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Hello, World. I am Harrison Shoebridge, I run the code club at Glenaeon Rudolf Steiner School, Australia. I taught myself to code 4 years ago when I was in year 7. I was bored with the topics we were being taught and filled with a desire to actually *make something* real. It was a long and lonely process without a real mentor or community to keep me motivated.

Our school didn't teach programming; so we decided to create a club to teach ourselves. At the moment the club is small with just a few teenagers meeting up two lunch times a week. However, we are working to try and expand our reach and include others who are interested in this great field. The majority of our club at this point is attending to help hone their skills so they can begin attending international events and creating an international presence for themselves. In order to accommodate a larger group size, and more content coverage we are trying to make the leap into an after school session during the week to replace the existing time.

We have spent the last few weeks preparing for an event happening this weekend called the Ludum Dare. The Ludum Dare is a tri-yearly game development event where developers attempt to build games in a short period of time with minimal outside interaction. We decided to enter as a

group, and subject ourselves to the "Jam" ruleset, which allows us to deviate from the theme, have extra time and use pre-made assets. It has been really great to watch the development process and evolution of our first major group project.

For our next project, we are going to be learning mobile development with Ionic in order to build the groups dreams. But really, our goal is to build the long standing local youth hacking community that we were unable to find ourselves.