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Annual Impact Report 2025

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Chairperson and CEO Welcome

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with pride for the impact Kinia has had on young people, educators, and communities across Ireland. Our mission to empower learning through creative technology, literacy, and numeracy initiatives has evolved from a series of initiatives into a powerful movement for systemic change. This report is a testament to the collective efforts of our team, our partners and a network that refuses to let any young person be left behind in the digital age.

In 2025, Kinia engaged with over **2,000 educators**, supporting them to deliver innovative digital skills experiences to young people across the country. Through our programmes, **21,821 young people gained access to transformative learning opportunities**, with over **63% coming from socio-economically disadvantaged communities, and 90.3% of our STEM engagement reaching girls and young women**. Our reach extended to **414 schools and youth services**, reinforcing our commitment to providing equitable access to quality education in every corner of Ireland.

Stories from across our network continue to illustrate the transformative power of this work. From Diana in Youthreach

Cappawhite, whose Flush Monitor Project led to lasting environmental change in her school, to Mick in Wexford, who built a fully solar-powered miniature farm from recycled materials, these young people are not just learning about technology, they are using it to make a real difference. These achievements would not be possible without the dedication of our educators, volunteers, and funders who invest in the future of young people every day.

Our flagship events continued to be a highlight of the year. Creative Technology Week 2025, held at the Explorium in Dublin, brought together 711 young people from across Ireland for two days of creativity, collaboration, and innovation. Our live awards ceremonies celebrated the remarkable projects young people had worked so hard to develop, offering a powerful reminder of what becomes possible when access and opportunity are placed at the heart of education.

2025 also brought significant recognition for Kinia's work. We were shortlisted by HundrED as a global Education Innovator for our work in applying AI to empower communities, and we received the Best Community-Based Media Literacy Initiative award for our Podcasting and Mobile Filmmaking Projects with the Traveller

community. These recognitions reflect the creativity and commitment of the communities we work alongside, and reinforce the importance of the work we do together.

The year saw us scale the **Experience AI programme** in partnership with the Raspberry Pi Foundation and Google DeepMind, reaching educators in regions across Ireland, including through Irish-language resources for the first time. We also launched Ireland's first H2GP Sprint Programme, engaging secondary schools and youth organisations across the Midlands and Leinster in the exciting world of **hydrogen-powered technology**. And we were delighted to launch our own range of STEM kits in English and Irish, a significant step forward for our **social enterprise**, generating income to support educators and young people in the year ahead.

Our impact would not be possible without our valued partners and funders, who continue to invest in the future of education and support the talent and potential in every young person. Your support enables Kinia to break down barriers, provide access to quality learning experiences, and inspire the next generation of thinkers, creators, and problem-solvers.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be launching our new **Strategic Plan 2026–2030**, which sets out an ambitious vision for increased impact and scale in the years ahead. **The plan charts a course to upskill 50,000 educators, reach**

800,000 young people, and deepen the systemic change Kinia can deliver through best-in-class professional development, recognised credentials, and a growing social enterprise that ensures our mission remains sustainable and independent. We look forward to sharing more on this with you in the coming months.

As we prepare for this exciting next chapter, we remain committed to:

- Launching and implementing our Strategic Plan 2026–2030, scaling our reach and deepening our impact across Ireland.
- Continuing to develop our team and the capacity of our organisation, ensuring we are ready to meet the ambition of the plan.
- Strengthening our partnerships with Government, industry, and communities to deliver on the promise of equitable access to digital and STEM education for every young person.

We invite you to join us on this journey to innovate, collaborate, and continue making a lasting impact.



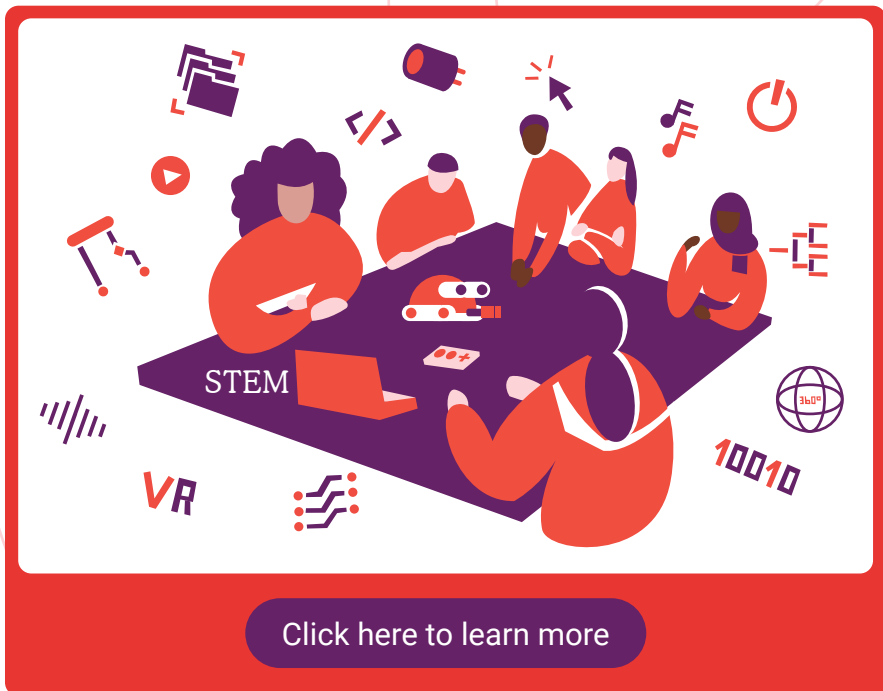
Marianne Checkley
CEO



Philip Sharpe
Chairperson

About Kinia

Kinia is a non-profit organisation dedicated to reducing educational inequality by building digital skills and access to technology career pathways for young people across Ireland. We believe that learning is a lifelong journey, a key that unlocks opportunities, nurtures potential, and inspires future generations. Whether in schools, youth settings, or local communities, learning happens everywhere, and Kinia is there to support it.



Impact Reach 2025



1,082
Educators engaged
in Kinia courses



2
National
Events



1,243
Educator engaged with
Kinia support sessions



414
Schools and Youth
Services engaged



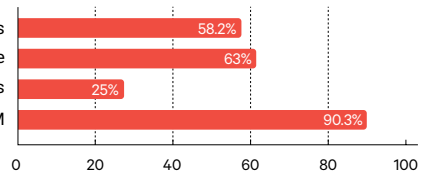
21,821
Young People Reached



Young People Profile:

Ensuring equitable access to digital skills development is central to Kinia's mission. Our programmes are intentionally designed to support educators working with young people who face socio-economic, geographic and systemic barriers to digital and STEM skills opportunities. The data below highlights our reach across priority communities.

Traveller, Roma, Asylum Seeker & Refugee Communities
Socio-Economic Disadvantage
Rural Communities
Girls & Young Women in STEM



"We are really keen to develop our partnership with the Kinia Community, as we are very anxious to promote Women in STEM. We look forward to bringing all our newly acquired skills to our school community and beyond."

"We are in a DEIS area working with migrant children and traveler children come by funding is very hard to come by but Kinia have been more than supportive and generous"

Through this engagement, over 1,600 young people from priority groups were recognised with Kinia Digital Badges, recognising transversal skills and learning outcomes.

"There is a great sense of motivation and strong engagement from the Traveller groups as a whole. The boys love to see Kinia pull up. This year they worked mostly with solar power and demoed the AI robots. Last September Kinia facilitated a Traveller tech taster in FDYS and they have been eagerly waiting all year for this podcast training!"

National Reach



Educators Engaged in Kinia Courses

Our Programmes



Educator Courses

Creative Technologies

Our curriculum-aligned creative technology programmes empower educators to confidently deliver innovative STEAM learning experiences for young people. Educator feedback showed that 91% of educators were satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of the course provided by

Kinia, while 97% of educators said they plan to continue to integrate the course content into their future teaching practice.

Kinia's courses span a diverse range of topics, equipping young people with the essential future skills they need to thrive.

Our training covers a range of exciting topics such as:



Green Tech

This course provides educators with the knowledge required to effectively integrate Green Technology into learning settings through engaging and creative approaches.



Smart Energy

This course equips educators with the knowledge and skills to bring Smart Energy into their learning settings through engaging and creative experiences.



Mobile Filmmaking

Designed for educators who want to implement engaging and creative technology learning experiences effectively. It teaches the fundamentals of Mobile Filmmaking and its uses as an educational tool.



Hydrogen Education

This course focuses on the H2GP Explorer Programme and how to use it as an educational tool. It explores a cleaner, more efficient, and smarter energy future.

For more information on our programmes visit



Robotics

Designed for educators who want to implement engaging and creative technology learning experiences effectively. It is designed to teach you what you need to know about robotics in computer science to be able to use it as an educational tool. This includes: using Makey Makey, Scratch, and Skribot activities to teach computer science concepts.



Machine Learning

A course designed for educators who want to implement engaging and creative technology learning experiences effectively. It is designed to teach you what you need to know about Machine Learning to be able to use it as an educational tool.



Podcasting

A comprehensive course curated for educators to implement engaging and creative technology learning experiences effectively. It is designed to teach you what you need to know about podcasting to be able to use it as an educational tool.



Experience AI

This course is designed to equip educators with the knowledge required to effectively implement the Experience AI programme, an AI literacy initiative co-developed by Raspberry Pi Foundation and Google DeepMind, within educational settings.

Literacy Support

Reading Buddy

The Reading Buddy Programme supports primary school children across Ireland who experience difficulties with reading. In some disadvantaged communities, nearly one in three children face significant literacy challenges, which can have long-term effects on confidence, educational engagement, and future opportunity.



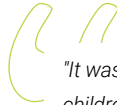
"I looked forward to every Monday and Thursday, it was the highlight of my week... You have put together a wonderful programme and your team were amazing. I look forward to having the opportunity to be part of it again"



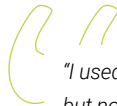
"My favourite thing was that my Reading Buddy was kind and helpful, and I loved reading new books."

In 2025, Kinia introduced Léigh Liom, a paired reading programme delivered through Irish, supporting literacy development while also strengthening children's connection to the Irish language. Alongside this, we expanded our Transition Year model, enabling TY students to support younger pupils in their local primary schools and foster a culture of leadership, community engagement, and a shared love of reading within Irish-medium and DEIS settings.

Over the past five years, 1,706 trained volunteers have supported children through



"It was just fantastic to see the children reading with the young people from secondary school."



"I used to be scared to read out loud but now I put my hand up all the time."

Reading Buddy and Léigh Liom, helping to build reading confidence, fluency, and enjoyment nationwide.

2025 Impact



Students supported:
263



Volunteers engaged:
155

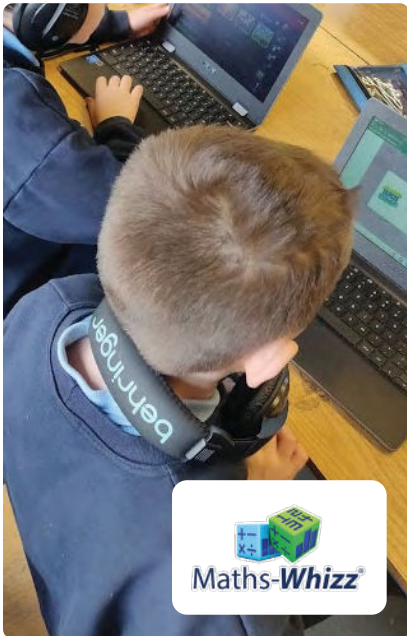


Primary Schools enrolled:
23

Numeracy Support Maths Whizz

From recent PISA reports on mathematics and science levels, students in DEIS schools scored below the OECD average and also scored below students in non-DEIS schools. Kinia supports primary school children to catch up with peers and increase their Maths age through a partnership with MathsWhizz. We support schools to integrate the platform into their classroom giving students the support they need to build essential numeracy skills.

"I really enjoyed the gems. I liked earning rewards. It was so fun."



In 2025, we provided Maths-Whizz support for:



"It taught me a different way that I didn't know how to do maths before."

"The fact that it reinforces their learning at their own individual level means that even reluctant learners like to engage with it as they experience success. It is engaging and attractive which also encourages everyone to use it, and it is sufficiently challenging for stronger learners."

"Maths-Whizz has been a game-changer for my teaching! The lessons are clear, engaging, and tailored to my students' pace, which really helped me build their confidence in maths. Some even went from dreading maths problems to actually enjoying solving them. I highly recommend it to any teacher who wants to improve their students' maths skills in a fun and effective way!"

Educator Advisory Board

Kinia's Educator Advisory Board is a passionate group of educators shaping the future of our training and resources. Their insights ensure our programmes are relevant, impactful, and meet the real needs of educators and young people. By sharing their expertise, they help us empower more learners and create meaningful change in education.

In 2025, we hosted our Educator Advisory Board for a weekend of learning, collaboration, and meaningful discussion. The event provided a valuable opportunity for educators to connect, exchange insights, and explore new ways to empower the young people they work with. Their insights are helping us understand what works, what inspires, and where we can grow.



"It was great meeting like-minded people. Great workshops, a great venue. Very informative."

"A fantastic weekend with brilliant facilitators and educators who went above and beyond to make us feel welcome and competent in all the workshops. I now feel more confident as an educator and facilitator going back to my young people and the organisation I work with. Thank you for the opportunity and experience."

H2GP Sprint Programme

Programme Launch



In September 2025, Kinia launched Ireland's first Hydrogen Grand Prix (H2GP) Sprint programme in partnership with Horizon Educational.

The programme engaged:



8 Secondary schools across four Midlands counties



4 Youth Organisations and 1 Secondary School in Leinster

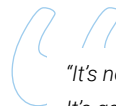
The launch took place at the National Ploughing Championship in collaboration with Offaly County Council, where we had a demo track for everyone to experience.

Regional Competitions

Regional Sprint competitions provided young people with the opportunity to race their hydrogen-powered cars and apply their renewable energy engineering skills in a competitive setting. Regional winners progress to the National H2GP Pro Final as part of our Kinia Creative Technology Week. The winner of the National Final goes on to represent Ireland at the H2GP Pro World Finals in Switzerland in August 2026.

Leinster Regional Final – Explorium

Advancing to H2GP Pro:
Cherry Orchard Equine Centre
Fingal Libraries



"It's not something you usually see. It's good fun!"

HundrED Shortlist

Global Recognition for Educational Innovation



This year, Kinia has been recognised as a global Education Innovator, having been selected as one of four standout solutions showcasing innovative applications of AI to prepare young people for their futures.

This recognition positions Kinia within a global dialogue on the role of AI in empowering communities, expanding access to opportunity and fostering more inclusive educational futures. It affirms Kinia's ongoing commitment to widening access to high-quality educational experiences and ensuring that all young people are supported to reach their full potential.

hundrED

[Click here to learn more](#)

Awards

Media Literacy Award

In 2025, Kinia was awarded Best Community-Based Media Literacy Initiative for its ongoing programme, Podcasting and Mobile Filmmaking Projects Inspiring the Traveller Community.

This initiative was developed to empower young members of the Traveller community by providing access to training, equipment, and practical skills in podcasting and mobile filmmaking. The programme supports participants to take ownership of their own narratives, challenge persistent stereotypes, and explore ways of preserving cultural traditions through digital media.

The judging panel at the awards recognised the project's impact, noting that:

"This project gives participants ownership of their stories and a platform to challenge stereotypes, and provides a way for the travelling community to maintain traditions now through a digital lens."

This recognition reflects the creativity, collaboration, and commitment of both the Kinia team and the communities involved.

It reinforces Kinia's mission to create meaningful opportunities for young people and to develop media skills, express their identities and have their voices heard. Kinia was also nominated for Best Media Literacy Initiative for Young People for its flagship events delivered during Creative Technology Week 2025.

This recognition reflects the creativity, collaboration, and commitment of both the Kinia team and the communities involved.



Social Enterprise

In 2025, Kinia officially launched STEM kits in English and Irish.

Every purchase made in 2025 will create measurable impact for educators and young people across Ireland in 2026.

We are now able to reach a further 32 educators on our waiting list, providing them with Kinia courses and equipment to use in their schools or youth service.

Purchases from the social enterprise enabled at least **576 young people** most in need to access high-quality STEM learning and development experiences during 2026, while also equipping educators to use these skills in new classrooms in the future.



Feedback from Munteoir Lorraine on our STEM Kits:

"Fantastic gifts!!! These should be on every Santa list. Love your STEM kits! I used them in my classroom and the learning opportunities are ENDLESS."



Educator Story

Ballybane Resource Centre – Sinéad

At Ballybane Resource Centre, education focuses on access, inclusion, and opportunity. The centre operates in a DEIS school area and supports migrant and Traveller children. Staff are committed to ensuring that all young people feel supported and are provided with opportunities to develop skills and confidence.

Kinia has played a key role in supporting this work. The partnership began with podcasting training, during which six community members developed digital skills and learned how to share their perspectives through media. This led to further initiatives, including projects connected to Cruinniú na nÓg, collaboration with the local library, and increased engagement between children and the wider community.

"Kinia has been a lifeline for us here at the Ballybane Resource Centre."

Following this, robotics training was delivered prior to Christmas. This structured programme provided educators with practical skills and increased confidence to deliver STEM learning within the centre. A six-week course is currently in progress, covering robotics, Makey Makey, and creative STEM activities.

The programme supports both skills development and confidence building among participating children.

"I can't thank Kinia enough – they are fantastic. I'd highly recommend them to anybody."

The impact identified by the centre includes professional development credentials for educators, certificates for participating young people, and ongoing programme support aligned with community needs. Overall, the partnership has strengthened local capacity to deliver digital and STEM education and has expanded learning opportunities for young people in Ballybane.



Educator Story

Holy Rosary Primary School, Dublin 24 – Eric Palcic

In Eric Palcic's sixth class at Holy Rosary Primary School, collaboration and creativity took centre stage as students opened their first Kinia STEM kit – The Night Lantern.

Working in teams of three, students watched instructional video through Kinia Academy, together before replaying it step by step, carefully building their houses. The classroom quickly became a space of shared problem-solving and encouragement, with young people who completed tasks early offering help to others. The lesson was not only engaging, but deeply collaborative.

"It was an enormously enjoyable lesson and a very collaborative and engaging experience."

When the houses were finished, students brought their creations outside to take group photos in front of the school crest, celebrating their teamwork, creativity, and achievement.

A shift in mindset was observed among the young people. Conversations about smart energy and environmental responsibility continued well beyond the lesson itself, with students already excited about the next Kinia Academy experiment.

"The children are much more engaged with smart energy and the environment than before – which is fantastic to see and hear as their teacher."

For Teacher Eric, Kinia's comprehensive approach not only enriches student learning but strengthens his own teaching practice, providing structured, meaningful opportunities to bring STEM to life in the classroom.



Educator Story

Our Lady of Lourdes National School, Dublin 8 – Darragh

Under the guidance of Darragh, an enthusiastic educator who took part in Kinia’s Hydrogen Explorer Programme, students explored how electrolysis can split water into hydrogen and oxygen, capturing the hydrogen and using it to power small fuel-cell engines. Complex scientific principles quickly became tangible as the young people saw renewable energy in action.

“The excitement when the cars finally took off was brilliant to see.”

The project encouraged far more than scientific understanding. Students worked collaboratively, tested ideas, refined their designs, and supported one another through challenges. They weren’t just building cars, they were developing resilience, teamwork, and confidence.

By connecting renewable energy concepts to real-world application, Darragh created a learning experience that was both practical and inspiring for his learners.

“This hands-on project helped the students develop their understanding of renewable energy, engineering, and teamwork.”

Moments like these demonstrate the value of equipping young people with practical tools and appropriate support.



Educator Story

Oideachasóir na Bliana 2025 - Bairbre Ní Choisdealbha, Coláiste an Eachréidh

Through her work with Kinia, Bairbre is a strong driving force in bringing creative, digital skills into the classroom in a practical, inclusive, and innovative way. With a clear vision of how these skills can make learning more relevant and engaging for young people, she is creating learning environments where students are confident in their abilities.

Bairbre's open-mindedness and willingness to experiment with new teaching methods show that she is committed not only to her own professional development, but also to the benefit and future of her students. She embraces feedback positively and uses it to strengthen her practice and create a richer learning experience.

By integrating Kinia's skills into her practice, she is helping young people develop essential 21st-century skills, including critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and digital literacy. She sees Kinia's skills as a fundamental necessity for creating a more equitable and empowering space for every young person.

"The most advanced and best equipment was provided to us by Kinia, making us feel confident. Then, we were able to go and carry on that confidence in our students."



Young Person Stories

Diana Tumashova (16), Youthreach Cappawhite. Kinia TechSpacer of the Year

Using Kinia Tech resources, skills and a Micro:bit, Diana Tumashova designed and built a flush-monitoring system to track water usage in school toilets. By attaching a tilt sensor to the toilet handle, she programmed the Micro:bit to count each flush and display the total on its LED screen. Every flush was logged and stored digitally, allowing Diana to analyse the data over time.



"I never really thought about how much water we waste in school. But thanks to Kinia Tech and the Micro:bit, I now understand how small changes can make a big impact."

While setting up the system came with challenges, Diana persevered. She proposed practical, low-cost solutions. By placing a simple brick or water-filled bottle into the cistern, up to 2 litres of water could be saved per flush. When she calculated the potential savings over a week, the results were remarkable – up to 450 litres of water conserved.

Armed with clear evidence, Diana worked alongside her school's Green Schools Committee to launch a water conservation campaign. The impact was immediate and lasting. Thanks to the data she collected, the school has now committed to installing dual-flush systems in all toilets—turning a student-led project into meaningful, long-term change.

"The best part is that our school is now installing dual-flush systems because of the data we collected."

Diana's Flush Monitor Project perfectly demonstrates how ICT skills can be applied to real-world environmental challenges. Her work was not only technically impressive but also thoughtfully executed and confidently presented when submitted to Kinia's TechFest competition.

For her creativity, problem-solving skills, and commitment to sustainability, Diana was named TechSpacer of the Year, a well-deserved recognition of a young innovator using technology to make a difference.

"This project showed me how technology and sustainability can work together. I'd definitely recommend Kinia Tech for more Green Schools projects."

Young Person Stories

Mick Connors (12), FDYS Travellers Inclusion Project, Wexford

Kinia TechSpacer of the Year Nominee

Prior to participating in the Mini Solar Farm Project, Mick Connors had limited experience in creating projects using recyclable materials and renewable energy technology. Using Kinia tech and skills he designed and built a miniature farm powered entirely by solar energy.

The project included a small trailer fitted with an internal light, a fan with an on/off switch, and an outdoor streetlight, all powered by a solar panel. Mick also constructed a miniature greenhouse with detailed features to enhance realism. Over several weeks, he completed the wiring of the solar components and developed practical problem-solving skills, including troubleshooting and testing connections to ensure the system functioned effectively.



Robbie Sludds, Mick's educator and Kinia Educator of the Year, shared how proud the FDYS TIP/PATH team are of Mick's dedication, commitment, and ongoing engagement in their projects. He explained that the short video showcases the hard work Mick has put in over the past few weeks as he prepares to attend this year's Kinia Creative TechFest on the 12th of April at the Explorium in Dublin. Speaking about Kinia, Robbie said:

"This project showed me how I can turn things people might throw away into something amazing, and that it's good for the environment too."

Mick submitted his completed project to Kinia's Creative TechFest, where it was nominated in the Sustainable Technologies Award category. The nomination recognised the quality of his work and his engagement with STEAM learning, particularly in applying sustainability concepts through a practical, functional mini-farm.

"It's amazing, I think every school and every youth outreach project should have someone mandatory to actually teach Kinia training to their young people. The world is changing and we need to keep our young people up to date."

Young Person Stories

Ruairí Ó hUanacháin, Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne

Ruairí's interest in podcasting sparked almost immediately when his teacher returned to Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne after completing a Kinia course. At the time, his teacher, Pádraig, was ready to bring these new skills into the classroom.

Inspired by what he had learned from his newly-trained educator, Ruairí decided to start his own podcast. What makes Ruairí's podcast particularly interesting is that he focused on traditional music performed by local heroes from the Munster region. He explored the musicians' backgrounds and presented pieces from the RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta archives. His podcast, *Laochra ar Lár*, quickly grew in popularity and quality, with Ruairí demonstrating a natural ease and confidence behind the microphone, a clear sign that podcasting was a skill he was born to do.

It's no surprise that Ruairí was recognised at Tech Féile 2025, being named TechSpacer of the Year for the creativity, innovation, and extraordinary effort he showed throughout the project.



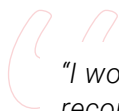
"The thing I love most about Kinia is the chance it gives us to use all this technology. You'd never imagine that secondary school students could do this level of podcast editing and actually use the technology directly in our classrooms."

Volunteer Feedback



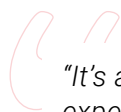
"I truly enjoyed volunteering and getting the chance to read with students, and I look forward to hopefully doing it again!"

Reading Buddy Volunteer



"I would highly recommend this to people to get involved and the graduation ceremony really tops it off!!"

Reading Buddy Volunteer



"It's a fantastic "feel good" experience to bring the joy of reading to others. Online sessions are a fantastic way to reach as many schools/children as possible."

Reading Buddy Volunteer



"Volunteering at Creative Technology Week is educational and fun"

CTW Volunteer

Experience AI Rollout



Beginning in February 2025, Kinia began delivering Introduction to Experience AI in partnership with the Raspberry Pi Foundation. This programme focuses on foundational concepts in AI literacy, the understanding of which is essential to educators and young people in the age of artificial intelligence. In the rollout of this programme, the Kinia team focused on delivering training to individual schools and youth organisations as well as open sessions in regional areas like Cork, Dublin, and the Midlands. We also translated the Experience AI resources into Irish aligning with our bilingual reach across Ireland.

Experience AI

Google DeepMind



Creative Technology Week 2025



Creative Technology Week is a nationally recognised initiative set up by Kinia to celebrate young people across the country and their achievements in Creative Technology.

This year, over 1,000 young people took part in projects, with 711 gathering at Explorium in Dublin for two days of creativity, collaboration, and digital innovation.

A key highlight of the week was the awards ceremony, where students' projects were showcased on the main stage. This public recognition reflected not only the quality of their work but also the future-focused skills they continue

to develop, including problem-solving, collaboration, digital literacy, and creative thinking. Our awards ceremony was live streamed during the event for those not present, and an additional 275 viewers tuned in.

Creative Technology Week continues to demonstrate the impact of equitable access to technology and meaningful learning experiences. By empowering young people to create rather than simply consume technology, Kinia is supporting the development of confident, capable innovators ready to shape the future. We look forward to welcoming more students and educators to Creative Technology Week 2026.

“One of my main goals is to give young people in the Traveller community opportunities they might not get. And because Kinia is just so informal in their approach, they have a gentle, soft approach...really it’s about changing the attitudes of the travelling community to know they can be better than they already are.”

Robbie Sluuds, FDYS



“Every year, the Kinia Awards surprise me – the standard involved in each project and the enormous effort that goes into it.”

Micheál Ó Ciaraidh, MÓC2



“Would I recommend Kinia - 100%. They’re amazing. All of them. All of the knowledge that they have. Myself and Paddy from The Plough Youth Club in Ballymun, we have come over to Kinia to do some training and it was fantastic.”

Nicky, Plough Youth Club, Ballymun

“We had the pleasure of joining the Kinia Creative Tech Fest in The Explorium. What a fab and ideal place to have it. When we arrived we were greeted warmly from the bus and given our ID and gift bags. We were then led into The Explorium. Wow - we had our picture taken for our records, which was sent to us. The students got to explore the science activities, try out VR and participate in the workshops set up. We had a lovely lunch provided and timed well. The highlight of our day before we left was our 5th Year Students won the best in their category. We had a great day and got to try out various experiments and activities. Well done to Kinia and all involved.”

Melissa, Killina Educator

Watch Video



Partners & Funders

We are supported by a range of fantastic public and private organisations, foundations, companies, and CSR initiatives to provide national training, support and hardware to those who need it most.



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Meet the Kinia Team

About our team

Meet the Kinia Board of Directors



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A Chairde, a Chomhpháirtithe, agus a Thacaí

Ag breathnú siar ar an mbliain atá thart, táimid líonta le bród as an tionchar atá ag Kinia ar dhaoine óga, ar oideachasóirí, agus ar phobail ar fud na hÉireann. Is é ár misean ná an fhoghlaim a chumhachtú trí theicneolaíocht chruthaitheach, litearthacht, agus tionscnaimh uimhríochta, ag tiomáint athruithe dearfacha i gcónaí, agus is fianaise chumhachtach an Tuarascáil Tionchair Bhliantúil é seo ar iarrachtaí comhchoiteanna ár bhfoirne, ár ngréasán, agus gach duine a chreideann sna deiseanna atá ag gach duine óg.

I rith 2025, d'oibrigh Kinia le níos mó ná 2,000 oideachasóir, ag tacú leo taithí nuálach i scileanna digiteacha a chur ar fáil do dhaoine óga ar fud na tíre. Trínár gcláir, fuair 21,821 duine óg rochtain ar dheiseanna foghlama claochlaitheacha, le níos mó ná 63% ag teacht ó phobail faoi mhíbhuntáiste socheacnamaíoch, agus bhain 90.3% dár rannpháirtíocht STEM le cailíní agus mná óga. Shroich muid 414 scoil agus seirbhís don óige, ag treisiú ár dtiomantas do rochtain chothrom ar oideachas d'ardchaighdeán i ngach cearn den tír.

Léiríonn scéalta ónár bpobal cumhacht an tsaothair seo i gcónaí. Ó Diana i Youthreach Ceapach na bhFaoiteach, a raibh tionchar buan comhshaoil ag a tionscadal Flush Monitor ar a scoil, go Mick i Loch Garman, a thóg mionshamhail de fheirm lán-ghréine as ábhair athchúrsáilte; ní hamháin go bhfuil na daoine óga seo ag foghlaim faoin

teicneolaíocht, tá siad á húsáid chun difríocht a dhéanamh. Ní bheadh na héachtaí seo indéanta gan dúthracht ár n-oideachasóirí, ár n-oibríthe deonacha, agus ár maoinitheoirí a infheistiú i dtodhchaí an duine óig gach lá.

Ba bhuaicphointe í Seachtain na Teicneolaíochta Cruthaithe 2025, a reáchtáladh in Explorium i mBaile Átha Cliath, áit arthdtáinig 711 duine óg le chéile le haghaidh dhá lá de chruthaitheacht, de chomhoibriú agus de nuálaíocht. Cheiliúir ár searmanais bronnta gradam na tionscadail iontacha a d'oibrigh na daoine óga go dian orthu—meabhrúchán cumhachtach ar an méid is féidir a bhaint amach nuair a chuirtear rochtain agus deiseanna i gcroílár an oideachais.

Thug 2025 aitheantas suntasach do shaothar Kinia chomh maith. Roghnaigh HundrED muid mar Nuálaí Oideachais domhanda as ár gcuid oibre ag cur AI i bhfeidhm chun pobail a chumhachtú, agus fuair muid an gradam don Tionscnamh Litearthachta Meán is Fearr sa Phobal dár dtionscadail Podchraolta agus Scannánaíocht Mhóibíleach leis an bpobal Lucht Siúil. Léiríonn na gradaim seo cruthaitheacht agus tiomantas na bpobal a mbímid ag obair leo, agus treisíonn siad tábhacht na hoibre a dhéanaimid le chéile. Chonaic muid scálú ar ár gclár Experience AI i gcomhar leis an Raspberry Pi Foundation agus Google DeepMind, ag sroicheadh oideachasóirí i réigiúin ar fud na hÉireann,

lena n-áirítear trí acmhainní i nGaeilge don chéad uair. Sheol muid an chéad chlár H2GP Sprint in Éirinn freisin, ag mealladh meánscoileanna agus eagraíochtaí óige ar fud na Láiríe agus Chúige Laighean isteach i saol spreagúil na teicneolaíochta hidrigine. Agus bhí an-áthas orainn ár raon fearas STEM féin a sheoladh i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge, céim thábhachtach chun tosaigh dár bhfiontar sóisialta, ag gineadh ioncaim chun tacú le hoideachasóirí agus le daoine óga sa bhliain atá amach romhainn.

Ní bheadh an tionchar seo indéanta gan ár gcomhpháirtithe agus ár maoinitheoirí luachmhara, a leanann orthu ag infheistiú i dtodhchaí an oideachais agus ag tacú le tallann agus poitéinseal gach duine óg. Cuireann bhur dtacaíocht ar chumas Kinia bacainní a bhriseadh síos, rochtain a sholáthar ar eispéiris foghlama ardchaighdeáin, agus inspioráid a thabhairt don chéad ghlúin eile de smaointeoirí, de chruthaitheoirí agus de dhaoine a réitíonn fadhbanna.

Ag breathnú chun cinn, táimid ar bís lenár bPlean Straitéiseach nua 2026–2030 a sheoladh, a leagann amach fís uailmhianach do mhéadú ar thionchar agus ar scála sna blianta amach romhainn. Leagann an plean amach cúrsa chun scileanna a thabhairt do 50,000 oideachasóir, teagmháil a dhéanamh le 800,000 duine óg, agus an t-athrú córasach is féidir le Kinia a sheachadadh a dhoimhniú trí fhorbairt ghairmiúil den chéad scoth, creidiúnú aitheanta, agus fiontar sóisialta atá ag fás a chinntíonn go bhfanann ár misean inbhuanaithe agus neamhspleách. Táimid ag tnúth le tuilleadh eolais faoi seo a roinnt libh sna míonna amach romhainn.

Agus muid ag ullmhú don chéad chaibidil spreagúil eile seo, táimid tiomanta do:

- Plean Straitéiseach 2026–2030 a sheoladh agus a chur i bhfeidhm, ag scálú ár sroichte agus ag doimhniú ár dtionchair ar fud na hÉireann.
- Leanúint ar aghaidh ag forbairt ár bhfoirne agus cumas ár n-eagraíochta, ag cinntiú go bhfuilimid réidh le huaillmhian an phlean a bhaint amach.
- Ár gcomhpháirtíochtaí leis an Rialtas, leis an tionscal, agus le pobail a neartú chun geallúint na rochtana cothroime ar oideachas digiteach agus STEM a chomhlíonadh do gach duine óg.

Tugaimid cuireadh daoibh a bheith in éineacht linn ar an turas seo chun nuálaíocht a dhéanamh, comhoibriú, agus leanúint ar aghaidh ag cruthú tionchar buan.



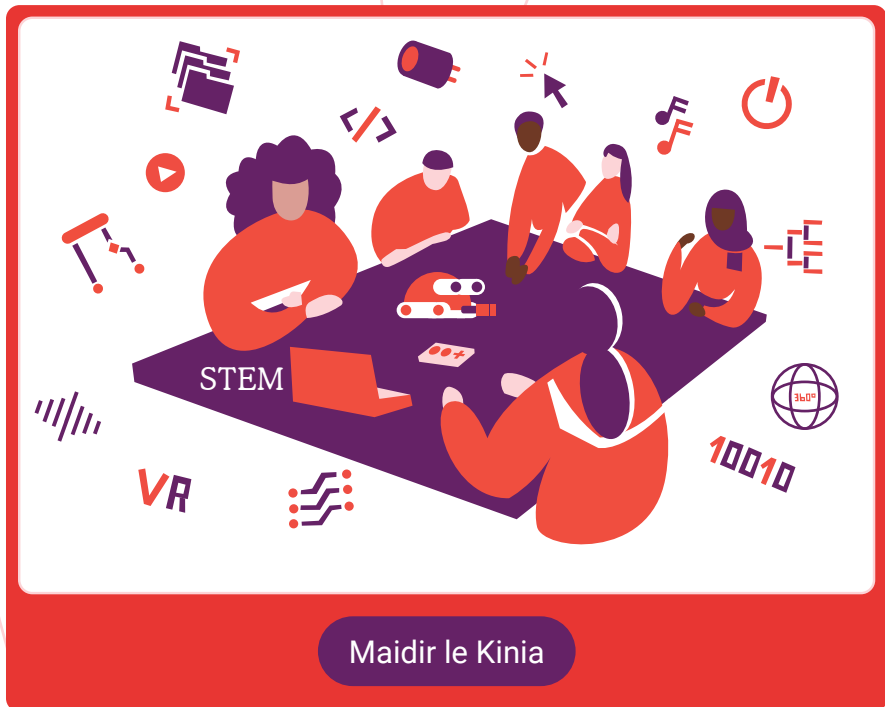
Marianne Checkley
Príomhfheidhmeannach,
Kinia



Philip Sharpe
Cathaoirleach,
Kinia

Maidir le Kinia

Creidimid nach dtagann saol gan foghlaim, is eochair í an fhoghlaim a n-osclaíonn deiseanna, a chothaíonn poitéinseal, agus a spreagann na glúnta atá le teacht. Bíodh sé i scoileanna, i suíomhanna óige, nó i bpobail áitiúla, tarlaíonn an fhoghlaim i ngach áit, agus tá Kinia ansin chun tacú léi.



Teacht Tionchair 2025



1,082

Oideachasóir rannpháirteach i gcúrsaí Kinia



2

imeacht náisiúnta ar siúl san Explorium, Baile Átha Cliath



1,243

Oideachasóir rannpháirteach i seisiúin tacaíochta Kinia



414

scoil agus seirbhís óige rannpháirteach



21,821

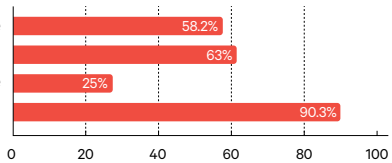
Teacht ar Dhaoine Óga



Próifíl na nDaoine Óga:

Tá sé lárnach do mhisean Kinia rochtain chothrom ar fhorbairt scileanna digiteacha a chinntiú. Tá ár gclár deartha d'aon ghnó chun tacú le hoideachasóirí atá ag obair le daoine óga a mbíonn bacainní socheacnamaíocha, geografacha agus córasacha orthu maidir le deiseanna scileanna digiteacha agus STEM. Léiríonn na sonraí thíos ár dteacht ar fud pobail tosaíochta.

Pobail Lucht Siúil, Romach, Iarrthóirí Tearmainn & Dídeanaithe
Míbhuntáiste Socheacnamaíoch
Pobail Thuaithe
Cailíní & Mná Óga i STEM



Tríd an rannpháirtíocht seo, tugadh aitheantas do bhreis is 1,600 duine óg ó ghrúpaí tosaíochta le Suaitheantais Dhigiteacha Kinia, ag tabhairt aitheantas do scileanna trasnacha agus torthaí foghlama.

“Tá muid an-fhonnmhar ár gcomhpháirtíocht le Pobal Kinia a fhorbairt, mar tá muid an-tiomanta le Mná i STEM a chur chun cinn. Táimid ag tnúth lenár gcuid scileanna nuafhaighte go léir a thabhairt ar ais chuig ár bpobal scoile agus níos faide i gcéin.”

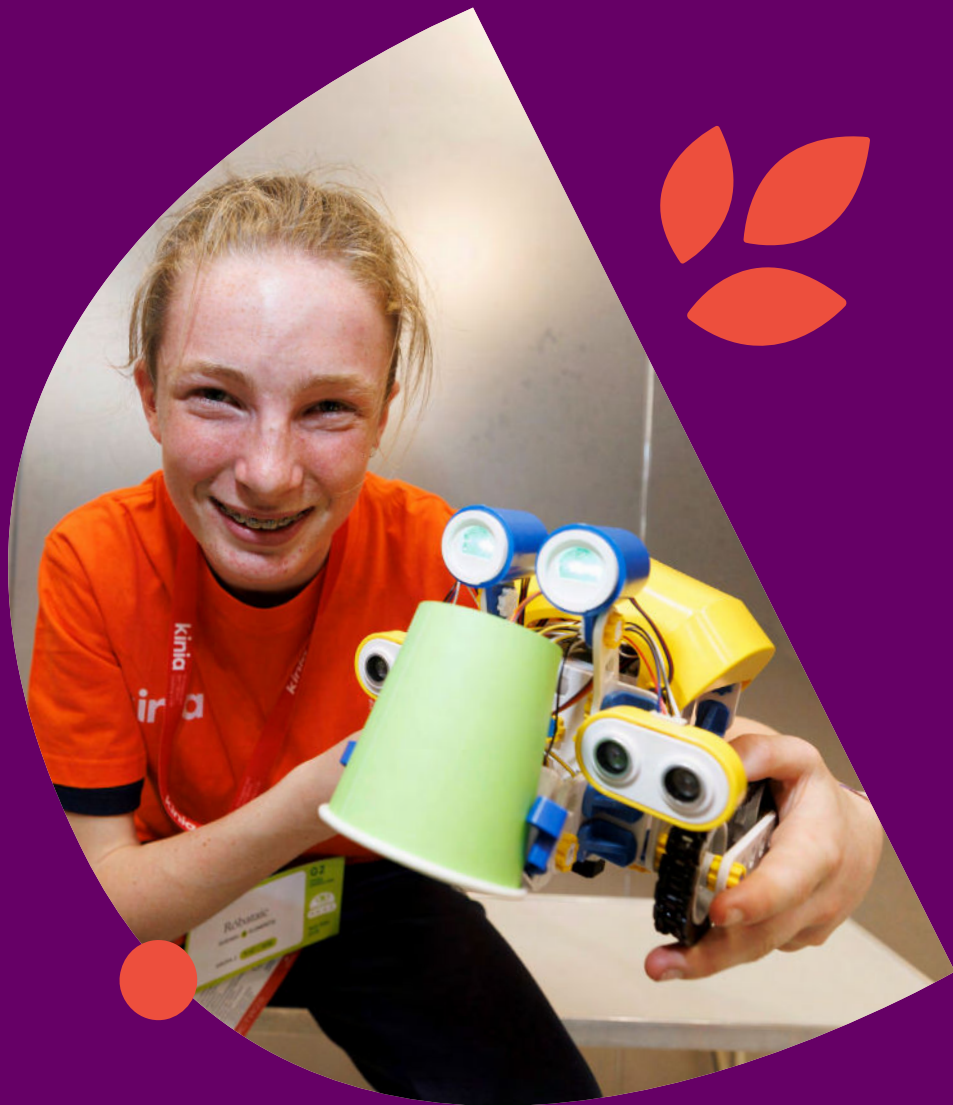
“Tá muid i gceantar DEIS ag obair le daltaí imirceacha agus daltaí den Lucht Siúil agus tá sé an-deacair maoiniú a chur le chéile, ach tá Kinia tar éis a bheith níos mó ná tacúil agus flaitiúil”

“Tá braistint iontach spreagtha agus rannpháirtíocht láidir ó na grúpaí Lucht Siúil i gcoitinne. Is breá leis na buachaillí Kinia a fheiceáil ag teacht isteach. I mbliana d’oibrigh siad go príomha le cumhacht gréine agus thaispeáin siad na róbait AI. I Meán Fómhair seo caite d’éascaigh Kinia blaiseadh teicneolaíochta don Lucht Siúil i FDYS agus tá siad ag fanacht go fonnmhar an bhliain ar fad don traenáil podchraolta seo!”

Sroicheadh Náisiúnta



Ár gCláir



Cúrsaí Kinia

Teicneolaíochtaí Cruthaitheacha

Cuireann ár gcláir ar theicneolaíocht chruthaitheach atá ailínithe leis an gcuraclam ar chumas oideachasóirí eispéiris foghlama STEM nuálacha a sholáthar go muiníneach do dhaoine óga. Léirigh aiseolas ó oideachasóirí go raibh 91% de na hoideachasóirí sásta nó an-sásta le cáilíocht an chúrsa a chuir Kinia ar fáil, agus

dúirt 97% de na hoideachasóirí go bhfuil sé beartaithe acu leanúint de chomhtháthú ábhar an chúrsa ina gcleachtas teagaisc amach anseo. Cuimsíonn cúrsaí Kinia raon éagsúil ábhar, ag trealmhú daoine óga leis na scileanna riachtanacha don todhchaí a theastaíonn uathu chun rath a bheith orthu.



Oideachas Hidrigine

Díríonn an cúrsa seo ar Chlár Explorer H2GP agus conas é a úsáid mar uirlis oideachais. Iniúchann sé todhchaí fuinnimh níos glaine, níos éifeachtaí agus níos cliste.



Scannánaíocht Mhóibíleach

Deartha d'oideachasóirí ar mian leo eispéiris foghlama teicneolaíochta atá mealltach agus cruthaitheach a chur i bhfeidhm go héifeachtach. Múineann sé bunghnéithe na Scannánaíocht Mhóibíleach le go mbeidh tú in ann iad a úsáid mar uirlis oideachais.



Fuinneamh Cliste

Treoraíonn an cúrsa seo oideachasóirí leis an eolas agus na scileanna chun Fuinneamh Cliste a thabhairt isteach ina suíomhanna foghlama trí eispéiris atá mealltach agus cruthaitheach.



Teicneolaíocht Ghlas

Soláthraíonn an cúrsa seo an t-eolas a theastaíonn d'oideachasóirí chun Teicneolaíocht Ghlas a chomhtháthú go héifeachtach i suíomhanna foghlama trí chur chuige mealltach agus cruthaitheach a úsáid.



Experience AI

Tá an cúrsa seo deartha chun oideachasóirí a threallmhú leis an eolas a theastaíonn chun clár Experience AI a chur i bhfeidhm go héifeachtach, tionscnamh litearthachta AI a comhfhorbraíodh ag Raspberry Pi Foundation agus Google DeepMind, laistigh de shuíomhanna oideachais.



Meaisínfhoghlaim

Cúrsa deartha d'oideachasóirí ar mian leo eispéiris foghlama teicneolaíochta atá mealltach agus cruthaitheach a chur i bhfeidhm go héifeachtach. Tá sé deartha chun an méid a theastaíonn uait a fháil amach faoi Mheaisínfhoghlaim a mhúineadh duit le go mbeidh tú in ann é a úsáid mar uirlis oideachais.



Podchraoltóireacht

Cúrsa cuimsitheach coimeáda d'oideachasóirí chun eispéiris foghlama teicneolaíochta atá mealltach agus cruthaitheach a chur i bhfeidhm go héifeachtach. Tá sé deartha chun an méid a theastaíonn uait a fháil amach faoin bpodchraoltóireacht a mhúineadh duit le go mbeidh tú in ann é a úsáid mar uirlis oideachais.



Róbataic

Deartha d'oideachasóirí ar mian leo eispéiris foghlama teicneolaíochta atá mealltach agus cruthaitheach a chur i bhfeidhm go héifeachtach. Tá sé deartha chun an méid a theastaíonn uait a fháil amach faoin róbataic in eolaíocht ríomhaireachta a mhúineadh duit le go mbeidh tú in ann é a úsáid mar uirlis oideachais. Áiríonn sé seo: úsáid a bhaint as gníomhaíochtaí Makey Makey, Scratch, agus Skribot chun coincheapa ríomheolaíochta a mhúineadh.



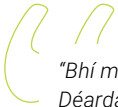
Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil ar ár gclár, tabhair cuairt ar



Tacaíocht Litearthachta

Léigh Liom

Tacaíonn an clár Léigh Liom le daltaí bunscoile ar fud na hÉireann a mbíonn deacrachtaí acu leis an léitheoireacht. I roinnt pobal faoi mhíbhuntáiste, tá dúshlán shuntasacha litearthachta ag beagnach duine as gach triúr, rud a d'fhéadfadh éifeachtaí fadtéarmacha a bheith aige ar mhuintir, rannpháirtíocht oideachais, agus deiseanna amach anseo.



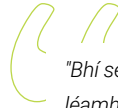
"Bhí mé ag tnúth le gach Luan agus Déardaoin, ba é buaicphointe mo sheachtaine é... Tá clár iontach curtha le chéile agaibh agus bhí bhur bhfoireann thar barr. Táim ag tnúth le deis a bheith páirteach ann arís"



"Ba é an rud ab fhearr liom ná go raibh mo Reading Buddy cineálta agus cabhrach, agus ba bhreá liom leabhair nua a léamh." "Bhínn scanraithe roimh a bheith ag léamh os ard ach anois cuirim mo lámh in airde an t-am ar fad."

In 2025, thug Kinia Léigh Liom isteach, clár léitheoireachta beirte a sheachadtar trí Ghaeilge, ag tacú le forbairt litearthachta agus ag neartú nasc na daltaí leis an nGaeilge freisin. In éineacht leis seo, leathnaigh muid ár múnla Idirbhliana, rud a chuir ar chumas dhaltáí na hIdirbhliana tacú le daltaí níos óige ina mbunscoileanna áitiúla

agus cultúr ceannaireachta, rannpháirtíochta pobail, agus grá comhroinnte don léitheoireacht a chothú laistigh de shuíomhanna lán-Ghaeilge agus DEIS.



"Bhí sé iontach na gasúir a fheiceáil ag léamh leis na scoláirí ón meánscoil."

Le cúig bliana anuas, thacaigh 1,706 oibrí deonach oilte le daltaí trí Reading Buddy agus Léigh Liom, ag cabhrú le muintir léitheoireachta, líofacht, agus taitneamh a thógáil ar fud na tíre.

Tionchar 2025



Daltaí a tacaíodh:
263



Oibríthe deonacha a bhí rannpháirteach:
155



Bunscoileanna cláraithe:
23

Tacaíocht Uimhearthachta Maths-Whizz

Ó thuarascálacha PISA le déanaí ar leibhéal mhatamaitice agus eolaíochta, scóráil daltaí i scoileanna DEIS faoi bhun mheán an OECD agus scóráil siad freisin faoi bhun daltaí i scoileanna nach bhfuil i scéim DEIS. Tacaíonn Kinia le daltaí bunscoile chun teacht suas le píaraí agus a n-aois mhatamaitice a mhéadú trí chomhpháirtíocht le Maths-Whizz. Tacaimid le scoileanna chun an t-ardán a chomhtháthú ina seomra ranga ag tabhairt an tacaíocht a theastaíonn do dhaltaí chun scoileanna uimhríochta riachtanacha a thógáil.

"Ciallaíonn an fhíríc go neartaíonn sé a gcuid foghlama ag a leibhéal aonair féin, chomh maith leis na foghlaimeoirí drogallacha fiú, dul i ngleic leis mar go mbíonn rath acu. Tá sé mealltach agus tarraingteach agus spreagann sé gach duine chun é a úsáid, agus tá sé dúshlánach go leor d'fhoghlaimeoirí níos láidre."



In 2025, chuir muid tacaíocht Maths-Whizz ar fáil do:



"Múineann sé bealach maitimice éagsúil dom nach raibh ar eolas agam roimhe seo."

"Bhain mé an-taitneamh as na seoda. Thaitin sé liom luach saothair a thuilleamh. Bhí sé an-ghreannmhar."

"Is rud fíor-luachmhar é Maths-Whizz do mo chuid teagaisc! Tá na ceachtanna soiléir, mealltach, agus in oiriúint do luas mo dhaltai, rud a chabhraigh go mór liom a muintín sa mhatamaitic a thógáil. Bhí cuid acu scanraithe roimh fhadhbanna matamaitice ach bhain siad taitneamh as iad a réiteach sa deireadh. Mholfainn go mór é do mhúinteoir ar bith ar mian leis scoileanna matamaitice a gcuid daltaí a fheabhsú ar bhealach spráil agus éifeachtach!"

Bord Comhairleach d'Oideachasóirí

Is grúpa paiseanta oideachasóirí é Bord Comhairleach d'Oideachasóirí Kinia atá ag múnlú todhchái ár dtraenála agus ár n-acmhainní. Cinntíonn a gcuid léargais go bhfuil ár gcláir ábhartha, tioncharach, agus go bhfreastalaíonn siad ar riachtanais dáiríre oideachasóirí agus daoine óga. Trína saineolas a roinnt, cabhraíonn siad linn cumhacht a thabhairt do níos mó foghlaimoírí agus athrú bríoch a chruthú san oideachas.

In 2025, d'óstáil muid ár mBord Comhairleach d'Oideachasóirí le haghaidh deireadh seachtaine foghlama, comhoibríthe, agus plé bríoch. Chuir an t-imeacht deis luachmhar ar fáil d'oideachasóirí nascadh, léargais a mhalartú, agus bealaí nua a iniúchadh chun cumhacht a thabhairt do na daoine óga a n-oibríonn siad leo. Tá a gcuid léargais ag cabhrú linn tuiscint a fháil ar cad a oibríonn, cad a spreagann, agus cá bhféadfaimis fás.



"Bhí sé go hiontach bualadh le daoine ar aon intinn liom. Ceardlanna iontacha, ionad iontach. An-fhaisnéiseach."

"Deireadh seachtaine iontach le héascaitheoirí agus oideachasóirí thar barr a rinne a seacht ndícheall le gur bhraitheamar go raibh fáilte romhainn agus go raibh inniúil againn sna ceardlanna ar fad. Braithim níos muiníní anois mar oideachasóir agus éascaitheoir ag dul ar ais chuig mo dhaoine óga agus chuig an eagraíocht ina n-oibrím. Go raibh maith agaibh as an deis agus an taithí."

Clár Sprint H2GP

Seoladh an Clár



I Meán Fómhair 2025. Sheol Kinia an chéad chlár Sprint Hydrogen Grand Prix (H2GP) in Éirinn i gcomhar le Horizon Educational.

Is iad seo a ghlac páirt sa chlár:



8 meánscoil i gceithre chontae i lár na tíre



4 eagraíocht óige agus 1 mheánscoil i gCúige Laighean

Tharla an seoladh ag an gComórtas Náisiúnta Treabhdóireachta i gcomhar le Comhairle Contae Uíbh Fhailí, áit a raibh rian taispeána againn do gach duine le triail a bhaint as. Comórtais Réigiúnacha. Chuir comórtais Sprint réigiúnacha deis ar fáil do dhaoine óga a gcuid carranna faoi thiomáint

hidrigin a rásaíocht agus a gcuid scileanna innealtóireachta fuinnimh inathnuaite a chur i bhfeidhm i suíomh iomaíoch. Téann buaiteoirí réigiúnacha ar aghaidh go dtí Craobhchomórtas Náisiúnta H2GP Pro mar chuid de Sheachtain na Teicneolaíochta Cruthaithí Kinia. Rachaidh buaiteoir an Chraobhchomórtais Náisiúnta ar aghaidh chun ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar son na hÉireann ag Cluichí Ceannais Domhanda H2GP Pro san Eilvéis i mí Lúnasa 2026.

Cluiche Ceannais Réigiúnach Laighean

Explorium ag dul ar aghaidh go dtí H2GP Pro:

Cherry Orchard Equine Centre
Fingal Libraries

“Ní rud a fheiceann tú de ghnáth é. Is spraoi mór é!”

Gearrliosta HundrED

Aitheantas Domhanda do Nuálaíocht Oideachais



I mbliana, tugadh aitheantas do Kinia mar Nuálaí Oideachais domhanda, tar éis é a roghnú mar cheann de cheithre réiteach eisceachtúla a thaispeánann feidhmchláir nuálacha AI chun daoine óga a ullmhú don todhchaí.

Cuireann an t-aitheantas seo Kinia laistigh d'idirphlé domhanda ar ról AI maidir le cumhacht a thabhairt do phobail, rochtain ar dheiseanna a leathnú agus todhchaí oideachais níos cuimsithí a chothú. Dearbhaíonn sé tiomantas leanúnach Kinia do rochtain ar eispéiris oideachais ardchaighdeáin a leathnú agus a chinntiú go dtacaítear le gach duine óg a lánacmhainneacht a bhaint amach.

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<https://hundred.org/en/innovations/kinia>



Gradaim

Gradam Litearthachta Meán

In 2025, bronnadh an tionscnamh litearthachta meán is fearr bunaithe sa phobal ar Kinia dá chlár leanúnach, Tionscadail Phodchraolta agus Scannánaíochta Soghluaiste ag Spreagadh an Lucht Siúil.

Forbraíodh an tionscnamh seo chun cumhacht a thabhairt do bhaill óga den Lucht Siúil trí rochtain a chur ar fáil do thraenáil, trealamh, agus scileanna praiticiúla i bpodchraoltóireacht agus scannánaíocht shoghluaiste a sholáthar. Tacaíonn an clár le rannpháirtithe úinéireacht a ghlacadh ar a gcuid scéalta féin, dúshlán a thabhairt do steiréitíopaí seasmhacha, agus bealaí a iniúchadh chun traidisiúin chultúrtha a chaomhnú trí na meáin dhigiteacha. D'aithin an painéal moltóireachta ag na gradaim tionchar an tionscadail, ag tabhairt faoi deara:

"Tugann an tionscadal seo úinéireacht do na rannpháirtithe ar a gcuid scéalta agus ardán chun dúshlán a thabhairt do steiréitíopaí, agus soláthraíonn sé bealach don Lucht Siúil traidisiúin a choinneáil anois trí lionsa digiteach."

Cuir isteach Físeán Mick's Mini Solar Farm. Ainmníodh Kinia freisin don tionscnamh litearthachta meán is fearr do dhaoine óga dá phríomhimeachtaí a seachadadh le linn Sheachtain na Teicneolaíochta Cruthaithe 2025. Léiríonn an t-aitheantas seo cruthaitheacht, comhoibriú agus tiomantas fhoireann Kinia agus na bpobal atá i gceist araon. Neartaíonn sé misean Kinia le deiseanna bríocha a chruthú do dhaoine óga chun scileanna meán a fhorbairt, a n-aitheantas a chur in iúl agus éisteacht a fháil lena nglórtha.



Fiontar Sóisialta

In 2025, seoladh ár raon feisteáin STEM féin go hoifigiúil i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge.

Cruthóidh gach ceannachán a dhéanfar in 2025 tionchar fíor, intomhaiste d'oideachasóirí agus do dhaoine óga ar fud na hÉireann in 2026.

Táimid anois in ann dul i dteagmháil le 32 oideachasóir eile ar ár liosta feithimh, ag cur cúrsaí Kinia agus trealamh ar fáil dóibh le húsáid ina gcuid scoileanna nó seirbhísí óige.

Soláthróidh sé eispéiris foghlama agus forbartha ardchaighdeáin atá bunaithe ar STEM do **576 duine** óg ar a laghad is mó a bhfuil gá acu leo i rith 2026, agus leanfaidh oideachasóirí orthu ag cur a gcuid scileanna i bhfeidhm i seomraí ranga nua amach anseo.



Aiseolas ó Mhúinteoir Lorraine ar ár bhFeisteáin STEM:

"Bronntanais iontacha!!! Ba chóir go mbeadh siad seo ar gach liosta do Dhaidí na Nollag. Is breá liom bhur bhfeisteáin STEM! D'úsáid mé i mo sheomra ranga iad agus tá na deiseanna foghlama GAN CHRÍOCH."



Scéalta Oideachasóirí

Ionad Acmhainne Bhaile na mBán – Sinéad

In Ionad Acmhainne Bhaile na mBán. Díríonn an t-oideachas ar rochtain, cuimsiú agus deis. Feidhmíonn an t-ionad i gceantar scoile DEIS agus tacaíonn sé le daltaí imirceacha agus daltaí den Lucht Siúil.

Tá an fhoireann tiomanta lena chinntiú go mbraitheann gach duine óg go dtacaítear leo agus go gcuirtear deiseanna ar fáil dóibh chun scileanna agus muinín a fhorbairt. Bhí ról lárnach ag Kinia maidir le tacú leis an obair seo. Thosaigh an chomhpháirtíocht le traenáil podchraoltóireachta, inar fhorbair seisear ball den phobal scileanna digiteacha agus inar fhoghlaim siad conas a gcuid peirspictíochtaí a roinnt tríd na meáin. Mar thoradh air seo tháinig tuilleadh tionscnamh, lena n-áirítear tionscadail a bhaineann le Cruinniú na nÓg, comhoibriú leis an leabharlann áitiúil, agus méadú ar an rannpháirtíocht idir daltaí agus an pobal níos leithne.

"Ba tharrtháil é Kinia dúinn anseo in Ionad Acmhainne Bhaile na mBán."

Ina dhiaidh sin, seachadadh traenáil róbataic roimh an Nollaig. Chuir an clár struchtúrtha seo scileanna praiticiúla ar fáil d'oideachasóirí agus mhéadaigh sé a muinín chun foghlaim STEM a sholáthar laistigh den ionad. Tá cúrsa

sé seachtaine ar siúl faoi láthair, a chlúdaíonn róbataic, Makey Makey, agus gníomhaíochtaí cruthaitheacha STEM. Tacaíonn an clár le forbairt scileanna agus le tógáil muiníne i measc na ndaltaí atá rannpháirteach.

"Ní féidir liom buíochas go leor a ghabháil le Kinia – tá siad go hiontach. Mholfainn go mór iad do dhuine ar bith."

Áirítear ar an tionchar a d'aithin an t-ionad, tá dintiúir forbartha gairmiúla d'oideachasóirí, teastais do na daltaí atá rannpháirteach, agus tacaíocht leanúnach cláir atá ailínithe le riachtanais an phobail ann. Ar an iomlán, neartaigh an chomhpháirtíocht an cumas áitiúil chun oideachas digiteach agus STEM a sheachadadh agus leathnaigh sí deiseanna foghlama do dhaoine óga i mBaile na mBán.



Scéalta Oideachasóirí

Bunscoil na Maighdine Muire, Baile Átha Cliath 24 – Eric

Bhí comhoibriú agus cruthaitheacht chun tosaigh agus daltaí ag oscailt a gcéad fheisteas STEM de chuid Kinia – An Lóchrann Oíche.

Ag obair i bhfoirne de thriúr, d'fhéach na daltaí ar fhéisean teagaisc trí Kinia Academy le chéile sula ndearna siad é a athimirt céim ar chéim, ag tógáil a gcuid tithe go cúramach. Tháinig an seomra ranga chun a bheith ina spás d'fhadhb-réiteach comhroinnte agus spreagadh, agus daltaí a chríochnaigh tascanna go luath ag tairiscint cabhrach do dhaoine eile. Ní hamháin go raibh an ceacht mealltach, ach chuir sé leis an gcomhoibriú go mór.

"Ba cheacht thar a bheith taitneamhach é agus eispéireas an-chomhoibríoch agus mealltach a bhí ann."

Nuair a bhí na tithe críochnaithe, thug na daltaí a gcuid saothar amach chun grianghraif ghrúpa a ghlacadh os comhair armas na scoile, ag ceiliúradh a gcuid obair foirne, cruthaitheachta agus éachtaí. Tugadh faoi deara athrú in aigne na ndaoine óga. Lean comhrá faoi fhuinneamh cliste agus freagracht comhshaoil i bhfad tar éis an cheachta féin, agus na daltaí ar bís cheana féin faoin gcéad turgnamh eile de chuid Kinia Academy.

"Tá i bhfad níos mó suime ag na daltaí anois i bhfuinneamh cliste agus leis an gcomhshaoil ná mar a bhí roimhe seo – rud atá go hiontach a fheiceáil agus a chloisteáil mar mhúinteoir s'acu."

Do Mhúinteoir Eric, ní hamháin go saibhríonn cur chuige cuimsitheach Kinia foghlaim na ndaltaí ach neartaíonn sé a chleachtas teagaisc féin, ag soláthar deiseanna struchtúrtha bríocha chun beocht a chur i STEM sa seomra ranga.



Scéalta Oideachasóirí

Bunscoil Our Lady of Lourdes, Baile Átha Cliath 8 – Darragh

D'fhiosraigh na daltaí conas is féidir le leictrealú uisce a scoilt ina hidrigin agus ina hocsaigin, ag gabháil na hidrigin agus á húsáid chun innill chillbhreosla bheaga a thiomáint. Bhí prionsabail eolaíochta casta anois inlámhsithe agus chonaic na daoine óga fuinneamh inathnuaite i mbun gnímh.

"B'iontach a fheiceáil go raibh an-sceitimíní orthu nuair a d'imigh na carranna sa deireadh."

Spreg an tionscadal i bhfad níos mó ná tuiscint eolaíoch. D'oibrigh daltaí go comhoibríoch, thástáil siad smaointe, d'fheabhsaigh siad a gcuid dearáí, agus thacaigh siad lena chéile trí dhúshlán. Ní carranna amháin a bhí á dtógáil acu, bhí siad ag forbairt athléimneachta, obair foirne, agus muiníne. Trí choincheapa fuinnimh inathnuaite a nascadh le húsáid san fhíorhsaol, chruthaigh Darragh eispéreas foghlama a bhí praiticiúil agus spreagúil dá dhaltaí.

"Chabhraigh an tionscadal praiticiúil seo leis na daltaí a dtuiscint ar fhuinneamh inathnuaite, innealtóireacht, agus obair foirne a forbairt."

Léiríonn cuimhneacháin mar seo an luach a bhaineann le huirlisí praiticiúla agus tacaíocht chuí a thabhairt do dhaoine óga.



Scéalta Oideachasóirí

Oideachasóir na Bliana 2025 Bairbre Ní Choisdealbha, Coláiste an Eachréidh

Trína cuid oibre le Kinia, tá Bairbre ina fórsa tiomána láidir maidir le scileanna cruthaitheacha teicneolaíochta agus digiteacha a thabhairt isteach sa seomra ranga ar bhealach praiticiúil, cuimsitheach agus nuálach.

Le fíís shoiléir aici maidir le conas is féidir leis na scileanna seo an fhoghlaim a dhéanamh níos ábhartha agus níos tarraingtí do dhaoine óga, tá sí ag cruthú timpeallachtaí foghlama ina mbíonn daltaí gníomhach, rannpháirteach agus muiníneach ina gcumas féin. Is léir go bhfuil fonn foghlama leanúnach uirthi féin – bíonn sí oscailte d'fheabhsúchán, do smaointe nua agus do chuirí chuige éagsúla. Léiríonn a hintinn oscailte agus a toilteanas dul i mbun turgnamh le modhanna nua teagaisc go bhfuil sí tiomanta ní hamháin dá forbairt ghairmiúil féin, ach do leas agus do thodhchaí na ndaltaí freisin. Glacann sí go dearfach le haiseolas agus úsáideann sí é chun a cleachtas a neartú agus chun eispéireas foghlama níos saibhre a chruthú.

“Tá an trealamh is nua-imseartha agus is fearr tugtha dúinn ó Kinia agus ansin, tá muid in ann an mhúinín sin [a bhfuair muid ó Kinia] a léiriú inár ndaltaí.”

Trí scileanna Kinia a chomhtháthú ina cleachtas, tá sí ag cuidiú le daoine óga scileanna ríthábhachtacha an 21ú haois a fhorbairt, smaointeoireacht chriticiúil, cruthaitheacht, comhoibriú agus litearthacht dhigiteach ina measc. Feictear di gur bhunriachtanas iad scileanna Kinia chun spás níos cothroime, níos nuálaí agus níos cumhachtaí a chruthú do gach uile dhuine óg.



Scéalta Daoine Óga

Diana Tumashova (16), Youthreach Cappawhite TechSpacer na Bliana

Ag baint úsáide as acmhainní Kinia Tech, scileanna agus Micro:bit, dhear agus thóg Diana Tumashova córas monatóireachta sruthlaithe chun úsáid uisce i leithris scoile a rianú. Trí bhraiteoir tilt a cheangal de hanla an leithris, ríomh sí an Micro:bit chun gach sruthlú a chomhaireamh agus an t-iomlán a thaispeáint ar a scáileán LED. Logáladh agus stóráladh gach sruthlú go digiteach, rud a thug deis do Diana anailís a dhéanamh ar na sonraí le himeacht ama.

Cé go raibh dúshlán ag baint leis an gcóras a shocrú, bhí seasmhacht ag Diana. Mhol sí réitigh phraiticiúla saora. Trí bhríce simplí nó buidéal líonta le huisce a chur isteach sa sistéal, d'fhéadfaí suas le 2 lítear uisce a shábháil in aghaidh an tsruthlaithe. Nuair a ríomh sí an coigilteas féideartha thar sheachtain, bhí na torthaí iontach – suas le 450 lítear uisce caomhnaithe.

Nuair a bhí an teicneolaíocht ag obair, d'oscail na torthaí súile na ndaoine. Thar thréimhse de mhí amháin, taifeadadh níos mó ná 500 sruthlú. Nuair a ríomh Diana an méid uisce a úsáideadh, bhí na torthaí scanrúil—agus níorbh fhéidir neamhaird a dhéanamh orthu.

“Níor smaoinigh mé i ndáiríre ar an méid uisce a chuirimid amú ar scoil. Ach a bhuíochas le Kinia Tech agus an Micro:bit, tuigim anois conas is féidir le hathruithe beaga tionchar mór a imirt.”





"Bhí sé spreagúil na sonraí a fheiceáil á mbailiú i bhfforam. Nuair a ríomh muid an méid uisce a úsáideadh, d'oscail sé mo shúile i ndáiríre."

Agus í feistithe le fianaise shoiléir, d'oibrigh Diana in éineacht le Coiste Scoileanna Glasa a scoile chun feachtas caomhnaithe uisce a sheoladh. Bhí an tionchar láithreach agus marthanach. A bhui leis na sonraí a bhailigh sí, tá an scoil anois tiomanta do chórais dé-shruthlaithe a shuiteáil i ngach leithreas—ag iompú tionscadal faoi stiúir daltaí ina athrú bríoch fadtéarmach.

"Is é an chuid is fearr ná go bhfuil ár scoil anois ag suiteáil córais dé-shruthlaithe mar gheall ar na sonraí a bhailigh muid."

Léiríonn Tionscadal Monatóireachta Sruthlaithe Diana go foirfe conas is féidir scileanna TFC a chur i bhfeidhm ar dhúshláin chomhshaoil san fhíorshaol. Ní hamháin go raibh a gcuid oibre suntasach ó thaobh na teicneolaíochta de ach rinneadh í go tuiscianach agus cuireadh i láthair go muiníneach í nuair a cuireadh faoi bhráid chomórtas TechFest de chuid Kinia í. Maidir lena cruthaitheacht, scileanna réitigh fadhbanna, agus tiomantas don inbhuanaitheacht, ainmníodh Diana mar TechSpacer na Bliana- aitheantas tuillte do nuálaí óg atá ag baint úsáide as teicneolaíocht chun difríocht a dhéanamh.

"Léirigh an tionscadal seo dom conas is féidir le teicneolaíocht agus inbhuanaitheacht oibriú le chéile. Mholfainn Kinia Tech go cinnte do thuilleadh Scoileanna Glasa."

Scéalta Daoine Óga

Mick Connors (12), FDYS Travellers Inclusion Project, Loch Garman Ainmnitheach TechSpacer na Bliana

Sular ghlac sé páirt sa Tionscadal Mionfheirme Gréine, bhí teorainn le taithí Mick Connors maidir le tionscadaí a chruthú ag baint úsáide as ábhair in-athchúrsáilte agus teicneolaíocht fuinnimh inathnuaite.

Ag baint úsáide as teicneolaíocht agus scileanna Kinia dhear agus thóg sé mionfheirm atá tiomáinte go hiomlán ag fuinneamh gréine. Áiríodh sa tionscadal, bhí leantóir beag feistithe le solas inmheánach, gaothrán le lasc as/ar, agus solas sráide lasmuigh, gach ceann acu faoi thiomáint ag painéal gréine.

"Léirigh an tionscadal seo dom conas is féidir liom rudaí a bhféadfadh daoine a chaitheamh amach a thiontú ina rud iontach, agus go bhfuil sé go maith don chomhshaol freisin."

Roinn Robbie Sludds, oideachasóir Mick agus Oideachasóir na Bliana de chuid Kinia, an bród atá ar fhoireann FDYS TIP/PATH as dúthracht, tiomantas agus rannpháirtíocht leanúnach Mick ina gcuid tionscadal. Mhínigh sé go dtaispeánann an físeán gearr an obair mhór atá curtha isteach ag Mick le cúpla seachtain anuas agus é ag ullmhú

chun freastal ar Kinia Creative TechFest na bliana seo ar an 12ú Aibreán ag an Explorium i mBaile Átha Cliath. Ag labhairt dó faoi Kinia, dúirt Robbie:

"Tá sé iontach, ceapaim gur chóir go mbeadh sé éigeantach go mbeadh duine i ngach scoil agus i ngach tionscadal for-rochtana óige ann chun oiliúint Kinia a mhúineadh dá gcuid daoine óga i ndáiríre. Tá an saol ag athrú agus caithfidimid ár ndaoine óga a choinneáil ar an eolas."



Scéal Tionchair

Ruairí Ó hUanacháin, Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne

TechSpacer na Bliana

Bhí dúil ag Ruairí sa phodchraoltóireacht nach mór láithreach bonn nuair a d'fhill a oideachasóir ar ais go Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne i ndiaidh dó cúrsa Kinia a chur i gcrích.

Bhí a mhúinteoir ag an am, Pádraig, réidh chun na scileanna a chur ar aghaidh sa seomra ranga. Chinn Ruairí ar a phodchraoladh féin a thosú, agus ba iad na scileanna a fuair sé ó chúrsa Kinia go díreach a spreag é chun tabhairt faoin nós seo. An rud is spéisiúla ná gur shocraigh sé podchraoladh a dhéanamh a dhíríonn ar mhíreanna ceoil thraidisiúnta a sheinneann laochra áitiúla Chúige Mumhan. Chaith sé súil ar chúlra na gceoltóirí agus chuir sé míreanna ó chartlann RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta i láthair. Laochra ar Lár an t-ainm a bhí air, agus chuaigh sé ó neart go neart ó cuireadh tús leis. Bhí slí chainte álainn ag Ruairí agus is léir go bhfuil scil nádúrtha aige podchraoladh a stiúradh.

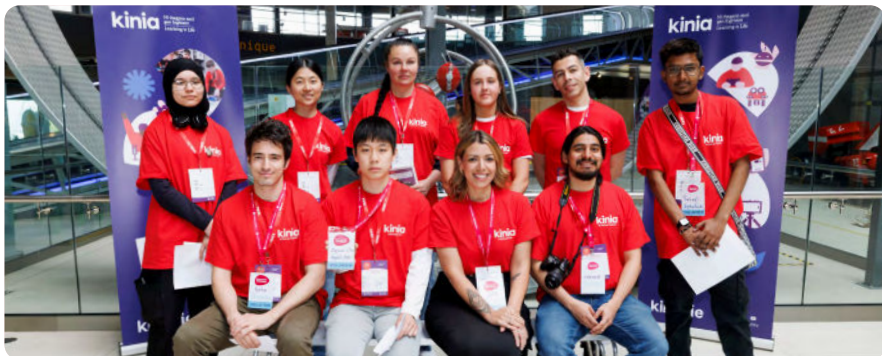


"An rud is fearr liomsa faoi Kinia ná an seans a thugann sé dúinn an méid seo teicneolaíochta a úsáid. Ní cheapfá riamh go mbeadh daltaí meánscoile ábalta an méid seo eagarthóireachta ar phodchraoladh a dhéanamh agus... díreach an teicneolaíocht féin a úsáid laistigh dár gcuid ranganna."

Ní aon ionadh é gur bronnadh gradam ar Ruairí ag Tech Féile 2025 nuair a ainmníodh é mar TechSpacer na Bliana as ucht na cruthaitheachta, na nuálaíochta agus na sár-iarrachta a léirigh sé le linn an tionscnaimh seo. Is cinnte go mbeidh a ainm á lua amach anseo.



Aiseolas ó Oibrithe Deonacha



“Bhain mé an-taitneamh as a bheith ag obair go deonach i ndáiríre agus deis a fháil léamh le daltaí, agus táim ag tnúth le sé sin a dhéanamh arís, tá súil agam!”

**Oibrí Deonach Reading
Buddy**

“Mholfainn go mór é seo do dhaoine a bheith rannpháirteach ann agus cuireann an searmanas céime go mór leis i ndáiríre!!”

**Oibrí Deonach Reading
Buddy**

“Is dea-eispéireas iontach é an gliondar a bhaineann le léitheoireacht a thabhairt do dhaoine eile. Is bealach iontach iad na seisiúin ar líne chun teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an oiread scoileanna/ daltaí agus is féidir.”

**Oibrí Deonach Reading
Buddy**

“Nuair a dhéanaim obair dheonach ag Seachtain na Teicneolaíochta Cruthaithí, bíonn sé oideachasúil agus spráúil!”

Oibrí Deonach CTW

Rollú amach Experience AI



Ag tosú i mí Feabhra 2025, thosaigh Kinia ag seachadadh Réamhrá ar Experience AI i gcomhar leis an Raspberry Pi Foundation. Díríonn an clár seo ar bhunchoincheapa i litearthacht AI, a bhfuil a dtuisceant ríachtanach d'oidreachasóirí agus do dhaoine óga in aois na hintleachta saorga. I rollú amach an chláir seo, dhírigh foireann Kinia ar thraenáil a sheachadadh do scoileanna aonair agus d'eagraíochtaí óige chomh maith le seisiúin oscailte i gceantair réigiúnacha cosúil le Corcaigh, Baile Átha Cliath, agus i lár na tíre. D'aistrigh muid acmhainní Experience AI go Gaeilge freisin ag teacht lenár dteacht dátheangach ar fud na hÉireann.

Experience AI

Google DeepMind



Taispeántas Imeachtaí Seachtain na Teicneolaíochta Cruthaithí 2025



Is tionscnamh aitheanta náisiúnta é Seachtain na Teicneolaíochta Cruthaithí a bhunaigh Kinia chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar dhaoine óga ar fud na tíre agus a n-éachtaí sa Teicneolaíocht Chruthaitheach. I mbliana, ghlac breis is 1,000 duine óg páirt i dtionscadail, le 711 ag bailiú le chéile san Explorium i mBaile Átha Cliath le haghaidh dhá lá de chruthaitheacht, de chomhoibriú, agus de nuálaíocht dhigiteach. Buaicphointe den tseachtain ba ea na searmanais ghradaim bheo, áit ar cuireadh tionscadail na ndaltaí ar taispeánt ar an bpríomhchéim. Léirigh an t-aitheantas poiblí seo ní hamháin cáilíocht a gcuid oibre ach freisin na scileanna dírithe ar an todhchaí atá á bhforbairt acu i gcónaí, lena n-áirítear réiteach fadhbanna,

comhoibriú, litearthacht dhigiteach, agus smaointeoireacht chruthaitheach. Sruthaíodh ár searmanas gradam beo le linn an imeachta dóibh siúd nach raibh i láthair, agus d'fhéach 275 duine eile air. Leanann Seachtain na Teicneolaíochta Cruthaithí ag léiriú an tionchair a bhíonn ag rochtain chothrom ar theicneolaíocht agus ar eispéiris foghlama bhríocha. Trí chumhacht a thabhairt do dhaoine óga cruthú seachas teicneolaíocht a úsáid amháin, tá Kinia ag tacú le forbairt nuálaithe muiníneacha, inniúla atá réidh chun an todhchaí a mhúnlú. Táimid ag tnúth le fáilte a chur roimh thuilleadh daltaí agus oideachasóirí chuig Seachtain na Teicneolaíochta Cruthaithí 2026.



"Ceann de mo phríomhspriocanna ná deiseanna a thabhairt do dhaoine óga i bpobal an Lucht Siúil nach bhfaigheadh siad de ghnáth. Agus toisc go bhfuil Kinia chomh neamhfhoirmiúil sin ina gcur chuige, tá cur chuige séimh, bog acu... i ndáiríre baineann sé le dearcadh an phobail Lucht Siúil a athrú go mbeadh a fhios acu gur féidir leo a bheith níos fearr ná mar atá siad cheana féin."

Robbie Sluuds, FDYS, ag CTW 2025

"Bhí muid an-sásta a bheith páirteach i Kinia Creative Tech Fest san Explorium. Áit iontach agus idéalach chun é a bheith ann. Nuair a tháinig muid isteach, cuireadh fáilte chroíúil romhainn ón mbus agus tugadh ár n-aitheantas agus ár málaí bronntanais dúinn. Tugadh isteach san Explorium muid ansin. Wow - tógadh ár bpictiúr dár gcuid taifead, agus seoladh chugainn é. Fuair na daltaí seans iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar na gníomhaíochtaí eolaíochta, triail a bhaint as VR agus páirt a ghlacadh sna ceardlanna a bhí socraithe. Bhí lón deas curtha ar fáil dúinn in am trátha. Ba é buaicphointe ár lae sular imigh muid ná gur bhuaigh ár ndaltaí 5ú Bliain an catagóir s'acu. Bhí lá iontach againn agus fuaireamar triail a bhaint as turgnaimh agus gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla. Maith sibh Kinia agus gach duine a bhí páirteach."

Melissa, Oideachasóir Chill Inne ag CTW 2025

"Achan bhliain, cuireann na Gradaim ionadh orm – an caighdeán a bhíonn i gceist le achán turgnamh agus an iarracht ollmhór a chuirtear isteach ann."

Micheál Ó Ciarraidh, MÓC2



"An molfainn Kinia? - 100%. Tá siad thar barr. Iad ar fad. An t-eolas ar fad atá acu. Tháinig mé féin agus Paddy ó Chlub Óige an Plough i mBaile Munna go dtí Kinia chun oiliúint a dhéanamh agus bhí sé go hiontach."

Nicky, Club Óige an Plough, Baile Munna, ag CTW 2025

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