**To ask the manager if basic training sessions in the positive and responsible use of free AI tools (such as Microsoft Copilot and ChatGPT) are planned for SDCC public libraries, during 2025 or 2026? Considering the significant impact AI has on various aspects of our lives and work, offering basic training programs for interested public library users could be highly popular and relevant.**

South Dublin Libraries recognise the technological and cultural relevance of AI, its uses and issues, and have been incorporating that into our programming for the last number of years.

During **Science Week 2023** we featured several workshops on the topic of AI for both children and adults.

* A Fun Introduction to AI & Machine Learning for Children with Spain Hughes
* Wizards & Widgets: Navigating the AI Jungle with Niall Austin
* The Future of AI
* AI and Disinformation with Dr. Ricardo Castellini da Silva
* Demystifying AI Workshop for adults with Spain Hughes
* The Ethics of AI with Dr. Michal Wieczorek

We also focused on AI as part of our **Library Labs STEAM programme in 2024:**

* AI For Adults with Spain Hughes;
* Fun with AI and Machine Learning (Schools);
* Demystifying AI for Adults;

And our, **Be Money and Media Savvy Programme**

* Fact or Fiction: Get Media Savvy with Martina Chapman of Media Literacy Ireland
* Barbara Chapman of Media Literacy Ireland with a talk on how to Be Media Smart

Also in 2024, Libraries partnered with The Civic for Tallaween. This groundbreaking event combined an AI-generated film inspired by *Dante’s Inferno*, an interactive AR game where players battled literary villains, and a live soundtrack blending opera, hip-hop, and rock. With over 3,000 attendees over the course of its 2-week run, Tallaween showcased how libraries can merge technology, storytelling, and community engagement to create immersive cultural experiences, redefining their role as innovation hubs.

For 2025 we will be organising more AI themed events as part of the 2025 library Labs STEAM programme as well as some Seachtain na Gaeilge events. We are currently researching options of providing an Open AI Platform on Adult Public Access PCs. We recognise that this is a relevant and important topic that is changing constantly, and we aim to keep the public up to date with developments.