

Privacy Notice: Kuala Lumpur Applicants

Background & Challenge Partners

The #DigiInventors 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.

The Challenge is delivered by the Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (“DHI”), which is hosted by the University of Strathclyde, in partnership with (but not limited to):

1. All In for Glasgow 2026
2. British High Commission Kuala Lumpur
3. Heriot Watt University Malaysia
4. Education Scotland
5. SSERC
6. Skills Development Scotland
7. Developing Young Workforce
8. SmartSTEMs
9. Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland)
10. dressCode
11. City of Glasgow College
12. School of Innovation and Technology at the Glasgow School of Art
13. University of Strathclyde Inspire
14. South Lanarkshire Council
15. Futurescot
16. Scottish Development International
17. Heriot Watt University Dubai
18. University of Strathclyde Business School Dubai
19. Dubai Health Authority
20. Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation#
21. Ministry of Education, Innovation & Talent Development Sarawak
22. Sarawak Research and Development Council
23. SRDC BrightsparX
24. University of Technology Sarawak
25. Sarawak Science Centre

The Challenge is currently delivered across Scotland and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and provides teaching materials to support young people to use classroom learning to solve real-world health and wellbeing challenges.

The #DigiInventors Challenge has been expanded to include an independent, in-person only Kuala Lumpur Challenge in 2026.

The timeline for the Kuala Lumpur Challenge is as follows:

Activity	Dates
Launch and teaching period	Monday 14 September – 4 weeks to develop ideas using resources
Entry deadline	Friday 16 October 2026
Shortlisting	Monday 19 – Friday 23 October 2026
Finalists announced	Monday 26 October 2026
Boot camp	Monday 23 November 2026, 1000-1300; and Tuesday 24 November 2026, 1000-1300
Final	Wednesday 25 November 2026, 1000-1300
Winners announced	TBC
Award ceremony	TBC

As this is a pilot project, participation will be offered only to select International Secondary Schools based in Kuala Lumpur. These young people can apply in teams of four (4) to six (6) students. Applications open on Monday 14 September 2026 and close on Friday 16 October 2026.

DHI will then shortlist the applications and announce four (4) finalist teams on Monday 26 October 2026 to join us for a two-day bootcamp at Heriot Watt University Malaysia.

The boot camp will take place on Monday 23 November and Tuesday 24 November 2026.

The #DigilInventors Challenge Final will take place at Heriot Watt University Malaysia on Wednesday 25 November 2026, before the winners are announced (exact date TBC) and an award ceremony is held to recognise their achievements (exact date TBC)

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.

For the Kuala Lumpur Challenge, Heriot Watt University Malaysia is supporting delivery of the Challenge. Where personal data is shared with or accessed by Heriot Watt University Malaysia for such purpose, the processing will be undertaken in accordance with applicable data protection requirements.

Participant information may be shared between the University of Strathclyde, DHI and relevant local event partners including Heriot Watt University Malaysia where necessary for administration and delivery of the Challenge.

DHI is running the #DigilInventors Challenge 2026 competition in which teams of four (4) to six (6) young people (attending secondary school as of August 2026) answer one of two Challenge questions.

Each team must nominate a school or youth organisation that they represent and a responsible adult (over the age of 21) who will act as the team's mentor during the competition. Parents of team members are not eligible to be mentors in the Challenge.

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

The data that will be collected is:

- School/ group name and registered address
- Team name
- Mentor's name
- Mentor's contact information (email address)
- Each team member's gender and school stage
- Pupil names (for finalists only)

Obligatory Supply of Personal Data

The provision of the personal data requested above is **compulsory** for participation in the #DigilInventors Challenge 2026. If you or your parent/guardian choose not to provide the required personal data, we will be unable to process your application, verify your eligibility, or permit your team to participate in the competition, boot camp, or final events.

If a team is shortlisted as a finalist during the Kuala Lumpur #DigilInventors Challenge 2026, DHI may use the information above and/ or 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 DHI via our PR agency, Hot Tin Roof, and our partners, to a variety of media outlets for publicity purposes.

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 #DigilInventors Challenge 2026;
- assess your application to the #DigilInventors Challenge 2026; and
- judge your application, which will be done by employees of DHI and other #DigilInventors Challenge partners.

If you are a member of a team which is shortlisted during the #DigilInventors Challenge 2026, a mentor, sponsor, partner, masterclass presenter, expert or judge, DHI and/or authorised event partners may capture photographs, video or audio footage of you for the following purposes:

1. to promote the #DigilInventors Challenge by DHI for the current and future challenges, such promotion may include use in DHI's advertising and resources in relation to the #DigilInventors Challenge including, but not limited to, the #DigilInventors Challenge website (www.digiinventors.com/), social media, advertising, press, film and video, radio and publications;

2. to allow Challenge partners to judge the competition entries presented by participants at the #DigilInventors Challenge bootcamp;
3. to create videos for the winners' presentation at a pre-determined formal award ceremony (yet to be confirmed) and to be made available via DHI website; and
4. for use on #DigilInventors Challenge partner and sponsor organisation websites and resources for the purposes of promoting and advertising the #DigilInventors Challenge and the support provided by these partner organisations, such partners may include, but are not limited to, the partner list shared at the top of this document.

Any collection, use, or sharing of your personal data (including photographs, videos, or audio recordings) will comply with Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (PDPA). Where media content is involved, explicit, written parental consent will be obtained for any participant under the age of 18. DHI will collect parental consent via a separate, clear media release form, outlining the intended use, platforms where it will be used, and duration of use. Parents or legal guardians will have the right to refuse without prejudice, and participants will not be filmed or photographed in such cases.

In addition to compliance with the Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (PDPA), the processing of student personal data and media content adheres to Ministry of Education Malaysia (KPM) guidelines.

Where personal data (including media content) is transferred to or accessed by entities outside Malaysia (including the UK), this will be done in accordance with Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (PDPA). This may include reliance on data transfer agreements, appropriate organisational safeguards, or obtaining specific parental consent for international sharing.

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 DHI to receive, assess and judge applications to the #DigilInventors Challenge 2026.

For the use of photographs, video or audio footage of you that may be captured during your participation in the #DigilInventors Challenge 2026, we will seek consent directly from your parent/guardian if you are under 18.

Under Malaysian law, the legal bases for processing personal data include obtaining clear consent from the data subject (or their parent/guardian if under 18), the necessity of processing for the performance of a contract, and compliance with legal obligations. Where consent is required (e.g. for media use), it will be obtained in advance and may be withdrawn at any time.

Retention Period

We will retain your details relating to:

- 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
- 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 #DigiInventors Challenge boot camp.

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

For participants based in Kuala Lumpur, any retention of personal data will follow Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (PDPA) requirements and local partner policies. You may request deletion or restriction of your personal data at any time in accordance with your rights under Malaysian law.

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);
- 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; and
- 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.

The availability of these rights may vary depending on the applicable data protection legislation and circumstances of the processing.

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/>).

Kuala Lumpur-based participants may raise concerns with the University of Strathclyde or Heriot Watt University Malaysia.

This privacy notice applies to all participants of the DigiInventors Challenge 2026 and should be read in conjunction with any additional guidance provided by local partner organisations.