In Woodbrook College. I contacted her and asked her, how is Global Goals rolled out in Woodbrook College? She replied with "*Global Citizenship is a 10-week module that all TY students complete. It is also taught as a 10-week module to 2nd Year students as part of their wellbeing program. In a normal school year, I also run a Global Citizenship Club on Wednesday afternoons but that could not go ahead this year*". I also asked her, why did you get involved with Global Goals? She replied *"The reason that I became involved in Global Citizenship education is that I understand how fortunate I am in my own life and I think it is really important to try to improve the world. While I cannot inform Govt Policy or raise millions of euros I hope that by exposing as many students as possible to this idea that maybe one day one of my students will have an idea or lead a program that changes the world. My favorite quote of all time is: " To those who much is given, much is expected"*.

## Woodbrook Wellfest

In September 2019 a number of classes have been exploring the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Good Health and Wellbeing. In their Global Citizenship Module TY came up with some action projects on areas of Wellbeing that interested them. The point of these activities is to encourage the students to be active citizens. To understand that their actions on global issues help by raising awareness and starting discussions on possible changes to their own behaviors. We have also been learning about team work, resilience and problem solving. On Friday December 6th we hosted the inaugural Woodbrook Wellfest which was a festival celebrating all of the hard work that had gone in to these projects. We had prizes for the Most Innovative Idea, the Best Display on the day and the Best Overall Project. Our judges on the day were Alan Morgan and Jacinta Owens from the Innovation Academy of University College Dublin. Dr Deirdre Mac Gillacuddy from the UCD School of Education and Lizzie Noone from WorldWise Global Schools. They were so impressed not only by the projects but by the depth of the students' knowledge on the issues they were learning about.

We then had a visit from Minister for Health Simon Harris TD who spoke to the students about their projects and about the innovations that he is working on to promote good health and wellbeing on a national level. Overall, the students have learned a huge amount about the great challenges we all face today. But more importantly, they have learnt how to take action to be the change they want to see in the world.