Running your Dojo

Now that your Dojo is verified, here are some useful tips for getting it up and running!

Stay in touch with the community

The CoderDojo platforms are great places to hear about news, events, resources, and stories from our global community. You are welcome to join in to share your own Dojo's news and engage in conversations about all things CoderDojo!

Join the CoderDojo community

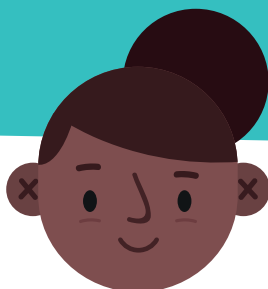Our global Slack channel

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You can also ask us your questions directly using our contact form: coderdojo.com/contact

Planning the learning content for your Dojo

Every Dojo is different: each has its own routine and way of doing things!
To help you get started, you could use this way of structuring your first sessions:

Icebreakers

1

Brief, hands-on activities will help your group warm up. They are a great way to start your session and create a positive atmosphere for learning and participation. See dojo.soy/icebreaker for tips and ideas.

Create cool code

2

Find a wealth of project ideas for both independent and group work on the CoderDojo resources site: coderdojo.com/resources

Show and tell

3

At the end of a Dojo session, Ninjas might like to showcase what they've created in front of the group. This is a great opportunity for them to develop presentation skills and get recognition for their work!

Top tips

- Start with beginner-level content

- Choose topics based on your mentors' knowledge; Scratch and HTML/CSS are good starter languages

- Reach out to nearby Dojos to learn from and coordinate events with them

- Encourage your Ninjas to become youth mentors when they are ready

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