

WASHINGTON, DC EVENTS & MEETUPS

HOW TO GET STARTED

- SHOW UP!: Showing up is honestly the hardest part about going to a meetup. IF YOU ARE PRESENT, YOU'VE ALREADY WON!
- **PARTICIPATE:** This can be in the form of networking, collaborating on a project, listening to a lecture, or learning something new. There is a meetup for all moods and preferences!
- **FIND OUT HOW THEY COMMUNICATE:** Each meetup has a different way in which they communicate most are through Slack. Familiarize yourself with these communication channels to stay in the loop!

TECH AND DEVELOPMENT MEETUPS	
Art + Code Collective: https://www.meetup.com/Art-Code-Collective/	Aiming to bring out the coder in an artist, the artist in the coder, and bring artists, coders, and designers together.
DC Tech Meetup: https://www.meetup.com/DC-Tech-Meetup	The premier tech meetup in DC. Not specifically about coding, but can be great for finding opportunities.
Black Code Collective: https://www.meetup.com/Black-Code-Collective/	A welcoming community for developers of color to grow your skills, share knowledge and help each other progress through your careers.
Code for DC: https://www.codefordc.org	Participate in some civic hacking and create a new idea to help the DC community or collaborate on a current project
Color Coded: https://www.meetup.com/colorcoded/	Color Coded is a community made of diverse individuals that care about expressing their creativity, growing their tech skills, and making meaningful connections
DCFem Tech: http://dcfemtech.com	DCFem Tech is a collective working to lower the barrier of entry for women in tech.
DC Code and Coffee: https://www.meetup.com/dc-code-coffee/	Work on what you'd like with cake and coffee.
DC Hack and Tell: https://www.meetup.com/DC-Hack-and-Tell/	Come present your projects in a stress free setting and receive some feedback. Also great for cultivating new ideas for projects.
DC JS: https://www.meetup.com/DC-JavaScript/	An informal group aiming to expand your knowledge of client-side JavaScript, help get you started if you're new to it, or just meet other front end developers.
DC Night Owl: https://www.meetup.com/dcnightowls	An open community of adventurous self-starters turning big ideas into exciting projects by organizing open creativity and productivity sessions around town.
Girl Develop It: https://www.meetup.com/Girl-Develop-It-DC/	A national non-profit with the mission to create a network of empowered women confident in their abilities to code and build beautiful web and mobile applications.
Hear Me Code: https://hearmecode.com/	Free, beginner-friendly coding classes for over 3000 women in DC.
Node.dc: https://www.meetup.com/node-dc/	NodeDC brings node.js developers together to share ideas and solutions in Washington, DC.
React DC: https://www.meetup.com/React-DC/	React DC works to bring React developers together to share ideas, best practices and skills.
Women Who Code: https://www.womenwhocode.com/dc	Professional community for women in tech. Their mission is to inspire and empower women to pursue and excel in technology careers.

DATA MEETUPS	
DataKind DC: https://www.meetup.com/DataKind-DC/	They bring together data scientists with leading social change organizations to collaborate on cutting edge analytics and advanced algorithms to maximize social impact
Data Science DC: https://www.meetup.com/Data-Science-DC/	They discuss diverse topics in predictive analytics, applied machine learning, statistical modeling, open data, and data visualization.
Data Visualization DC: https://www.meetup.com/Data-Visualization-DC/	Monthly meetup to discuss latest in data visualization
DC PostgreSQL Users Group: https://www.meetup.com/DC-PostgreSQL- Users-Group/	A group of database technologists that discuss data technology of all types, but with a focus on the PostgreSQL relational database.
DC Python: https://www.meetup.com/dcpython/	DC Python the education of all Python users by organizing and hosting frequent instructional events to foster and promote academic research, development and learning as well as professional growth and networking.
Women Data Scientists DC: https://www.meetup.com/WomenDataScientistsDC	Made for women in data science, women working toward a data science career, and supporters of women in data science.

<u>DESIGN MEETUPS</u>	
AIGA: https://dc.aiga.org/	The largest community of design advocates that bring together practitioners, enthusiasts, and patrons to amplify the voice of design and create the vision for a collective future.
CreativeMornings: https://creativemornings.com/cities/dc	CreativeMornings is a breakfast lecture series for the creative community.
DC: District Creatives: https://www.meetup.com/District-Creatives/	A fellowship of designers, developers and other creatives that promotes and curates a diverse and collaborative community of like-minded professionals and innovators.
Refresh DC: https://refresh-dc.org/	Refresh DC is a community of web designers, developers, and other new media professionals working together to refresh the creative, technical, and professional aspects of their trades in the Washington, DC, area.
Unleaded: https://www.meetup.com/UnleadedDC/	Unleaded is a design sprint meetup for creative problem-solvers and social innovators to crowdsource, prototype, and validate big ideas that make a difference. Open to all levels of expertise.
UXPA(User Experience Professionals Association): http://www.upa-dc-metro.org/	UXPA — DC is committed to the growth of the local user experience community through education, networking and advocacy for the profession.