

YOUR TAKE ON TAX



NÍ NEART GO CUR LE CHÉILE
one challenge, your solution

- Competition for TY students
- Form teams of up to three
- Submit entry through your teacher
- Entry deadline is **Friday, 4 December 2026**
- Submissions to be made via our portal on **taxinstitute.ie**
- If you have any questions, email yourtakeontax@taxinstitute.ie

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USING TAX TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES

Governments across the EU use tax policy in response to social, economic, environmental and technological challenges. Through innovative and dynamic tax solutions, governments can fund public services, support investment, influence behaviours and address policy challenges.

For example, by introducing the plastic bag levy, the Irish Government successfully changed behaviour to reduce the amount of single-use plastic bags.



NÍ NEART GO CUR LE CHÉILE: ONE CHALLENGE, YOUR SOLUTION

Ireland holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union from 1 July to 31 December 2026. During its tenure, Ireland will deliver its priorities – competitiveness, values and security – using the seanfhocal, ní neart go cur le chéile, as a guide.

There is no strength without unity should ring in students minds as they work collaboratively to investigate a challenge facing EU Members States and present one tax-based proposal that Ireland could champion during its Presidency.



THINK LIKE A POLICYMAKER

TY students across Ireland are invited to take on the role of policymakers to investigate a current challenge affecting EU Member States, how it relates to tax and explore workable solutions to address the challenge. Working in teams of up to three, students should ask themselves questions like what challenge can be addressed by a change in tax policy? What are the expected consequences of such a change? Who will it impact most?



CREATE A SIX-SLIDE PRESENTATION

COVER SLIDE

Include your team name and a one-line summary of the proposal

YOUR IDEA

Propose one tax idea that your team thinks could address the challenge

THE CHALLENGE

Identify and explain your chosen challenge

THE IMPACT

Explain the potential impact or expected outcome of your idea

TAX TODAY

Explain how taxation currently relates to the challenge

CONCLUSION

Brief summary of the challenge and your team's proposal



WHY ENTER?

- Win a fantastic cash prize for your team.
- Have your ideas evaluated by leading finance experts in Ireland.
- Develop transferable soft skills such as research, communication and critical thinking.
- Connect your classroom learning to real-world decisions-making.
- Use the experience gained to enhance your CV.
- Get a sneak peek into a career in Tax Advisory as you come up with creative solutions for your chosen challenge.



NEXT STEPS

- 1 Form teams of up to three students and select a team name.
- 2 Choose a challenge facing EU Member States to investigate.
- 3 Liaise with your teacher as you develop your research and workable solution.
- 4 Your teacher will submit your entry as a PDF through the competition portal.
- 5 Entries need to be submitted by 4 December 2026.



POINTS TO NOTE

Submissions must not exceed six slides and should cover the following headings: The Challenge, Tax Today, Your Idea, The Impact.

In advance of entry, schools are asked to confirm that they have collected the necessary parental/guardian permission to enter the team into the competition.

The judging panel, comprised of experts in the area, will be looking for originality, demonstrated understanding and practicality of your proposal. Marks will also be awarded for clarity of communication and layout.

The decision of the judging panel is final. The Irish Tax Institute will not enter into negotiations following the announcement of the winner.



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TIPS AND ASSISTANCE

If you have never really thought about tax, its impact or about the EU Presidency, don't worry! Here are something to help you get started.

Newspapers, journals and magazines, such as The Irish Times, Irish Independent and Business Post, are valuable sources of information.

Current affairs programmes on tv, radio or podcast, such as Prime Time, The Claire Byrne Show and Inside Politics.

Ask your teachers for guidance – with research and to bounce ideas off.

Search the internet for information or commentary. Try websites and social media accounts like:

- taxinstitute.ie
- ireland2026.eu
- ibec.ie
- revenue.ie
- [Cloud Accounts Ireland](https://cloudaccountsireland.com)
- oecd.org
- [The Tax Nerd](https://thetaxnerd.com)
- european-union.europa.eu

Make your slides clear and concise – use information that support your argument.

Note your sources, when using facts or examples, in a simple way.

Double check your sources and present using your own words.



TEACHERS

The Your Tax on Tax competition is a great opportunity to:

- connect classroom learning with real-world decision-making.
- develop your students' soft skills, such as teamwork and research.
- highlight the impact of tax on society.
- get your students thinking about Ireland's connection with the EU.



Encourage your students to get involved by setting Your Take on Tax as a class assignment. Find more information to support your delivery at taxinstitute.ie.

You are invited to submit the best entries from your school by 4 December 2026, which will be reviewed by our external judging panel. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three placed entries. A prize giving ceremony will take place in Dublin at the end of January.

