

The Development of Education for All on a small island in the Global North

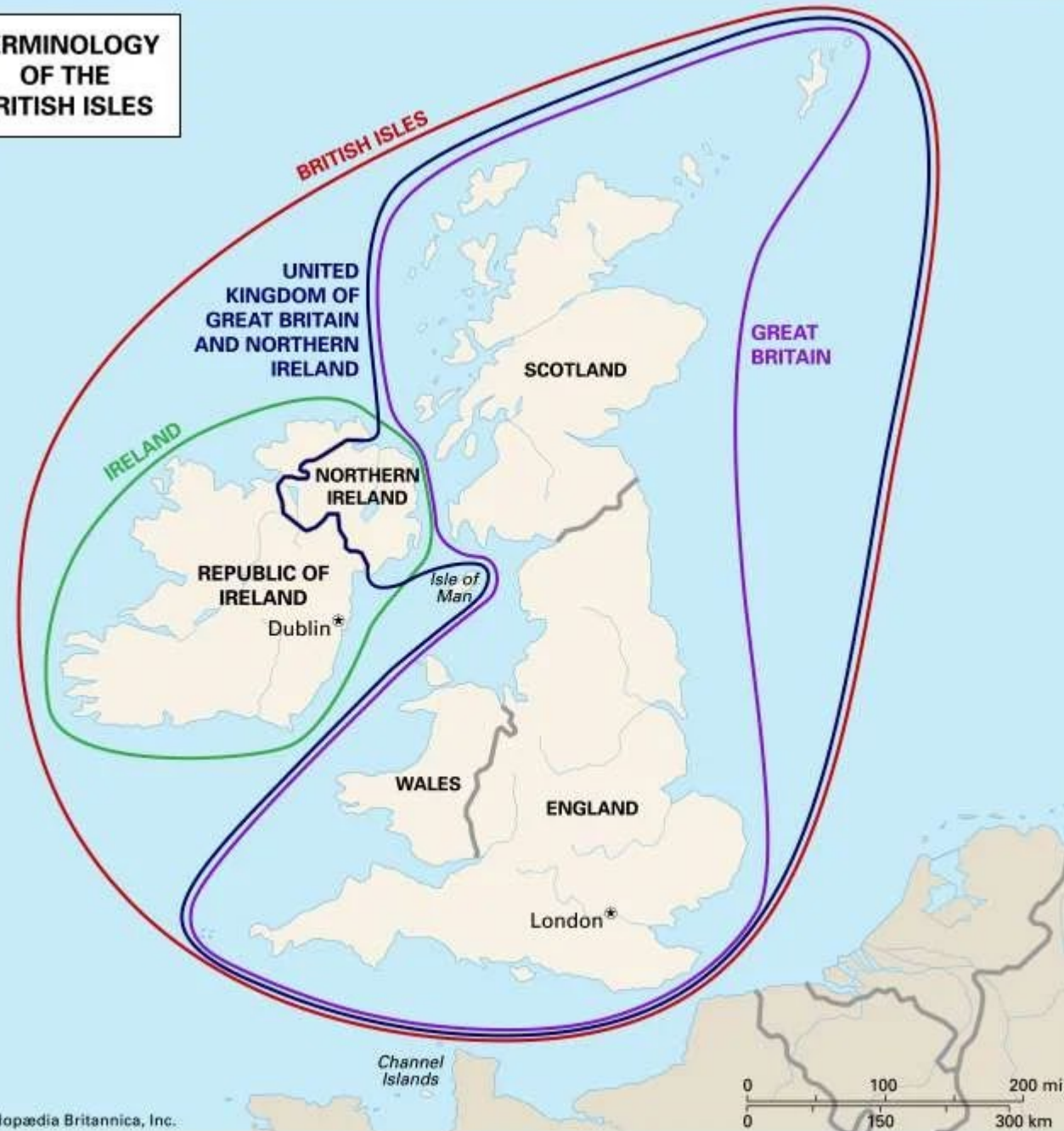
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Setting the scene

- The Sustainable Development Goals and Education for All
- Small island state – isolation, dependence and scale
- The British Isles
- The Isle of Man as a ‘subnational island jurisdiction’ (SNIJ) in the ‘Global North’ –historically a feudal colony

**TERMINOLOGY
OF THE
BRITISH ISLES**



Sub-national Island Jurisdiction

historically a 'feudal colony' of the English crown



5 questions

- 1. When did the islands of the British Isles introduce compulsory education?
- 2. What were the major milestones in the Isle of Man's journey towards compulsory education?
- 3. What/who were the underlying drivers of compulsory education, and what were the implementation challenges?
- 4. Did the 1872 Compulsory Education Act have an impact on educational participation?
- 5. Were the underlying drivers of compulsory education on the Isle of Man similar to/different from and those in the other British islands?

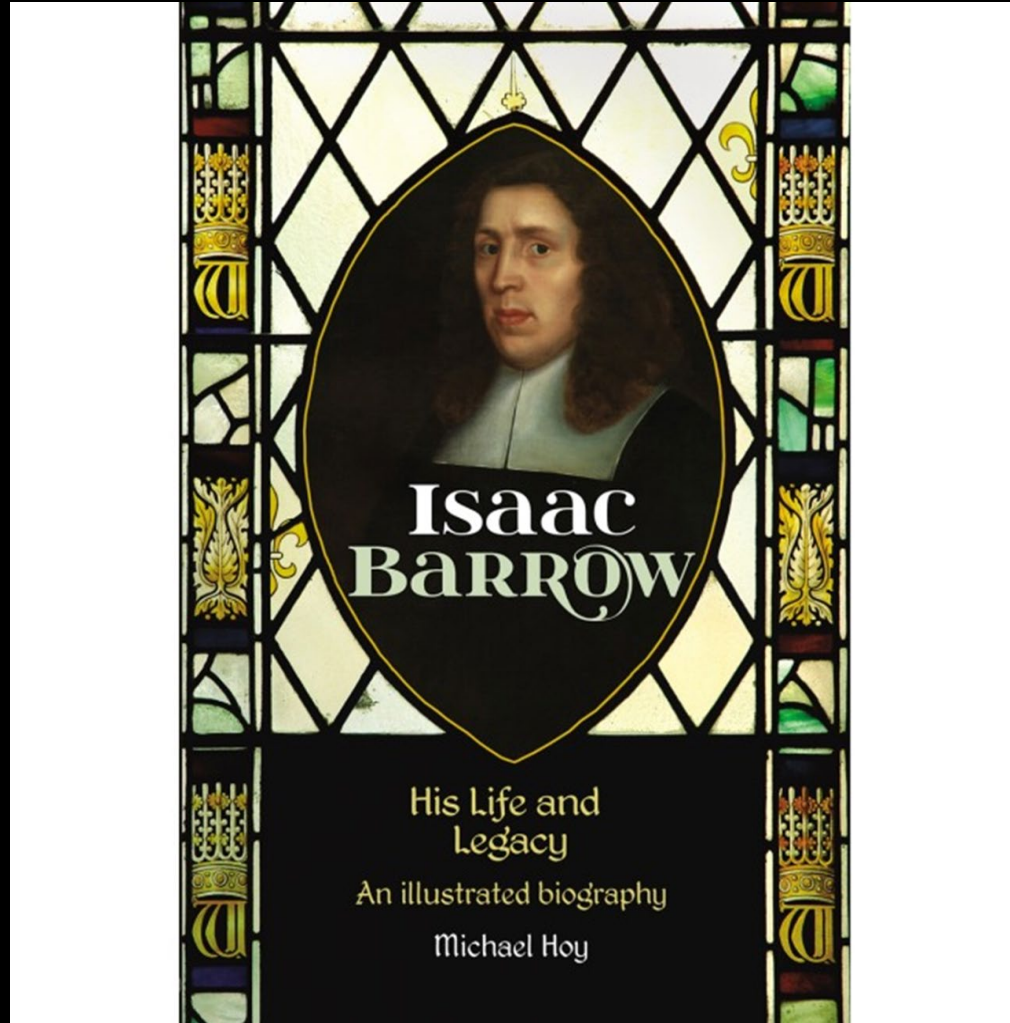
Q1 When did the islands of the British Isles introduce compulsory education?

	Area Sq Mile	Population 1851	Church to state control	Compulsory Education Legislation	Fee-free Elementary Education
ISLE OF MAN	221	52,000	1851, 1872	1672, 1703, 1872	1892
JERSEY	45	57,000	1899	1894	1894
GUERNSEY	24	16,000	1900	1900	1904
ENGLAND	51,325	16,800,000	(1833) 1870	1880	1891
WALES	8,192	1,100,000	(1833) 1870	1880	1891
SCOTLAND	31,000	2,900,000	1872	1494, 1616,..1872	1890
IRELAND	32, 663	6,500,000	1831	1892	1831

Q2 what were the major milestones in the Isle of Man's journey towards compulsory education

- **1660s-1680s** English-medium parish schools established everywhere. 'Order'
- **1703** Ecclesiastical Act Compulsory education. Licensing of teachers, separate buildings, funding challenges
- **Mid 1770s** Manx medium of instruction, Shortlived
- **1810-1840s** Diversification of provision
- **1847** Survey of schools, recommendations from HMI
- **1851** Isle of Man Education Act
- **1862** 'Payment by results' determined by Her Majesty's Inspectors
- **1872** Isle of Man Elementary Education Act - reintroduction of compulsory education

Q 3 What were the underlying drivers of compulsory education on the Isle of Man and the implementation challenges?



Q3 The driver of funding

ANNO 1701

The NAMES of the
B E N E F A C T O R S
 And the Sums by their Charity contributed
To the Isle of MANN;
 For the Erection of a Free-School in the said Island:
 And of an English School in the several Parishes thereof: And also for the Augmentation
 of Stipends to the poor Livings in that Island.

The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty 100*l.* per Annum, distributed to the Ministers, for teaching an English School in their several Parishes, to fit the Children for the Free Grammar-School, payable out of his Majesties Rents from Abby-Lands in the Island.

Name	Sum
H E Most Reverend Father in God, Gilbert Sheldon, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury,	50 0 0
The Most Reverend Father in God, Richard Stearne, Lord Archbishop of York,	30 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, Humphrey Hinchman, Lord Bishop of London,	30 0 0
The Right Honourable and Right Reverend Father in God, John Cosins, Lord Bishop of Durham,	20 0 0
The Right Honourable and Right Reverend Father in God, George Morley, Lord Bishop of Winchester,	30 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, Robert Skinner, Lord Bishop of Oxford,	10 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, Henry King, Lord Bishop of Chichester,	20 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, John Warner, Lord Bishop of Rochester,	20 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, John East, Lord Bishop of Sarum,	20 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, Benjamin Laney, Lord Bishop of Lincoln,	20 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, William Woodhouse, Lord Bishop of Gloucester,	10 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, Edward Reynolds, Lord Bishop of Norwich,	20 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, Seth Ward, Lord Bishop of Exeter,	20 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, Herbert Crofts, Lord Bishop of Hereford,	20 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, George Hall, Lord Bishop of Chichester,	10 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, Walter Blanford, Lord Bishop of Oxford,	5 0 0
The Right Reverend Father in God, Joseph Henthwaite, Lord Bishop of Peterburgh,	10 0 0
The Right Worshipful the Dean and Chapter of <i>Canterbury</i> ,	15 0 0
The Right Worshipful the Dean and Chapter of <i>Durham</i> ,	40 0 0
The Right Worshipful the Dean and Chapter of <i>Winchester</i> ,	49 15 0
The Right Worshipful the Dean and Chapter of <i>Norwich</i> ,	10 0 0
The Right Worshipful Dr Turner, Dean of <i>Canterbury</i> ,	10 0 0
The Right Worshipful Dr Bailew, then Dean of St Paul's,	10 0 0
The Right Worshipful Dr Sandcroft, Dean of St Paul's,	5 0 0
The Right Worshipful Dr Dalben, Dean of <i>Winchester</i> ,	10 0 0
The Right Worshipful Dr Fell, Dean of Christ Church in <i>Oxford</i> ,	19 0 0
The Right Worshipful Dr Brough, Dean of <i>Gloucester</i> ,	100 0 0
The Right Worshipful Dr Huswood, Dean of <i>Lincoln</i> ,	10 0 0
The Right Worshipful Dr Gullion, Dean of <i>Chichester</i> ,	5 0 0
Sum Total that hath been received for this Work	1041 8 4

Unto which being added the Arrears of His Sacred Majesty's Gift of 100*l.* per An. for three Years past, the Sum will be 1341 8 4
 Which said Sums were collected from the Year of our Lord 1664, to this present, 1670. The Right Reverend Father in God, Isaac Barrow being then Bishop of the said Island, by whose great Care and Pain the several Sums were collected, and the greatest Part of them laid out.
 To the Earl of Derby for the Purchase of the Impropriations in the Isle of Mann, for the Use of the Clergy in that Island, the Sum of 1100 0 0
 And at the Translation of that Bishop from that Bishopric unto St Asaph's the Year 1670, there remained to be disposed of the Sums 241 8 4
 Which with what shall be given by others, whose charitable Minds God shall raise up to so good a Work, is intended for the Erection of a School in the Island for Academical Learning.
 There being already an Increase made to the Ministers Livings of about Ten Pounds per Annum, (and as much more will be added when the Lessees of the parished Impropriations are expired) and also a Grammar School settled, with the Stipend of Thirty Pounds per Annum; and every Minister is obliged to teach an English School in his Parish, by the Increase of his Stipend, which was the Work intended.

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Dr Gunning, Prof. Reg. Cambridge, 10 0 0
 Dr Aldrich, Prof. Reg. Oxon, 10 0 0
 Dr Pierce, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, 30 0 0
 Dr Bulby, Master of Wellman School, and Prebendary there, 10 0 0
 Dr Gillingham, Prebendary of *Windsor*, 5 0 0
 Dr Chamberlain, Prebendary of *Windsor*, 10 0 0
 Dr Heaver, Fellow of Eton College, 5 0 0
 Dr Jones, Sub-Dean of the King's Chapel Royal, 5 0 0
 Dr Layfield, Prebendary of St Paul's, 3 0 0
 Dr Dowdwell, Prebendary of *Worcester*, 3 0 0
 Dr Cook, Prebendary of *Worcester*, 3 0 0
 Dr Evans, Prebendary of *Windsor*, 5 0 0
 Mr Reynolds, Prebendary of *Worcester*, 5 0 0
 Dr Timothy Thurford, Prebendary of *York*, (to whose zeal and charitable Solicitation of this good Work we owe much of the Success of it) gave also at his own Charges, a big silver Flagon, for the Use of the Bishops Chapel successively, till it please God to raise up Benefactors to rebuild the ruined Cathedral in that Island, and render it in a Capacity to receive the said Flagon, worth about 1*l.* 0 0
 Dr Ingham, Fellow of Eton College, gave towards teaching of School, and instructing poor Children in the Island, which was to hold out before this Collection, 1*l.* 0 0
 Mr Barnabas Oley, Prebendary of *Worcester*, gave in Books of Catechism, and others for the Use of the Clergy, and Youth of the Island, to the Value of about 7*l.* 0 0

The Right Honourable the Duchess of Somerset, 20 0 0
 The Right Honourable the Countess of Devonshire, 10 0 0
 The Right Honourable the Countess of Falmouth, 10 0 0
 Mrs Hall, the Relict of the Right Reverend Father in God, George Hall, late Lord Bishop of Chichester, 100 0 0
 Sir Orlando Bridgman, now Lord Keeper, 20 0 0
 The Right Honourable the Lord Scudamore, 20 0 0
 Sir Philip Warwick, Attorney General, 6 13 4
 Sir Henrage Finch, his Majesty's Solicitor General, 40 0 0
 Sir Francis Compton, 15 0 0
 Sir Philip Warwick, 40 0 0
 Sir Richard Chaworth, 5 0 0
 Sir William Turner, late Lord Mayor of London, 6 0 0
 Sir Thomas Wemy, 6 0 0
 Sir John Berkenhead, 5 0 0
 James Stephens, Esquire, 10 0 0
 Mr Humphrey Mischel, 5 0 0
 Mr William Foulkes, 3 0 0
 Mrs Bovey, 5 0 0
 Mrs Elizabeth Holms, 2 0 0
 Mrs Seymour, 10 0 0

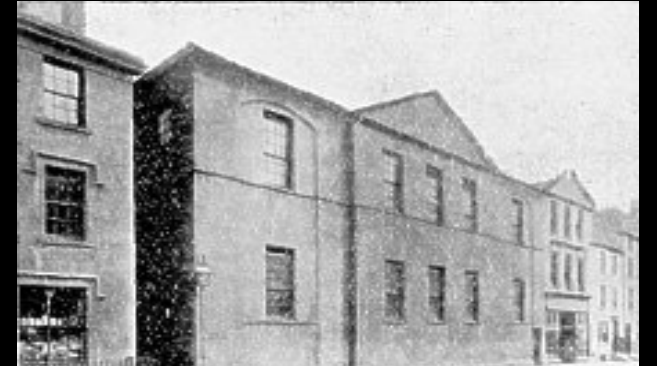
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Q3 Milestone. Monitorial Schools 1810s – 1850s

National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church in England and Wales

British and Foreign School Society for the Education of the Labouring and Manufacturing Classes of Society of Every Religious Persuasion

Monitorial method

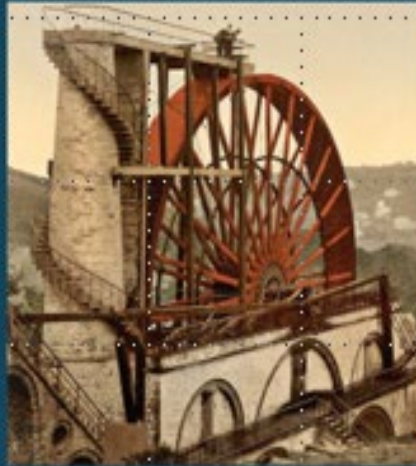


Q 3 Milestone. 1851 legislation and new practices

- Local parish tax for new/extended buildings
- Accommodation for teachers
- Pensions for retired teachers
- Pupil-teacher system established
- Teacher certification linked with salary



Q3 from mid 19th Century – economic growth, inter-island trade and tourism



Q3 The driver of electoral reform

Political Reform



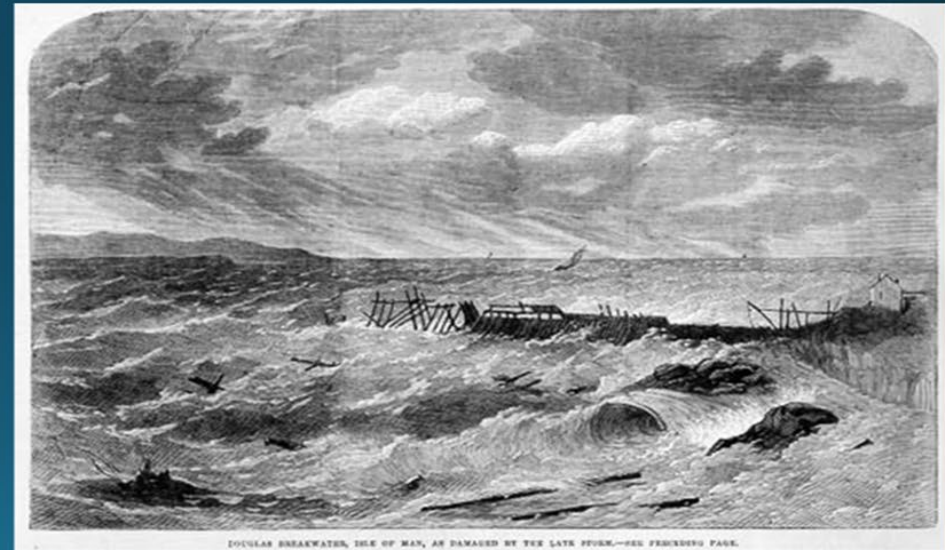
Q 3 contd. The driver of

The weather.....

Abernethy Breakwater Douglas



Destruction of Breakwater



Locomotive factory Germany



Resistance and Support

- Compulsory education
- Religion
- Rates

Elementary Acts compared: Isle of Man and England/Wales

- IOM 1872

- Compulsory education 7-13

- School committees every parish – local tax applied

- Non-denominational Bible teaching compulsory

- England and Wales 1870

- Non-compulsory 5-13

- School boards in some parishes, tax applied, not all

- Non-denominational Bible teaching discretionary

Q5. Were the underlying drivers of compulsory education on the Isle of Man similar to/different from and those in the other islands, small and large?

- **Small Islands IOM and CI** similar economies, different histories, similar legislative autonomy but not exercised in all three
- **Similarity with large Islands?** Rural-urban migration, reduce crime, educate our 'new masters', who should control education? (difference: international economy rivalry, industrialisation)
- **IOM distinctions in 19th century:** Historical precedent, exercise of legislative autonomy, facilitated by **isolation, small size and strong political will**. **'Selective independence'** (mandatory elected school committees and local rates, religious instruction, funding). **'Selective dependence'** (teacher training, pupil standards)

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