Starting a **Dojo** Orientation Call

Tuesday 17th April, 1pm GMT

What is CoderDojo?

CoderDojo is a global, volunteer-led movement orientated around running free not-for-profit coding clubs (Dojos) for young people aged roughly between 7 and 17.

Mission

By growing Dojos around the world, our mission is to give more young people the opportunity to learn to code in a fun, sociable environment and gain valuable skills for the future.

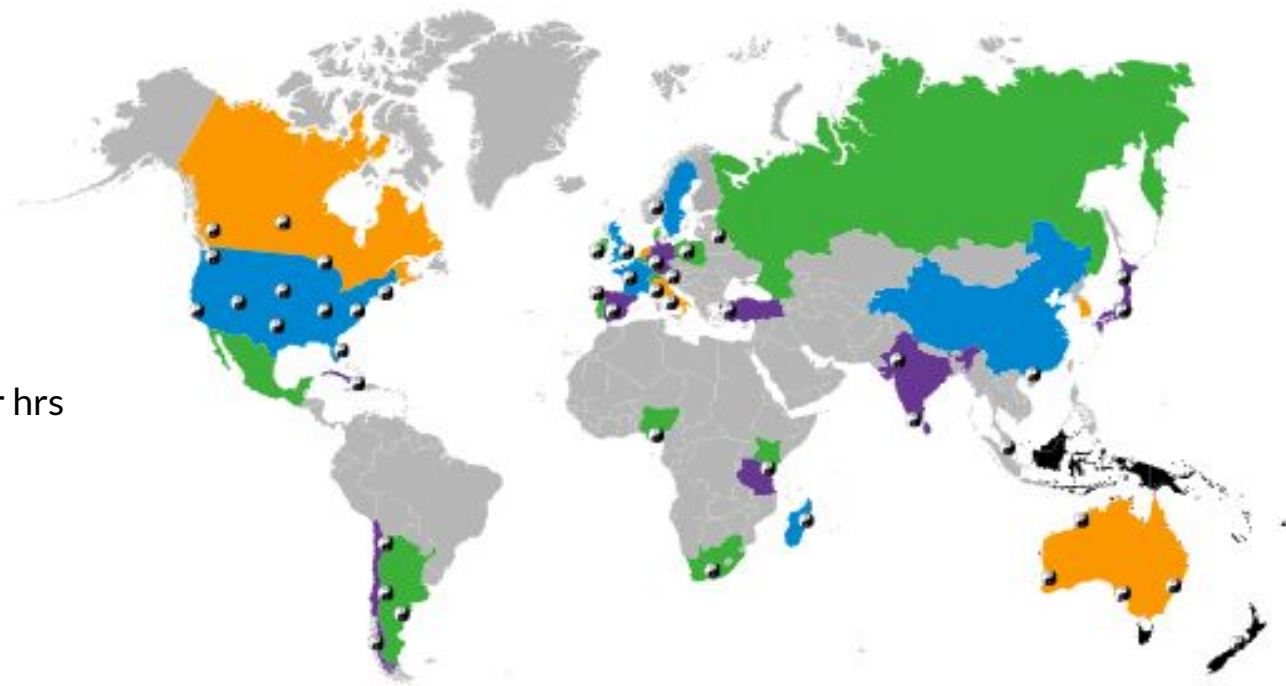# The Global Community

CoderDojo

1,700 Dojos

90 Countries

330,000 volunteer hrs

150,000 ninjas

A Typical Dojo Session

Every Dojo is different, each with their own way of doing things! You may wish to structure your sessions something like this:

- **Icebreakers:** These are fun warm-up activities. See dojo.soy/icebreaker for tips and ideas.

- **Create Cool Code:** Use our free, open-source learning resources:

  - coderdojo.com/resources/
  - projects.raspberrypi.org

- **Show and Tell:** At the end of a Dojo session, ninjas may wish to showcase their work to the group!

...any questions?

Finding Mentors

Why gather a team of mentors?

- Ninjas will benefit from different skill sets
- More volunteers ensure the continuity of the Dojo
- Tasks can be delegated amongst volunteers

Where can I find mentors?

- Local IT colleges / universities
- Local tech companies + businesses
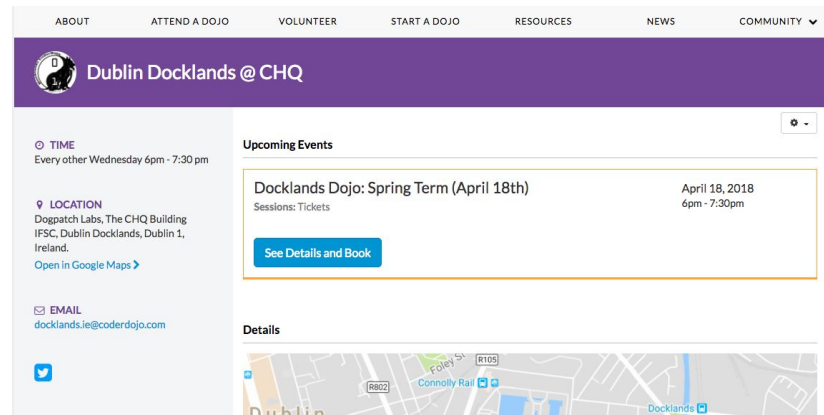- Put the word out on social media

More information on sourcing mentors: http://dojo.soy/finding_mentors

Template letter for potential mentors: http://dojo.soy/letter_finding_mentors

Setting up a Ticketed Event

Why set up ticketed events for Dojo sessions?

- Manage attendee numbers
- Having a live event will ensure your Dojo appears active
- This will encourage more ninjas + mentors to join
- Award recognition to regular attendees

To create an event using Zen: http://dojo.soy/zen_ticketed_event

To integrate an Eventbrite event with your Dojo profile: http://dojo.soy/zen-eventbrite

Troubleshooting

- **Finding a venue:**
  - Public building e.g library, community centre, school, office etc.
  - Tables, chairs, wifi, power outlets, public liability insurance

- **Background checking mentors/volunteers:**
  - Start with an informal background check e.g. CV, references, LinkedIn and have a chat
  - Formal background checking dependant on country/region e.g. Garda Vetting in Ireland, DBS in UK

- **Fundraising:**
  - Some Dojos engage in some light fundraising to cover unavoidable costs
  - Donations are best if they are 'in-kind' donations e.g. an IT company would ideally gift laptops to your Dojo, rather than cash.

Find answers to all the above and more on our Help Centre! Help.coderdojo.com :)

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Further Learning + Support

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Learn more about:

- Our upcoming ['Start a Dojo' online course](#)
  - Delivered over three weeks; est. 4 hours in total
  - Each week discusses topics, advice and resources to help you set up a Dojo
  - Course starts Monday 23 April. Sign-up now at: www.futurelearn.com/courses/start-a-coder-dojo
- [E-learning](#) available for mentors

Support:

- Join the community on Global Slack, Twitter, Facebook and Forums: http://dojo.soy/chat
- Learn the answers to any support queries you may have, using our contact form: coderdojo.com/contact
- You may also find the answers you are looking for in our Help Centre: help.coderdojo.com

Open Floor to Questions

Is there anything you wanted or needed to know that we missed?

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