

Case Study

CoderDojo Poland

1. Tell us a little bit about your group?

CoderDojo Poland is a regional group consisting of four Dojos. We formed CoderDojo Poland when there was only one Dojo in Poland (Zambrów). Now we are a registered non-profit organization with four Dojos across Poland, and more are on the way.

Dojo List:

Białystok	Warszawa	Gliwice	Zambrów
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2. What reasons did you have for starting your Dojo Group?

We wanted to have a formal entity that could work towards getting better possibilities (grants, resources, Volunteers) for Dojos in Poland. As a non-profit organisation we can do this by representing them and contacting sponsors and local stakeholders on their behalf. Below are some reasons for our organisation:

1. We have hired a lawyer who created a (for example) parent consent for their children to participate in CoderDojo, the lawyer can also be consulted by CoderDojo Mentors / Champions.
2. In one more year (after two years) any taxpayer in Poland will be able to send us 1% of his/hers annual tax.
3. We are promoting CoderDojo in Poland.
4. We have also established a www, and a wiki is an important part of CoderDojo Poland.
5. Fundraising let us do all kinds of cools stuff, like reimbursing Mentors for travelling to other cities to promote CoderDojo!

3. How do Dojos become members of your regional group?

Dojos can simply join by contacting us and expressing an interest and we have a conversation. Also mentors (if they want to be covered by our insurance) are asked to sign a volunteer agreement with the CoderDojo Poland.

4. Is your regional group of Dojos set up as a charity, non-profit or other?

CoderDojo Poland is a Non-Profit Group/Company. The procedure for registering in Poland is fairly simple and straightforward, we had to go to a Notary and express a will to establish a CoderDojo Poland. After this the Notary transcribed our statements to paper (which was in fact the moment the CoderDojo Poland was created), then we took the document to the National Court Register (KRS). After a few weeks we received the confirmation from the National Court Register. During this time we had to register in two other institutions, create a bank account and hire an accountant.

It all took us about a month and the total cost was roughly about a 1000 PLN (approximately [240 euros](#)).

5. How is your Dojo Group organised?

I (Kamil Sijko) am the president of the CoderDojo Poland and Łukasz Dziędziul is vice president. Together we constitute the board. As we are expanding we plan to grow the board and to create a supervising and counseling body within the CoderDojo Poland Group.

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