

Professor Alan Smith, UNESCO Chair in Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy, Ulster University

The UNESCO status helped the UNESCO Chair in Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy within the School of Education at Ulster University to attract £1.5 million from Irish American philanthropist Chuck Feeney - one of the highest grants made to the Social Sciences at the university at the time of the launch.

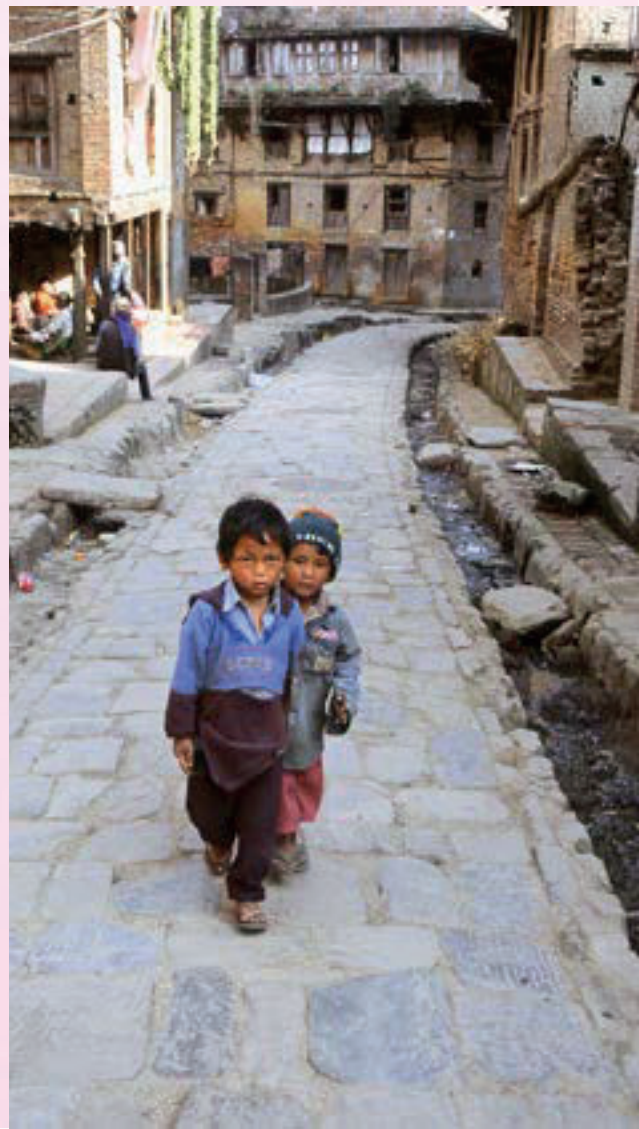
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“I would highlight how highly significant the UNESCO Chair was in raising the profile of the work that I was involved with in Northern Ireland through funding that I received shortly after the Chair was officially launched’ Alan tells us. ‘I think Chuck Feeney’s representatives were aware of the work that I was involved in but also realised that the establishment of this UNESCO Chair was an acknowledgement and recognition of that work and also raised the profile to a level that you know was worth investing in. I think whenever we did reports on how we made use of that funding, it gave us tremendous leverage to engage with other funders and other partners.”²⁹

→ Professor Alan Smith, UNESCO Chair in Education for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy, Ulster University.

²⁹ Smith, A. (2019). Wider Value of UNESCO to the UK 2019 Report, United Kingdom National Commission for UNESCO interview . London.