

Policy Context

The preparation of the Report on the Review of Post-Primary Education has taken account of a wide range of legislation, existing policy statements and policy development work across a number of Government Departments, including -

- The Belfast Agreement, April 1998
- The Education & Libraries (NI) Order 1986
- The Education Reform Order (NI) 1989
- The Education (NI) Order 1996
- The Education (NI) Order 1997
- The Northern Ireland Act 1998
- A Strategy for Education Technology in NI, DENI, 1998
- Learning for Tomorrow's World: draft Strategic Plan for Education Services in NI, DENI, October 1999
- Towards a Culture of Tolerance: Integrating Education, DENI, November 1998
- Our Competitive Future - Building the Knowledge Driven Economy, 1998
- Strategy 2010 - A report by the Economic Development Strategy Review Steering Group, March 1997

- Towards a Culture of tolerance: Education for Diversity, DENI September 1999
- The Northern Ireland Executive's draft Programme for Government, October 2000
- Developing the Northern Ireland Curriculum to meet the needs of Young People, Society and the Economy in the 21st Century, CCEA, 1999
- Unlocking Creativity: a consultation paper on the strategy for the development of creative and cultural education, DCAL, December 2000
- Equality Scheme for the Department of Education, DE, February 2001
- Their Future in Our Hands: proposals for giving schools greater flexibility in what they teach 14-16 year olds, CCEA, February 2001
- A Common funding Formula for Grant-aided Schools - Consultation Paper, DE, April 2001
- The UK Government's Green Paper, "Schools: Building on Success", DfEE, March 2001
- Curriculum Online - a Consultation Paper on the development of Information and Communications Technology for teaching and learning, DfEE, April 2001
- European Convention on Human Rights
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- The Knowledge Driven Economy: Indicators for Northern Ireland, NIEC, April 2001
- Access to Post-Primary schools in Northern Ireland, NI Human Rights Commission, May 2001