

Dear Friends of Educo,

This is the first of our Educo updates and there's no better place to start than to thank you all for your very generous support.

You have helped us raise c. €300,000 in our inaugural year.



A small piece of news

We have changed our name from Educeo to Educo- educating children out of poverty - as it's easier to pronounce. Please visit our website www.educo.ie to see our new format.

Educo Events

La Dolce Vita, our Summer Ball held at the Shelbourne hotel, raised €85,000. No less importantly, this event also helped to raise awareness of all our projects and resulted in excellent publicity for Educo.



The **City Channel** is currently running 2 x 5 minute programme on the charity. The **Gloss magazine** ran a photo feature of the event in its August issue. (Photographs of which are available on the Educo website). Naturally we would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous support.

The **Annual Dangerous Liaisons Ball** will be held in Ashford Castle over the weekend of 23rd and 24th November 2007. The Ball will have a Russian feel and those joining us will enjoy an evening of Imperial splendour. Please contact juerg@lendingtree.ie for further details.

Educo Short Films

You can now view the Educo and the two City Channel short films on our website.

All of these help to bring to life what Educo is trying to achieve with its programmes.

Educo projects

Uttan

We are delighted to announce that we are purchasing a building in Uttan outside Mumbai. Work begins shortly to convert this into the first Educo school for 500 pupils, aged 2-11 years.

The conversion will be completed by the end of January and the school will open its doors for the following term, with Sister Paulette and her team of lay teachers at the helm.

Kolkata (Calcutta)

Our school project in Kolkata (Calcutta) is well underway. We are buying a building that will be converted into a vocational school offering training to teenage boys and girls in diverse areas such as English, computer skills, cooking, sewing and photography.

Practical training initiatives will be available for the older children. The school cafeteria, for example, will be run entirely by the students.

This offers real-life experience and affords a wonderful opportunity for these kids to earn their own money.

It will also work towards making the school self-sustaining in the longer term.

Sponsor a Child programme

We would like to thank those of you who have signed up for our 'Sponsor a Child' programme.

Many of you would already have received your personal letter from Sister Paulette and your sponsored child.

For those who would like to join the programme, please see www.educo.ie for further details. [Sign up today by visiting www.educo.ie/html/patroned.html](http://www.educo.ie/html/patroned.html)

Just €25 a month can help lift a child out of poverty and into a brighter future.

Our Winter Newsletter will be circulated in December and will provide an update on all Educo projects and initiatives.

We wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank all of you who have supported us over the past year.

You have all helped us toward our goal of breaking the cycle of child poverty through education.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Grattan Boylan (grattan@jamesboylan.com) or Aisling Ryan (aisling.ryan@ogilvy.com).

We look forward to hearing from you and once again, Many thanks, the EDUCO Committee.