

Leaving Certificate Applied - December 2025

The Leaving Certificate Applied Team would like to thank you all for your engagement during Term 1. With over 1200 teachers attending 84 professional learning experiences (PLEs), it has been a busy term. We will have a comprehensive schedule of PLEs for Terms 2 and 3. Our January PLEs are open for registration at <https://oide.ie/teachers/> or via the QR code here:



Social Education Updates & Webinar

Further to the autumn webinar, our slides and other related resources can be found following the QR code below. Another useful resource that can be found there is the LCA Information Leaflet, which provides a helpful summary of the LCA programme for teachers, parents and students considering their options for Senior Cycle.

QR link to LCA
Resources on the
Oide Website



Oide Tacú leis an bhFoghlaim Ghairmiúil i measc Ceannairí Scoile agus Múinteoirí Supporting the Professional Learning of School Leaders and Teachers

Webinar : Leaving Certificate Applied Social Education and Senior Cycle SPHE

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Senior Cycle
Redevelopment

Leaving
Certificate
Applied
(LCA)

Information
Leaflet

LCANA Annual Conference - 24th January 2026

We eagerly await the LCANA Annual conference ‘LCA Classroom to Careers - Flexible Pathways’ on Saturday 24th January 2026. It is an excellent opportunity for LCA teachers to share ideas, listen to various guest speakers and attend workshops. More information including the registration link can be found below:

LCANA CONFERENCE & FEARGAL QUINN NATIONAL AWARDS 2025

LCA CLASSROOM TO CAREERS - FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

SPEAKERS

- Hildegarde Naughton** - Minister for Special Needs and Inclusion
- Grainne Conachy** - Inspectorate at the D. E. S.
- Patrick Hickey** - The use of artificial intelligence in the classroom
- Kate Fleming** - Law Education in LCA
- Oide speaker** - The new SPHE specification
- LCA Coordinator** - Coordinators support for all new and experienced LCA coordinators

AGENDA

8:45 am Registration Tea & Coffee

Hildegarde Naughton Opening of Conference by Minister

Amy Dignam - AIB Future Sparks Winner **Hair and Beauty teacher**

Grainne Conachy - Inspectorate at the D. E. & Y.

Kate Fleming - Law Education in LCA

Paul Molloy - Financial Education in LCA

Vicky O'Reilly - Employers link - Unipharm

Ava Thompson - LCA student, now a PME student in Religion and History DCU.

Workshops

- Artificial intelligence in the classroom - **Patrick Hickey AI teaching Guru**
- SPHE specification, What you need to know! - **Oide**
- LCA Coordinators support for new and experienced.

2:15 pm Feargal Quinn Awards

Shamrock Lodge Hotel Conference Fee €30

Saturday 24th Jan 2026 8:45 am - 3:15 pm

Eamonn Quinn

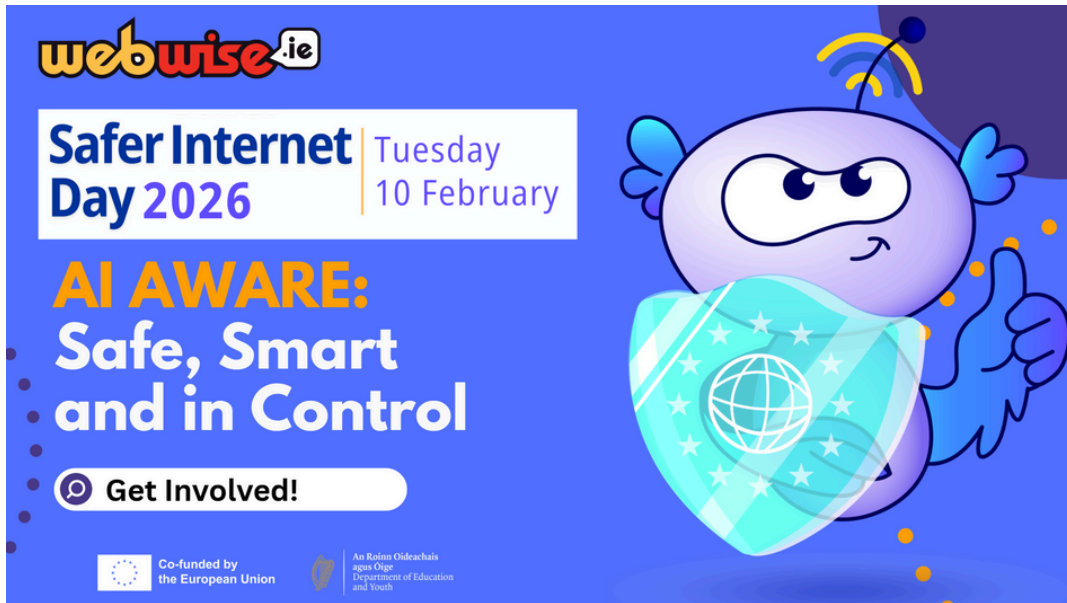
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Webinar - Supporting LCA Teachers in Digital Citizenship Education

In conjunction with Webwise we will be running an elective webinar **Supporting LCA Teachers in Digital Citizenship Education** on **Monday 27th January from 6pm to 7pm**. Tracy Hogan, Webwise Education Officer, will share resources to support teachers of LCA 'English and Communication' (Module 2), 'Social Education', 'Introduction to ICT' and 'ICT Specialism' in advance of Safer Internet Day. This session will highlight practical materials and strategies that teachers can use in the lead-up to Safer Internet Day, helping us integrate online safety themes effectively into our classroom practice. Registration is available here: <https://oide.ie/teachers/>



LCA Good News Stories

We love hearing the real-life success stories of LCA students and graduates. These stories remind us of the impact the programme has on young people, their confidence, and their future pathways. We're delighted to share one such story with you today.

Alanna received her LCA Distinction in 2024 and went on to complete a level 5 course in Nail Technology with Eyelash and Eyebrow Treatments in Blackrock College. She is now working part-time in a beauty salon and has her own private clientele too. Alanna said "I found LCA has really helped me to get where I am now. I would struggle in school with exams and concentration, LCA helped me with its project-based tasks and the communication skills it gave me. I wouldn't have got to where I am today, following my dreams, if it wasn't for LCA".

We would love to hear and share your good news stories too. If you have a story that you would like to share, please contact us at LCA@oide.ie with the subject line 'Good News Stories'.



Wishing you all a very peaceful and restful festive break and we look forward to working with you in 2026.

