



Crossmolina students win national award

Gortnor Abbey Jesus and Mary Secondary School were awarded the Podcasting Award during Kinia's Creative Technology Week.

'The Gap' is a student-led podcast which provides regular updates in the school and includes interviews with students both present and past who make a positive impact on their school community. The Crossmolina school was also nominated in a further five categories: Mobile Filmmaking, Robotics, Organisation of the Year, Educator of the Year and TechSpacer of the Year.

The award was presented during Kinia's Tech Fest on Saturday, April 25th, the annual showcase of young digital innovators, celebrating groundbreaking projects in Creative Technology, Smart Energy, Green Tech, Mobile Filmmaking, Podcasting and Robotics. The awards were presented in front of a record breaking attendance of over 1,000 young innovators from across the country in the Explorium, Sandyford.

Kinia, an education-focused non-profit and social enterprise, is dedicated to reducing educational inequality by building digital skills and access to technology career pathways for young people across Ireland.



Dylan Whyte and Aoife Finnerty from Gortnor Abbey Jesus and Mary Secondary School with their teacher Gillian Moran at TechFest during Kinia's annual Creative Technology Week in Dublin.
Picture: Andres Poveda

The organisation's impact continues to grow with over 428,000 children and young people have benefited from Kinia's work to date with 25,606 educators engaged and 3,079 schools and youth centres supported nationwide.

The past year saw continued growth with over 2,000 educators engaged, and through the wide range of programmes available, some 21,821

young people gained access to transformative learning opportunities. Over 63% were students from socio-economically disadvantaged communities and 90.3% of STEM engagement involved girls and young women. Total reach extended to 414 schools and youth services, reinforcing the organisational commitment to equitable access to quality education in every corner of Ireland.