

The FTTH Council Europe will make a donation to CoderDojo on the occasion of the FTTH Conference 2016

BRUSSELS, 6 October 2015 - The FTTH Council Europe is pleased to announce that it will make a donation to the global initiative "CoderDojo" at the FTTH Conference 2016 to be held in Luxembourg on 16-18 February 2016.

Consistent with its objectives to improve the quality of life by accelerating the deployment of future-proof fibre networks to all European citizens, the FTTH Council Europe will donate €3,500 to the CoderDojo Foundation on the occasion of the 13th edition of the FTTH Conference. CoderDojo is a global initiative of free, volunteer-led, community-based programming clubs for young people. CoderDojo's mission is to give children the opportunity to learn how to code and to be creative in a fun, safe and social environment.

At each Dojo event, young people between 7 and 17 learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs and games in order to explore technology in a creative environment and develop valuable skills for the future. These objectives mirror those of the FTTH Council Europe. Commenting on this donation, FTTH Council Europe President Edgar Aker said: *"We are very pleased to make a donation to CoderDojo. This association is a great example of the digital empowerment of kids. The FTTH Council Europe promotes FTTH-enabled services and their positive impact on the quality of life of European citizens, so it is only natural that it supports such an initiative. Children are our future; hence it is our responsibility to build the right environment for them to grow and develop."*

Mary Moloney, Global CEO of the CoderDojo Foundation, stated: *"I am delighted to accept a donation from the FTTH Council Europe on behalf of CoderDojo. This donation will be used towards further developing Zen, the CoderDojo Community Platform, enabling us to better connect with and support the global CoderDojo Community"*.

The two organisations will continue to explore new cooperation opportunities in the near future.

The 13th edition of the FTTH Conference 2016 will be held in Luxembourg City on 16-18 February 2016. The event has received the high patronage of Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister and Minister for Communications and Media of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Xavier Bettel will deliver the opening speech of the FTTH Conference to an international audience of experts in telecommunications and technology, officially kicking off the biggest FTTH-related event in the world!

For more information, please visit : www.ftthconference.eu
www.coderdojo.com/news/2015

About the FTTH Council Europe:

The FTTH Council Europe is an industry organisation with a mission to accelerate the availability of fibre-based, ultra-high-speed access networks to consumers and businesses. The Council promotes this technology because it will deliver a flow of new services that enhance the quality of life, contribute to a better environment and increase economic competitiveness. The FTTH Council Europe consists of more than 150 member companies.
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