

SUMMARY OF EDUCATION POLICIES AS REFLECTED IN NI PARTIES' MANIFESTOS 2017

Alliance 9-point plan for education includes strengthening statutory duty and extending it to EA and includes

- Government should set a minimum target of 20% of children being educated in integrated schools and 40% in mixed schools within the next ten years.
- Government should give formal recognition to the contribution being made to the process of reconciliation by 'mixed' schools: those with a mixed enrolment but not formal integrated status.
- Government should set a minimum number of shared learning hours and contact between schools in a shared facility.
- Government should pursue the rationalisation of the existing fragmented teacher training provision into a word-class, financially sustainable, and integrated system.

DUP no mention of IE or shared education.

NI GREEN PARTY Wants to see a fully fledged integrated education system. Wants all children to have access to integrated education and ultimately wants a system of community-centred campuses of schools of different levels for the whole community.

PBP the party urges "end selective and segregated education"

It says it "campaigns with teachers and students for proper investment in integrated, non-selective education..... We oppose the sham 'shared education programme.' "

SDLP "recognises that education forms the building blocks of a shared society.

Recognises the value of faith-based education. Committed to parental choice and for access for pupils to faith based, integrated, Irish medium and state education. "We want to see local schools based within local communities and supported by that community."

UUP "Imagine a single education system, where children mix from age four, receiving a virtual inoculation jab against sectarianism, but which also protects a family's right to education within a religious context."

Wants to plan for a desegregated education system.

Called for the removal of Article 71 of the Fair Employment and Equal Treatment Order; 1998 which exempts teachers in schools from protections against discrimination on the basis of religion...

Sinn Fein no mention

TUV "Choice, not prescription, is our guide." Want to get rid of FE legislation exemption for schools. "Fighting for a fair deal for the controlled sector."

PUP have re-issued 2016 Manifesto : "The Progressive Unionist Party believes that we maintain societal division through segregated education and strongly endorses a policy of integrated education at both primary and secondary levels, which, upon implementation, would save a considerable amount of financial resources."

The Workers Party “Promoting shared education instead of integrated education is like building invisible ‘peace’ walls between yet another generation of our school children.”