

6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

**The Secretary,  
Board of Management and  
School Principal in  
each Community and Comprehensive School.  
Members of the Executive of ACCS.**

**ACCS/Info Bulletin 19/23.**

**Follow-Ups from ACCS In-School Management Conference 2023: 1. Reporting Arrangements with TikTok. 2. Materials referenced at the Webwise Workshop. 3. National Debating Competition. 4. NACED Annual Conference.**

It was great to catch up with so many of our Principals and Deputy Principals last week in Farnham Estate, Cavan. We really enjoyed your company and are very appreciative of the kind and supportive comments received regarding the ISM Conference.

At Conference we promised to follow up on the following:

**1. Reporting Arrangements with TikTok**

Thank you to Kieran Golden, Principal, Mayfield Community School who established the links with TikTok and was instrumental in arranging the following protocol which will be facilitated by ACCS and the NAPD.

Escalating reports to TikTok

We want to share important information about how schools, the National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals (NAPD) and the Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools (ACCS) are collaborating to strengthen online safety.

NAPD and ACCS can report accounts to TikTok which may violate its [Community Guidelines](#) on a school's behalf. In the first instance, please report the account in-app or through the online reporting form. Instructions on how to report in-app are available [here](#) and the link to the online form is available [here](#). If you wish to escalate to ACCS/ NAPD, please reach out to the following points of contact:

Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools (ACCS):

1. Hilary Treacy: [htreacy@accs.ie](mailto:htreacy@accs.ie)
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You can visit TikTok's Teacher's Guide [here](#). The interactive playbook, which was first launched last year, has recently been launched as Gaeilge.

The guide was developed in partnership with online safety experts [Internet Matters](#), and aims to help teachers gain a better understanding of the technology students use daily. The playbook is available in English [here](#) and as Gaelige [here](#).

## 2. Materials referenced at the Webwise Workshop

Message from Jane McGarrigue, Project Officer – Webwise

*I'd like to say a sincere thanks to ACCS for inviting Webwise to contribute to the conference, we were delighted to get the opportunity to speak to your members. Reach out anytime - we'd be thrilled to come back. On a side note, the keynote from Lord Puttnam was wonderful. Well done on the coordination of a superb event. I'm sharing relevant links from my session. Grateful if you could share these with participants of the session:*

Please complete this short AI Survey:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/AI-in-education-survey-2023>

- Webwise Resources: <https://www.webwise.ie/teachers/resources/>
- AUP Hub: <https://www.webwise.ie/aup-2/>
- The Respect Effect: <https://www.webwise.ie/TheRespectEffect/>
- Online Courses: <https://www.oidetechnologyineducation.ie/onlinecourses/>
- Good Practice: <https://www.oidetechnologyineducation.ie/videos/>
- Webwise Parents: <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>
- Safer Internet Day: <https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/>

## 3. National Debating Competition

ACCS welcomes the introduction of a national debating competition open to all Community Schools. This initiative, introduced by Adrian Jackson, Principal, Carrick-on-Shannon Community School, provides a wonderful opportunity for students across all Community and Comprehensive schools. As Adrian highlighted at ISM Conference, the national winners will proceed to a European final hosted by the European Federation of Education Employers, EFEE.

The initial call is for those who would like to be part of the team led by Adrian to introduce the competition. This will involve training provided for those engaging in the competition facilitated by EFEE.

All interested may contact Adrian at [ajackson@carrickcs.ie](mailto:ajackson@carrickcs.ie)

ACCS is delighted to be associated with this initiative and encourage all schools to participate.

## 4. NACED Annual Conference

At the ISM Conference, schools were informed of an open invitation to all schools to participate in the Annual Conference of the National Association of Community Education Directors. Our schools offering self-financing adult education programmes provide an excellent service to communities across Ireland. They definitely fulfil the objective of facilitating 'ongoing educational opportunities' to those living near the school contained in the Deed of Trust.

In ACCS we thank all those schools engaged in the provision of Adult Education and encourage schools to seriously consider introducing adult education as an offering within their communities. For further information please visit [www.adulteducationireland.ie](http://www.adulteducationireland.ie). We wish NACED well with their Conference this week.

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le mór mheas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Irwin', written in a cursive style.

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John Irwin,  
GENERAL SECRETARY.