

MEET CIARAN CANNON

The Vice-President of Global Affairs at Alison! With an impressive 17-year tenure in the Irish Parliament and two terms as Minister of State, Ciaran brings a wealth of experience in education, technology, and international development.

As Minister for Training and Skills at Ireland's Department of Education, he spearheaded the development of Ireland's first-ever Further Education and Training Strategy and played a pivotal role in the creation of SOLAS, the state agency for FET.

A passionate advocate for technology in education, Ciaran founded Excited - The Digital Learning Movement, working closely with teachers, policymakers, and industry leaders to introduce computer science as a subject in Irish schools. His leadership also helped launch EU Code Week in Ireland and expand it into Africa Code Week in Tanzania, empowering young minds with essential digital skills.

As Minister for Diaspora and International Development at Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs, he led strategies to strengthen Ireland's global diaspora network and drive impactful investments in vulnerable communities—placing education at the heart of transformation. In recognition of his dedication, UNICEF appointed him a Global Champion for Education in 2019.

Now, as Alison's Vice-President of Global Affairs, Ciaran will lead the development and management of our international relationships and reputation, reinforcing Alison's mission to make education accessible to learners worldwide. We are excited for the journey ahead!



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