

School Summit Innovator launches founding cohort 2026.

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School Summit Innovator, the new national innovation competition for students aged 15–19, today launches its founding cohort across Ireland and the United Kingdom.

[OPENING PARAGRAPH — TO BE FINALISED. Includes the number of schools committed at launch, the number of categories, the patron name, headline sponsor name and the date of the National Final.]

QUOTES

Quotes

Patron name TBA said: "[QUOTE — TBA]."

Founder & CEO name TBA said: "[QUOTE — TBA, focused on the founding cohort opportunity and the gap the programme fills]."

Headline sponsor name TBA said: "[QUOTE — TBA]."

WHAT STUDENTS DO

What students do

Students enter solo or in teams of up to four. They submit an idea to one of 40+ categories spanning Sustainability, STEM, Society, Enterprise, Arts, Health and Wildcard. Entries are judged by independent industry panels against a public rubric. Finalists pitch live at the National Final. Every winner and finalist enters the public Hall of Fame.

WHY NOW

Why now

[CONTEXT PARAGRAPH — to be finalised. Aligns with the NI 10X Economy, UK AI Opportunities Action Plan, Skills England and equivalent national skills priorities.]

FOUNDING COHORT FACTS

Founding cohort facts

- Year-1 reach committed: XX schools, XXX students, X regions across Ireland and the UK.
- Categories: 40+ across seven pillars.
- Founding cohort: every 2026 entrant earns a Founding Innovator credential.
- National Final: spring 2026, location TBA.
- Founded by: name TBA.
- Part of: the School Summit family — alongside Connect, Events, BellTime Magazine and the Marketplace.

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ABOUT SCHOOL SUMMIT INNOVATOR

About School Summit Innovator

School Summit Innovator is a national innovation competition for students aged 15–19, delivered through schools and judged by industry. Across 40+ categories spanning sustainability, STEM, society, enterprise, the arts and health, students enter ideas that are recognised on a national stage and put in front of sponsors, universities and employers. The 2026 founding cohort launches across Ireland and the UK, with international expansion to follow.

