

#DigInventors Challenge - Privacy Notice for all applicants

The #DigInventors Challenge is a Scottish-based competition that challenges young people to identify and research health and wellbeing challenges and develop ideas that could be transformed into potential digital solutions that can help young people live fitter, healthier and happier lives.

The Challenge is delivered by the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (“DHI”), which is hosted by the University of Strathclyde, in partnership with: City of Glasgow College, SSERC, Raising Aspirations in Science Education (RAiSE) – a programme of The Wood Foundation, Education Scotland, Scottish Government and participating local authorities.

The Challenge is currently delivered across Scotland, and is open to all Primary Schools, for Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7. The Challenge provides teaching materials to support young people to use classroom learning to solve real-world health and well-being challenges.

Key dates:

- 05/01/2026 - Challenge launch
- 27/02/2026 - Application submission deadline
- 02/03/2026 - 20/03/2026 - Judging period
- 23/03/2026 - Winners & runners-up announced
- 28/04/2026 - Award ceremony

The University of Strathclyde will be responsible for processing your personal data as a participant in the Challenge and will provide you with relevant information about how your personal data will be used (see details below).

Privacy Notice

The University of Strathclyde is a data controller under data protection legislation. This privacy notice sets out important information regarding how we will use your information and your rights under the legislation. It is important that you read this notice prior to providing your information.

The Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre is running the #DigInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition 2026, where primary school pupils can work either as an individual, in pairs or in teams (of up to a maximum of 4 pupils) to come up with a digital health and social care idea that can help them and all young people live fitter, healthier and happier lives.

Each team must nominate a school or youth organisation that they represent and a Primary School Teacher who will act as the team’s mentor during the competition.

As part of the online application process, certain personal data belonging to the mentor and team members will be collected by the DHI.

The data that will be collected is:

- School name, registered address and school phone number

- Local Authority in which they are based
- School teacher's name
- School teacher's contact information (email address)
- Team name
- Pupil names
- Gender
- School stage

If an application team is selected as a winner or runner-up in the #DigiInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition 2026, and the applicants attend our award/prize-giving ceremony, the DHI may capture photographs, video, or audio of the mentors and team members as outlined below. DHI will capture student names and parental permission to share this data and content. This information may also be shared in official press releases distributed by the DHI via our PR agency, Hot Tin Roof, to a variety of media outlets for publicity purposes.

The award/prize-giving ceremony will take place on Tuesday 28 April 2026, 1800-2000, at the City of Glasgow College, 190 Cathedral St, Glasgow. G4 0RF. To attend and participate, winners and runners-up must complete and return a media consent form that will be shared in advance of the event.

How we use your personal data and who we may share it with

We will use the personal data you supply in the online application process to:

- ensure that you meet the criteria for applying to the #DigiInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition 2026; and
- judge your application, which will be done by employees of the DHI and other #DigiInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition 2026 partners.

If your application is selected as a winner or runner-up in the #DigiInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition, or you are an attendee of the award ceremony (parent/ carer/ family/guest), a sponsor, partner, judge, DHI, may capture photographs, video or audio footage of you for the following purposes:

1. to promote the #DigiInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition 2026 by the DHI for the current and future challenges. Such promotion may include use in the DHI's advertising and resources in relation to the #DigiInventors Challenge, including but not limited to the #DigiInventors Challenge website (www.digiinventors.com/), social media, advertising, press, film and video, radio and publications;
2. for use on #DigiInventors Challenge partner organisation websites and resources for the purposes of promoting and advertising the #DigiInventors Challenge and the support provided by such partner organisations.

Such partner organisations may include, but not be limited to, Education Scotland, Raising Aspirations in Science Education, SSERC, Skills Development Scotland, Developing Young Workforce, SmartSTEMs, NHS Education for Scotland, dressCode, City of Glasgow College, School of Innovation and Technology at the Glasgow School of Art and the University of Strathclyde.

Legal basis for processing

Under UK data protection legislation, we are required to identify our legal basis for processing. For the online application process, the legal basis for processing is the legitimate interests of the University of Strathclyde as data controller to enable the DHI to receive, assess and judge applications to the #DigInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition 2026.

For the use of photographs, video or audio footage of you that may be captured during your participation in the #DigInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition 2026, we will seek consent directly from you (if over 16) or a parent/guardian (if under 16).

Retention Period

We will retain your details relating to:

1. the application process for a period of five (5) years following the end of the application process at which point they will be deleted from the University's files; and
2. any photographs, video or audio footage of you which is captured or held by the University of Strathclyde will generally be held for a period of five (5) years from the #DigInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition 2026.

There may be exceptions in which some are retained and used for a longer period of time.

Your Rights*

You have the right to:

- find out what personal data we process about you and obtain a copy of the data, free of charge;
- ask us to correct inaccurate or incomplete data;
- withdraw consent to process your personal data at any time, if you were asked for and provided consent (and where no other lawful basis for processing applies); and
- restrict the processing of your personal data in certain ways;
- object to the way we are using your data;
- request that we erase your information;
- obtain a portable copy of personal data you have given to us in a commonly used electronic format.

*Please note: the applicability of these rights depends on the legal basis for processing and may not apply in all circumstances.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact dataprotection@strath.ac.uk.

Right to Complain

If you have any concerns/ issues with the way the University has processed your personal data, you can contact the Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@strath.ac.uk. You also have the right to

lodge a complaint against the University regarding data protection issues with the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>).

This privacy notice applies to all participants of the #DigInventors Challenge, Primary School Edition and should be read in conjunction with any additional guidance provided by local partner organisations.

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