

# Future Focus21c Newsletter

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## Welcome!

This time of year brings a sense of renewal and possibility, making it the perfect time to reflect before we share our year ahead. We're excited to bring you updates, insights, and stories from our learning community as we work together to inspire innovation, creativity, and positive change. In this issue, we'll share highlights from recent projects, celebrate the achievements of our amazing participants, and spotlight upcoming opportunities to get involved.

Aside from our activities, we made some decisions. We applied for B Corp Certification, left X, decided to pause and consolidate what we have achieved and realigned our year to 1st February. Starting our year aligned to the ancient festival of Imbolg and Lá Fhéile Bríde (St. Bridget's Day) and the beginning of Spring feels refreshing. January became quiet time, and we did all our planning short, medium and long-term, setting our goals for 2025 and mapping where we want to be by the end of 2027. We are excited for the year ahead and hope you are too.

### 2024, a Year in Review

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### Climate|Ceardaíocht: Crafting action today for a better tomorrow

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### Peer Internship Programme

In October 2024, we onboarded our first two peer interns for the First Lego League programme we run locally. Our paid, 6-month internships reflect Future Focus21c's commitment to nurturing the next generation of change-makers, offering interns the opportunity to... [Read](#)

### Key Insights, MCSS 2022 - 24

The climate emergency is one of the greatest challenges of our time. This will demand innovative and bold responses from all sectors, including education. The Muinín Catalyst Sustainable STEAM (MCSS) Project, is complete and we are preparing to share our key findings ...[Read](#)



## 2024, A YEAR IN REVIEW

As we start 2025, it's the perfect time to reflect on the past year's achievements while looking forward to the exciting opportunities ahead. In 2024, Future Focus21c embraced new partnerships, and further delivered on action-based, sustainable STEAM learning in the community. From empowering educators and learners with tools to fostering global collaborations, every milestone brought us closer to realising our vision for a future-focused education landscape. With 2025 promising even greater strides, we remain committed to driving impactful change in classrooms and communities worldwide. [Read More](#)

## CRAFTING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: REFLECTIONS FROM THE CLIMATE|CEARDAÍOCHT FESTIVAL

In November 2024, Future Focus 21c (FF21c) produced Climate|Ceardaíocht, in Cahersiveen, Co Kerry, a festival, funded by Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) facilitated through Kerry Education and Training board (KETB) that focused on exploring Climate Literacy for ALL and fostering sustainable practices.

With its theme of “Crafting Action Today for a Better Tomorrow,” the festival’s 10 events in 10 days, created a platform for actionable learning, creative engagement, and meaningful dialogue on how individuals and communities can contribute to global climate goals.

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## Latest News

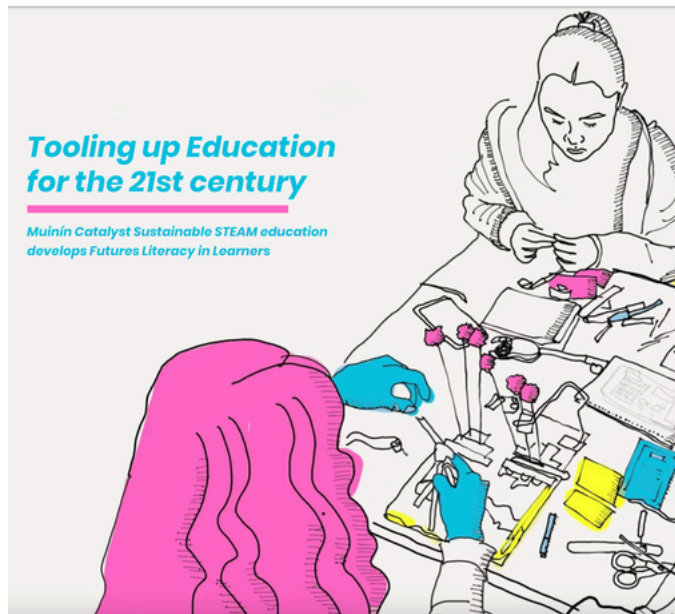
- The First Lego League Regional Final will be held in Galway on the 7th March. We are taking three teams to compete this year!
- In Spring, we will be running First Lego League taster workshops with primary schools on the Iveragh Peninsula.
- Our Science Foundation Ireland impact report on the Muinín Catalyst Sustainable STEAM programme is coming soon!



## OUR PEER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

At Future Focus21c, we believe that mentorship is a powerful tool for learning, leadership, and innovation. Our paid peer internship programme offers young people the opportunity to step into leadership roles. This year, Sofiia and Kostya, our first peer interns from Coláiste na Sceilge, took on the role of peer mentors, supporting First Lego League teams as they explored robotics, coding, and innovation projects.

From coaching participants through teamwork challenges to fostering problem-solving skills, their journey as mentors has been both rewarding and transformative. We sat down with them to hear their reflections on leadership, teamwork... [Read More](#)



## KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE MUINÍN CATALYST STEAM PROJECT

As Copernicus announces its latest findings, showing 2024 as the hottest on record and 1.6°C higher than an estimate of the pre-industrial average, it is clear that the climate emergency is one of the greatest challenges of our time. demanding innovative and bold responses from all sectors, including education. Key questions for all those in education must be;

How can we equip the next generation to navigate an uncertain future shaped by climate change, technological advancement, and access to information like never before? [Read More](#)

## In our next issue

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In our next newsletter we will have updates on:

- [BETT UK](#) global community for education technology including education changemakers, world-class speakers, EdTech providers, game-changing governments and charities, educators and children.
- [First Lego League Challenge update](#): Hear how our teams got on at the Regional Final and about the start of our taster workshops
- [ESD Training update](#): Hear more about our teachers' training on Futures and Climate Literacy, supported by the Department of Education.
- [VOICE](#) VOICE (Valorising Artist-Led Innovation Through Citizen Engagement) project consists of two phases focused on Art-technology-society interactions (ATSI).

