Case Study

CoderDojo Italia

1. Tell us a little bit about your group?

CoderDojo Italia is an informal group of Dojos that support each other by sharing their experience of organising and running their individual Dojos via Mentor meetups and online communications.

- **Which Dojos are members of your regional group of Dojos?**

Almost every Dojo in Italy! :) These are the most active within our regional group:

Milano	Bologna	Roma	Firenze
Trento	Pavia	Parma	Padova
Allumiere	Sigillo	Cagliari	Catania

Others have just started out:

Terni	Reggio Emilia	Brescia	Mantova	Friuli Venezia Giulia
Modena	Ravenna	Riva del Garda	Piacenza	Rieti
Napoli	Matera	Lecce	Pinerolo	MART
Genova	Brianza	Martesana	Montebelluna	

We have also had contacts with other Dojos but it looks like some of them are no longer active.

2. What reasons did you have for starting your Dojo Group?

We started collaborating and communicating between Dojos at a very early stage, we would often exchanged many e-mails to help each other with our experience from running our individual Dojos. From this we decided to create CoderDojo Italia google group and to invite all the known Dojos in Italy. We also started coderdojoitalia.org website creating a map and a shared event calendar.

We regularly hold a "national call for Mentors" for important upcoming events like Maker Faire, Wired Next Fest etc. So we also arrange meetup to meet each other in person.

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

The majority of the time we are notified / contacted by the new Dojos themselves, they often ask for help organizing their first event or they want to be added on the map on coderdojoitalia.org website. Usually someone from the closest Dojo will go and meet them, if this is not possible the conversation happens online, via the coderdojo-italia google group.

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

We are an informal group of cool people! (the people below are administrators of the google-group)

Carmelo Presicce	Angelo Sala	Agnese Addone	Marco Giordano

5. How is your Dojo Group run?

At the moment we have no structure or roles, but there are some key members who are recognized as more active than others. Not only Champions but also other Mentors are involved in the community. We are thinking of limit the number of members per Dojo (especially the new ones) as we are growing a lot!

We are thinking about formalizing the group but, at the moment, we prefer to stay lean, avoiding bureaucracy and extra-work.

Information provided by CoderDojo Champion Carmelo Presicce and Agnese Addone.