

# Edmund Rice Network of Link Teachers

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## Agenda

Welcome /Reflection

**Acknowledging the role of Link Teachers -Thank you**

The role/ purpose of Link Teachers?

Introductions

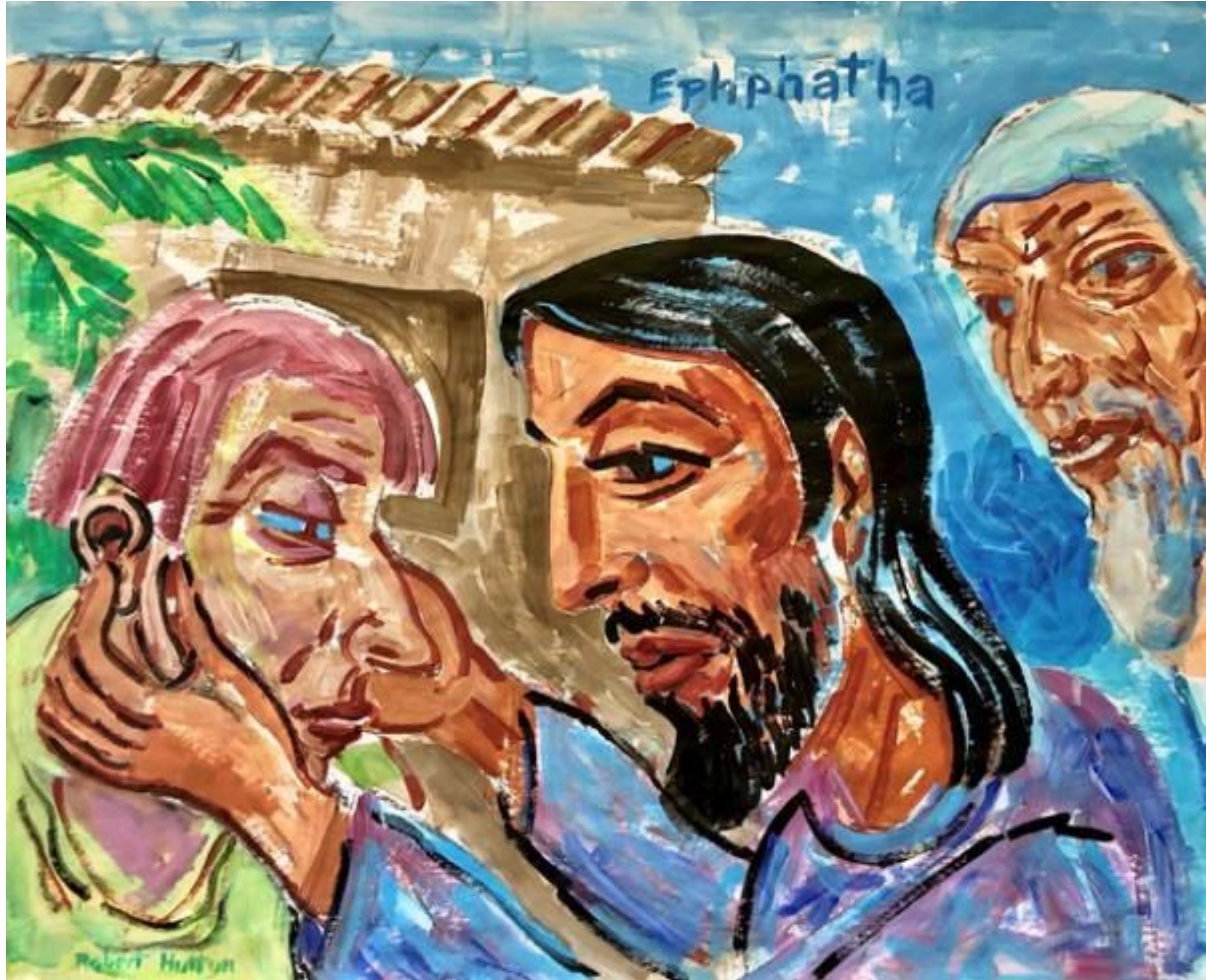
Break out rooms

**ERST Calendar**

- 1. Laudato Sí Unity Project**
- 2. Courageous Leadership– Online Global Leadership Course for young People**
- 3. Irish Schools Sustainability Network**
- 4. Schools of Sanctuary**

News from ERST Office ESíol. Twitter, ERST.ie







# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

**In Laudato Si' Pope Francis tells us “.... the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth are one and the same”**

**Season of Creation invites each of us to explore how to be open as a community and to be open to change.**





# Edmund Rice Prayer

O God, we thank you for the life of Blessed Edmund Rice.

He opened his heart to Christ present in those oppressed by poverty and injustice.

May we follow his example of faith and generosity.

Grant us the courage and compassion of Blessed Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

# Breakout Room

Introduction

Question

What works well in your role as Link Teacher?





- 1. Schools of Sanctuary**
- 2. Laudato Sí Unity Project**
- 3. ERI Youth Ambassadors**
- 4. COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP – AN  
ONLINE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SHORT  
COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**
- 5. Irish Schools Sustainability Network**



# LAUDATO SI UnityProject

Sustainability  
Integral Ecology  
Community Action

Edmund Rice Student Councils Collaborating  
to build a better world for all

The good seed will grow



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# Laudato Si Unity Project -Aims

To build relationships between schools, staffs and students.

To think globally and act locally by engaging in a community action project.

Schools in the team may engage in same activity/ initiative or advocacy campaign.

To develop co-responsibility across the Edmund Rice Network.

# Laudato *Si* Unity Project

Local -UN SDG #1 End Poverty In All Its Forms  
Everywhere)(Homelessness SGD

Eco-UN SDG #12 Responsible Consumption (Litter)

Global UN SDG #5, Gender Equality



## **PROMOTING EDMUND RICE INTERNATIONAL IN SCHOOLS**

### **ERI Mission Statement**

An ERI Partner School would be presented annually with a Mission Statement produced by ERI in consultation with Regional Advocacy Coordinators which clearly explains the commitment required of an ERI Partner School. Each school should display this clearly and prominently within school and on websites.

### **ERI Staff Ambassadors**

As well as student Ambassadors, a Partner School would appoint an ERI Staff Ambassador to serve an annual term. However, they would retain that status thereafter so that each Partner School develops a Network of staff who have served as ERI Staff Ambassadors and who continue to support students and each other.

### **Training Opportunities & Resources for Staff Ambassadors**

- ERI Online Course
- Staff Advocacy Workshop (delivered by Regional Advocacy Coordinator)
- Geneva In-Person Training (January / May / November)
- EREBB Leadership Certificate

### **ERI Youth Ambassadors**

All ERI Partner Schools would appoint at least two ERI Youth Ambassadors for the academic year. Ambassadors would serve an annual term and have increased opportunity for training, engagement with ERI, and communication with counterparts across the world.

### **Social Justice Action Plan**

ERI Partner Schools would adopt and promote the Social Justice Action Plan committing to *at least* one from the local, global, or eco-campaign options for the school year. The local campaign could be one of their choosing (supported by the Regional Advocacy Coordinators), whilst the eco and global campaigns would be selected from a list of ERI-approved campaigns developed by the ERI team and global network of Regional Advocacy Coordinators.

## **PROMOTING EDMUND RICE INTERNATIONAL IN SCHOOLS**

### **ERI Approved Campaigns and Campaign Showcase**

Each year the global network of Regional Advocacy Coordinators would be invited by ERI to submit campaigns they wish to publicise from their area. A selection of these campaigns (the ones that offer clear and realistic opportunity for school involvement) would be approved by ERI and circulated to Partner Schools. A Partner School should choose their Social Justice Action Plan Campaigns from this 'menu' of options.

As part of this process, we would invite each justice desk and/or Regional Advocacy Coordinator to promote their campaign by creating a short presentation (video/Powerpoint etc.) which explains and outlines their campaign. A Partner School should ensure these promotional resources inform the selection of campaigns in their school.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **Staff Ambassadors will:**

- Participate in at least one form of Advocacy Training (either online or in person)
- Manage ERI Groups and Appoint Youth Ambassadors
- Facilitate delivery of Classroom Modules for students
- Supervise and oversee campaigns run by students
- Attend annual/periodic YA gathering/exchange/sharing event

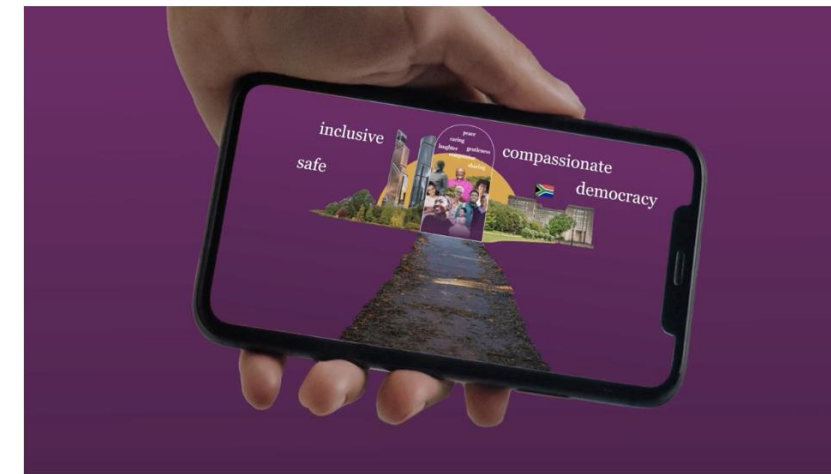
#### **Youth Ambassadors will:**

- Attend Induction Training
- Participate in ERI Group
- Promote campaigns and activities (to ERI and the wider school community)
- Participate in annual/periodic YA gathering/exchange/sharing event

# Course

We all want to improve our lives and live in safe and caring societies. This course will empower you to take actions of courage that will create positive waves of change. Become the courageous leader you can be. Enrol in this free online course.

Enrol Now



<https://tutucourageousleadershipcourse.thinkific.com/courses/thetutucourageousleadershipcourse>

## About This Course



This course comprises five modules, with each focusing on one quality of courageous leadership exemplified in Desmond Tutu's life.



Each module includes a short video, a few ideas that explore the topic more deeply, and questions for you to apply it to your life.



Through this course, you will discover just how powerful your everyday actions can be in building a life of courageous leadership.

## **COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP – AN ONLINE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SHORT COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

This course comprises five short modules, with each focusing on one quality of courageous leadership exemplified in Archbishop Desmond Tutu's life.

Through this course, young people will discover just how powerful their everyday actions can be in building a life of courageous leadership.

Each module includes a short video, a few ideas that explore the topic more deeply, and questions for young people (15-18yo) to apply it to their lives.

Young people will have the opportunity to share with young people from Edmund Rice schools around the world, through educator-facilitated online dialogues.



## Irish Schools Sustainability Network

Schools are appointing Assistant Principals that have responsibility for **Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**. Some teachers are looking for funding and others are wondering where to start. The teachers in your schools who have this responsibility may find these resources useful.

**CPD: Applying for ESD Funding** - Wednesday 11th Sept

[Register](#) for Primary CPD session at 15.00pm

[Register](#) for Secondary CPD session at 19.00pm

This is part of our ESCI and ISSN [CPD Schedule](#) - Share this with your staff

**Guide:** [Awareness to Action](#) - Support for integrating education for sustainable development into your school. [Download guide.](#)



**EREBB Online Leadership Certificate** run by Marino Institute of Education is still going strong.

Registration is now open for this semester and the course begins on **September 30<sup>th</sup> 2024**. See the attached flyer for more details.