



Hi (Business/University Name),

This is **\*\*\*YOUR NAME\*\*\*** from CoderDojo **\*\*\*DOJO NAME\*\*\***. I'm mailing with the hopes of recruiting some technical mentors from **\*\*\*COLLEGE/BUSINESS\*\*\*** to help with our initiative.

CoderDojo is a non-profit, volunteer-led community of free programming clubs for young people. At a Dojo, young people between 7 and 17 learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs, games and explore technology using MIT Scratch, HTML, Javascript, Python and more! There is a focus on community, peer learning and self led learning with an emphasis on helping others and showing how coding is a force for change in the world!

As you can imagine the popularity of CoderDojo has grown massively. As of August this year there are over 480 Dojos either actively running or in planning in over 40 countries that reach over 12,000 children a month. At the moment, the demand for places at a CoderDojo exceeds some Dojos capacity to provide them and as a result we are looking for mentors.

You can see more about CoderDojo [here](#).

We were hoping that you might send around a call to your (staff/students) to see if any of them, who have some programming knowledge or motivation to help with our initiative, might be interested in mentoring at their local CoderDojo. It would give them the opportunity to improve their coding ability, help shape the new generation of digital makers, add CoderDojo mentoring to their list of skills and maybe even learn something new along the way.

### **Why Volunteer / Mentor?**

You can see our **Mentor Guide** [here](#).

From Mentoring, **students/staff** will learn new skills and gain practical experience to add to their CV:

Communication Skills - Improved from their interaction with mentors and young people.

Networking - Giving them the opportunity to meet and develop contacts with IT professionals.

Develop Programming Skills - When mentoring they will be challenged technically as each Dojo covers several topics. This will improve their current skills and help them develop new ones.

Local Community and Youth Work - Mentoring will give them experience working with young people while helping out and giving back to their local community.

Or if you have any questions about getting involved you can contact us directly:

**\*\*\*DOJO EMAIL ADDRESS\*\*\***



Please note: That CoderDojo best practice encourages that all CoderDojo volunteers and mentors undergo a garda vetting background check. This can be done via the Dojos local volunteer centre.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or thoughts.

Kind Regards,

(DOJO NAME)