

Digital Futures 2024

Digital Futures is a competitive programme open to all post primary schools in Northern Ireland. The winning team and their teacher will spend 5 days in New York City (expenses paid), visiting and some of the world's best known tech companies.

Programme

March - April	Registration for Programme – schools register online to participate in the programme (limited to 20 schools).
March – June	<p>In School Workshop – Participating schools host a practical workshop for a full class or club, delivered by Sentinus.</p> <p>These workshops will help students understand the importance of digital skills and how digital products can provide entrepreneurial opportunities.</p> <p>During the workshop students will get the opportunity to come up with an idea – a real life real world problem – and develop an App prototype based around that idea.</p>
April - June	<p>Project Development – Teams of up to four pupils established and work on their App idea and prototype.</p> <p>Teams will get the chance to hear from industry experts, gain advise on their app design/concept and prototype development.</p>
April - May	Schools hold internal heat or selection process to nominate one team to attend Northern Ireland semi-final.
June	Northern Ireland Semi Final – a semi-final for all schools involved will take place in June, teams will pitch their idea and App prototype in a Dragons Den style format – they will have 5 minutes. Six teams will be selected to progress to the Final.
September	<p>Northern Ireland Final – six teams attend final at the Socialógica business conference in September 2024.</p> <p>Teams present projects to panel of business experts in the afternoon, Dragon's Den style.</p> <p>One team selected to travel to San Francisco in September 2023 where they will visit a range of leading technology companies.</p>