# Amsterdam joins the world's largest Hackathon for Climate Change Is Saving the world from Climate Change impossible? We do not think so!

The Geeklist #hack4good 0.6 hackathon will take place 12-14 September, also in Amsterdam.

This September, leading up to the UN Climate Summit, the world's leading technologists, environmental organizations, NGOs, and governments are uniting in the world's biggest hackathon for Climate Change.

During the Geeklist #hack4good 0.6 hackathon over 3,000 passionate software engineers, designers, entrepreneurs and innovators unite online and in venues in 45+ cities around the world to build apps, products and technologies to solve climate and environment challenges facing the world, from climate awareness challenges to adaptation to action.

Challenges are being provided by organizations and field workers like: Fauna and Flora International, WWF, 350.org, UK Dept. of Energy & Climate Change, Friends of the Earth, WeForest, Save the Children, Project 1%, Lead International, World Resources Institute, along with participation from the USDA, US Office of the CTO, members of the United Nations and countless experienced field workers in climate change. The event is taking place in every time zone across 45 cities, made possible by Just Giving, Rackspace and countless local sponsors in every city.

Of course Amsterdam is joining this global initiative to build innovative solutions to climate change issues, with up to 100 hackers gathering together at Rockstart to contribute to the global movement and build projects to help address what many are calling humanity's greatest challenge.

The Geeklist Corps of Developers volunteers, led by global director <u>Dan Cunningham</u>, have united everyone <u>here</u>.

The Geeklist #hack4good mission is to create technology-based innovations to address and make a real-world impact on climate change and related issues.

Reuben Katz,

Founder & CEO, Geeklist and #hack4good

### Time, location and participation

The local hackathon in Amsterdam takes place from 12 september 19:00 pm until 14 september 19:00 pm at Rockstart, Herengracht 182, Amsterdam. The main language is English.

More information on #hack4good Amsterdam

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**Background Information** 

Download an overview: Event Overview (PDF)

What is Hack4good?

The Geeklist #hack4good series was established by Geeklist, the San Francisco social

networking site for developers, to bring together a global community with a common purpose: to

build and launch projects for social good.

Geeklist #hack4good is an international, multi-city hackathon movement that has taken the

world by storm and set the bar for bringing together software engineers, hackers, ui/ux

designers, product developers, founders, leader, thinkers, and civic minded organizations

together to "hack" together for social good.

At the event, teams respond to problem statements and challenges set by NGOs, government

organisations and subject matter experts, collaborating intensively over a 48-hour period. The

result is 100s of prototype projects that demonstrate innovative technology solutions to have a

positive impact for humanity.

In each location, a judging panel made up of technology leaders and subject matter experts will

select the most promising teams in terms of their potential impact. These go forwards into global

judging.

Geeklist and its partners work with teams to turn projects that start at the hackathons into

long-term enterprises and enact sustainable positive impact in the world.

**Previous events and impact** 

This is the sixth Geeklist #hack4good.

Previous events have produced more than 250 projects for social good, tackling a range of

issues including disability, education, health, disaster response, animal rescue, deforestation,

human trafficking and many more.

These now being taken forwards by NGOs including GOAL, Concern Worldwide, Medecins sans Frontieres, Greenpeace, Blind Relief Association and the Disaster Emergency Committee.

(see <u>Geeklist Hack4good 0.5 Press Release</u> for more info on what was achieved at the February 2014 event)

### **Global sponsors:**

Rackspace

Just Giving

## **Global Challenge partners:**

Fauna & Flora International

350.org

Department of Energy & Climate Change (UK)

Friends of the Earth

WeForest

Save the Children

Project 1%

Lead

World Resources Institute

WWF

# **Local Challenge and Tech Partners:**

Campaign against Climate Change (London)

NTx Apps Challenge (Dallas TX)

Climate-KIC (Berlin)

The Cleanweb initiative