Why do I want to apply to FaC?

I like how accessible FaC makes programming and giving minorities to work in the tech industry, an industry still mostly dominated by white males.

I really value FaC peer-led learning approach. I really benefited from learning on the weekly meet-ups, but also from friends that have been part of FaC cohorts in the previous years. It is a very nice way of learning, which makes it easier to learn coding, but at the same time I get to improve my soft skills, such as collaboration and communications and also teaches me a new way to think about coding problems I have and how to communicate them to other people.

I believe tech gives us the opportunity to develop a more sustainable and ethical future, if used correctly and by working with companies that uphold these values, FaC contributes to this

I am really interested in coding and find it very enjoyable to work on problems and in the end find solutions to these.

I am really excited to learn more about programming and can’t wait to delve deeper into it.

Some info about me:

Interests in sustainability, art, plants and coding

Hello! I’m Lisa Hanes (she/her) and I am hoping to pursue a career in tech. I grew up in Germany and have been living in London for nearly four years and consider it my new home. Before coming to London, I went backpacking in the USA and Mexico, where I volunteered for all sorts of different companies and charities. Soon I will be graduating from the University of Westminster with a BA (Hons) in Photography. My interests are in alternative photographic processes, using plant-based materials to substitute conventional photographic materials, which are harmful to the environment.

I had my first coding experience last year, where I attended an 8-week introduction course hosted by Code First Girls. I really enjoyed learning about programming and being able to solve problems and build projects. This made me commit to becoming a web developer. Over the past few months, I have learned a lot about HTML, CSS and JavaScript with the help of friends, the weekly meetups organised by FaC and the discord channel.

The tech industry still suffers form great social disparity and programmes provided by FaC help close that gap. Being surrounded by people from the coding community, I realised that tech can be the means to build a better future that offers equal chances for everyone, which I would like to be a part of.

Additionally, I really enjoy FaC´s peer-led learning approach. Not only is it a great pedagogical method which makes learning so much more enjoyable and fun, but it is also fantastic opportunity to develop a set of other skills, such as working in a team or communication skills, which will be relevant in my future career.

I am confident that my skills and enthusiasm will allow me to make the most of my time with FaC. I am looking forward to the opportunity to be a part of the FaC community and work alongside other talented people.

Write more on my interest in sustainability and what “social” changes I want to make in tech industry

* Surrounded by coding community people and I think I want to part of that
* Provides opportunities to achieve something good; not just for me, but for society
* Tech industry still suffers from a great gender disparity and programmes provided by CFG help close that gap
* Tech can be the means to build a better future that offers equal chances for everyone
* Tech provides me with the opportunity to do something meaningful to help form a more inclusive and fair future