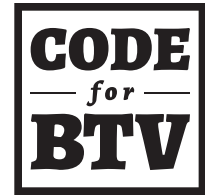


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Event to Explore Projects for Upcoming Civic Hackathon

Code for BTV and Girl Develop It Burlington to Host Event Preview of National Day of Civic Hacking

BURLINGTON, Vt., May 22, 2014 – On Tuesday, May 27 at 5:30PM at Fletcher Free Library, Code for BTV and Girl Develop It Burlington will host an event preview of Burlington's National Day of Civic Hacking. This event preview combines a Code for BTV Hack Night and a Girl Develop It Burlington Code & Coffee session. Interested hackathon participants will learn more about what to expect at National Day of Civic Hacking and will hear about some of the projects planned for the upcoming hackathon.

"The tech industry has a systematic problem in its lack of gender and racial diversity. Code for BTV applauds the work that Girl Develop It Burlington has done to bring women from diverse backgrounds into the tech industry and further the careers of those already in the industry. One of the core values of Code for BTV is inclusivity, and we are thrilled to be partnering with Girl Develop It Burlington on this event. We hope that we can continue to work together to replace the patterns of exclusion all too common in the tech industry with patterns of inclusion."

—Bradley Holt, Code for America Brigade Captain with Code for BTV

"National Day of Civic Hacking is an amazing opportunity for women to lend their unique perspective to solve problems that are present here in our community. Often times women are an extreme minority at hackathons, so our goal is to lower the barrier to entry through participating in this low key introduction, and provide an opportunity to learn more about National Day of Civic Hacking. My goal is to help increase the number of women writing code at this event, so I'm hoping members of our community consider forming a team or joining an existing one that sparks their interest!"

—Maureen McElaney, Girl Develop It Burlington

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Burlington will be one of more than 100 cities participating in National Day of Civic Hacking on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1. Organized by Code for BTV, the Burlington event will bring together software developers, technology integrators, designers, makers and civic hackers to improve their neighborhoods and communities through technology.

National Day of Civic Hacking participants don't need to be experts to contribute; they just have to care about their neighborhoods and communities. Burlington's National Day of Civic Hacking will be a non-competitive hackathon focused on collaboration. Participants at Burlington's event will work on projects in the following areas:

- Food Systems & Agriculture
- Renewable & Sustainable Energy
- Arts & Culture
- Human-powered Recreation

Code for BTV will also be hosting a birthday celebration on the Burlington waterfront starting after the first day of National Day of Civic Hacking on Saturday, May 31. More information about this birthday celebration, and other Code for BTV events, is available on the Code for BTV website.

About Code for BTV

Code for BTV is a Code for America Brigade that facilitates sustainable collaborations on civic software and open data projects between coders, designers, and organizations (both governmental and non-governmental) in the greater Burlington, Vermont area. We host events for civic hackers to come together and work on building and reusing civic apps and support open data initiatives.

About Girl Develop It Burlington

Girl Develop It Burlington provides affordable and accessible programs to women who want to learn software development through mentorship and hands-on instruction. We are committed to making sure women of all ages, races, education levels, income and upbringing can build confidence in their skill set to develop web and mobile applications. Our goal is to provide powerful hands-on programs to women seeking professional help in software development and create basic to advanced web and mobile applications.

