

django girls Manchester Newsletter #1

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What is django girls?

"Django Girls is a non-profit organization that empowers and helps women to organise free, one-day programming workshops by providing tools, resources and support. It was born in July 2014 in Berlin and started by Olas Sitarska and Olas Sendecka. Today, Django Girls is a volunteer run organisation with hundreds of people contributing to bring more women to Python & Django community. Our goal is to bring more amazing women into the world of technology and increase the diversity in the Django community."

Hope for the future...

We hope you enjoy would Django Girls Manchester and this will be the first step to help you learn programming further, whether in Python, Django or extend to other programming languages. We also hope this would be your first step to enter the workforce of the IT community, and become a successful programmer or related role! Never give up!

Best Wishes,

Leona So



Leona So

Leona was inspired to bring Django Girls to Manchester after attending Django Girls Coventry. She is an A-level Maths tutor and an ILT champion at a college. She is also the chair of IET Manchester Young Professionals Section as she organises regular events for the IET.



Django Girls Coventry, PyCon UK Sep 2015

Meet the organisers



Claire Dodd



Claire is an organiser of BarCamp and CodeUp Manchester, STEM Ambassador and Community Group Manager at MadLab. She also ran a number of programming workshops to the community in Manchester.

Thank you mentors!

We must thank our mentors who are willing to give up a day of their free time mentoring our participants. In no particular order: Fiona Burrows, Georgina Shippey, Carolyn Yates, Jon Atkinson, Clare Macrae, Claire Gowler, Tamarisk Kay, Danny Wilson, Christin Schaefer and Juliano Binder.



FARM Digital

FARM is a digital agency provides services to companies by building, maintaining and supporting websites and applications. And the best thing about FARM? They use Django (among other technologies) to do it! “Whatever the digital production piece be, our philosophy is simple: create real, unique, beautiful and compelling work that delivers return on investment.”



GitHub

GitHub provides source code hosting service, it hosts web-based Git repository. Many people use GitHub to build software, where you can contribute, fork or discover projects from users around the world. The use of GitHub forms one of the important parts of Django Girls tutorial!



Firefly Freedom game

@arctic_shores

Sponsors focus



IET Manchester Young Professionals Network

IET Manchester Network is one of the IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology) Manchester communities. They are a network of engineering and technology students and young professionals, all of which are volunteers. They organise regular events for their members and non-members in a wide range of areas, aiming to promote engineering and technology in local areas.



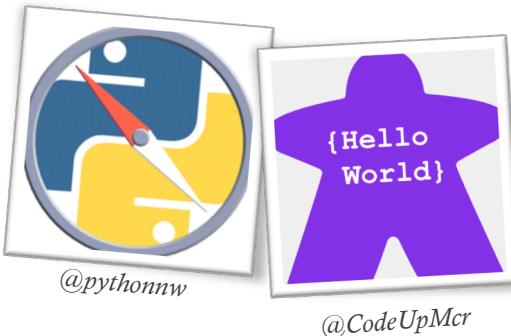
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Arctic Shores

Arctic Shores is a start up company based in Manchester. They design and develop innovative games-based psychometric assessments, to be used as part of a recruitment process. They also use Python and Django! “Our mission is to enable organisations to attract and identify the best candidates from all background in a fun and fair way.” They have recently won Design in Innovation Award from Innovate UK in November 2015.

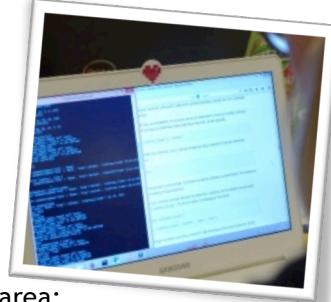
What's next?

Django Girls provides an extension section to extend your project to the next level. There are also suggestion of other resources at the end of the tutorial, be sure to check them out! Let us know if you would like to share your completed project or story after the event.



@pythonnw

@CodeUpMcr



A step further...

There are many meet up groups in the area:

Python Northwest: A user group for the Python programming language meeting on 3rd Thursday monthly at MabLab Manchester.

CodeUp Manchester: Mentoring Program to support Adults who want to learn how to code at Building Blocks Manchester.



Want to contribute?

There are many ways to contribute to Django Girls: you can organise an event, coach, work on the tutorial and help on Gitter. Visit djangogirls.org/contribute/ to find out more!