The Integrated Education Bill needs you now.

The Integrated Education Bill is making its way through the system to become a law with the Northern Ireland Assembly. It is not, however, guaranteed that it will get passed and become a law. The Bill has passed the first two stages in the process, which were being presented to the NI Assembly, and then the first Assembly debate.

The Bill is currently at a consultation stage, where members of the public are invited to give their views.

THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOU

A significant number of consultation responses is required to give the Bill a good chance of becoming law. Hundreds of responses supporting the Bill are needed.

We want you to support the bill by making a submission to the consultation as an individual. <u>DEADLINE</u>: <u>Sunday 10th October 2021</u>.

Unfortunately, we cannot give a template on what to say as this may invalidate your response, so you are required to give your own views.

There are two ways you can make a submission:

1. Take part in the NI Assembly online survey about the Bill.

Click this link: https://consult.nia-yourassembly.org.uk/education/integrated-education-bill/

You will be shown individual clauses of the bill and asked if you agree, disagree, or if you are not sure. There is also a space to write your own response. This will take 30-45 minutes to complete, though if you click agree to all it will take much less time.

You can start your response and then save it and come back to it later, but if you do, you will receive an email from "Site Administrator" from the email niassembly@mail1.citizenspace.com (just so you can find it).

2. Email a written submission to: committee.education@niassembly.gov.uk
It must be sent as either a MS Word document, a MAC Pages document, or a PDF document. You must comment on the contents of the Bill, and can also make a statement about why you think the Bill is important.

To get guidance on what to submit, click here: http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/committees/calls-for-evidence/guide-to-submitting-written-evidence/

A copy of the Integration Education Bill is attached with this document.

The future of Integrated Education needs your support now. Even better, get one other person you know to make a submission too, and double the submissions! Please support the Integrated Education Bill.