



SCHOOL TASKING

TASKMASTER EDUCATION



School Tasking volunteers of 2025-2026

This was the third year that the Law Society of Ireland has run the School Tasking programme. School Tasking is a Public Legal Education initiative where trainee solicitors facilitate a series of workshops to 4th year classes in the local community.

The workshops introduced the pupils to various legal concepts, such as human rights, tort law, advocacy and statutory interpretation. Each topic is taught through a mixture of explanation, workbook tasks and interactive activities, to allow the pupils to learn by doing and experiencing each topic in multiple different ways.

A huge thank you and well done to the trainees who facilitated the workshops for 2025 -2026: Áine Brady (Mason Hayes & Curran), Aoife Mitchell (William Fry), Aishling Taite (William Fry), Ben Gannon (McCann Fitzgerald), Caitlin Buckley (A&L Goodbody), Chloe Reck (Matheson), Daniel Hanlon (Matheson), Eva McCarthy (A&L Goodbody), Helen Arundel (William Fry), Isabelle O'Connor (Maples and Calder), Rachael Daniels (Nolan Farrell & Goff), Saira Khan (A&L Goodbody), Seán Desmond (Arthur Cox) and Vincent Doherty (Fieldfisher Ireland).



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School Tasking in Numbers



350

4th class pupils



11

Classes



8

Primary Schools



14

Trainee Solicitor Volunteers

Regional Final

There was a great buzz across the Law Society on Friday, 20 March, when we hosted the 2026 school tasking regional final! This was our biggest final to date, with 11 teams competing, and over 50 pupils from 4th class taking part. We welcomed participation from Trinity Access programme and 3 teams from their partner schools, plus The Open University, who travelled all the way from Belfast with a team from their partner school, St. Mary's.

The finalists learned about landmark cases in law as they created stop-go animation videos, solved tricky puzzles, and disguised chocolate bars!

Our judges for the final were Rebecca Barnes and Melissa Doyle from Addleshaw Goddard, who had the difficult job of delegating the scores. It was neck and neck throughout the day, but in the end the winning team was from Stanhope Street Primary! They will now travel to Warwick University in June for the Champion of Champions. We wish them the best of luck.

Thanks to our judges, trainee solicitors and guest facilitators for helping make the event such a success.

The energy and creativity of the regional final was captured by RTE news2day – [Click here to watch!](#)



Feedback from schools

The children loved all the tasks. The difficulty was pitched very well.

Everything was perfect, our trainees were amazing. The children loved every single session with them.

All children felt included at all times. Each task was fun and engaging.

The trainees were incredible. So knowledgeable kind and friendly. Couldn't have asked for better!

The children became much more knowledgeable about the law in Ireland following our school tasking visits.

The children in my class have learned to work together and listen to one another to complete varying tasks.

The trainees were fantastic with the students, explaining topics that may be confusing in relatable ways.



Feedback from trainees

I really enjoyed the programme and found it to be the highlight of my PPC.

The programme taught me a range of transferrable skills that will strengthen my traineeship.

The experience has really helped with my communication and interpersonal skills and was a great opportunity to get in touch with the creative side of the law.

Seeing the kids enthusiasm and desire for knowledge really made me feel passionate about continuing to interact with younger people and spread knowledge through pro bono or volunteer legal work in the future.

I gained a better understanding of why I chose the career that I did and saw the work we do isn't just theoretical but actually has a valuable impact.