



MAYNOOTH  
LEGAL TECH  
SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME

This issue of the newsletter is to give you a brief introduction of who we are as a society and what we do. Law and Technology was first introduced to Maynooth as a module in 2019. It became increasingly popular with some of the students that we decided to open it as a brand-new society in 2021.

The society focuses in on the involvement of technology within the legal sector. How the law uses tech in the present moment to how it can be used to evolve within the legal world.

## MEET THE COMMITTEE

Each elected member of this society has a particular role to play. We have a duty of care to our society and our members along with certain responsibilities to ensure it is run smoothly and efficiently for the pleasure of each member.

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## ARTICLES AND TIPS

The topics in this month's newsletter revolves around Cybersecurity and shows you how you can protect yourself from cyber-attacks.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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# WHO ARE WE?

# What do we do?

Legal Technology refers to the use of technology-based products that provide support and services within the legal industry.

This society is not just about the use on the legal field but as a business and a computer science purpose. The society aims to include a mixed concoction of each of these fascinating areas.

In a world of Digital disruption, many law firms and corporate businesses are becoming increasingly aware of the rapidly evolving world surrounding technology.

By your involvement in this new and exciting society, we hope to develop your knowledge that bit more by hosting such talks and discussion from each sector. Our aim is to introduce you to the world of Crypto Currency, AI and the many uses for it in business and law, Cybercrime and how you can protect your personal data online just to mention but a few.

So here is a massive welcome from all of us on the committee. We hope that you have the best time in this academic year and that you enjoy the events we have in store.





“As the world is increasingly connected, everyone shares the responsibility of securing Cyberspace”  
-Newton Lee

# Student Articles

## Could Increased Cybersecurity mean a Lack of Trust?

Many companies and firms are now using artificial intelligence as a means of streamlining data management and analytics. This is one of the benefits of technology within the legal industry.

An average person might assume that the files contained on lawyers' computers are mere documents, however, these documents contain not only privileged information about their clients, but about their business itself.

No business in any industry in Ireland can ignore what has happened within the media in recent months and the threats that were presented with it. The latest cyber-attack on the HSE making the headlines is one of an extremely large scale and has set forth changes that need to be done to protect businesses from it happening to them.

When we first think of trust we think of an assured reliance on a person's character, ability, strength or the truth of someone or something. It's a sense of confidence and dependability on the future or contingent. However, trust is fragile, once it has been lost it can be hard to rebuild. We may see this more often in politics.

As we become to depend more and more on technology, there is also an increased amount in trust issues with cyber threats and vulnerabilities. These may appear as fake digital certificates, vulnerable software, and stolen credentials.

By working together with other businesses and organisations, we can share threat intelligence with our trusted peers which is critical in surviving this fast-evolving threat environment.



## How you can protect your data online.

Keep your accounts secure by creating a strong password and keeping a personal note on them in a safe place. Also remember to change your passwords regularly. And be mindful of what you post on social media, consider who might have access to your posts.

Protect your internet browsing. The next time you go online just look at the top of your browser. You may notice that there is a padlock right at the start of the address bar and that it begins with "https", these indicate that the website you want access to will be secure and safe to proceed.

Stay up to date with the correct protection software such as anti-virus, anti-spyware, and a firewall. These can all be accessed in your local computer store or from trusted websites.

Use secure private networks, free WIFI may seem convenient at the most of times, but it should also be used with caution. Most public networks have very little security measures in place. If you intend to do some online shopping or access anything that need your card details, it may be best to wait until you get home where it is more secure before you consider whipping out your bankcard.

**If you do suspect your data may be compromised, act immediately by calling your bank server and put a hold on any charges to your account and notify the Gardai.**



## October EVENTS

Our first annual AGM is on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 in John Hume Lecture Theatre 1 at 6.15pm. We welcome everyone that may be interested in taking part and joining our committee as their year rep. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and make some great friends as well as the bonus of adding this experience on to your CV so future employers can see your diverse set skills and enthusiasm.

We are also delighted to announce that Sorcha McKeown, who is currently working as a Privacy Analyst for Logitech's legal team, will be coming in as a guest speaker on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to see how law and tech combine in the professional sector. We hope to see you there!