



>start to >run a Code Club in North East England

>What is Code Club?

Code Club is a nationwide network of free volunteer-led after-school coding clubs for children aged 9-11.

Code Club creates projects for volunteers to teach at after school coding clubs or at non-school venues such as libraries. The projects teach how to program by showing them how to make computer games, animations and websites. Volunteers commit to a school Term at a time, go to their local club for an hour a week and teach around 15 children working alongside a member of staff from the school.

Each term the students will progress and learn more whilst at the same time using their imaginations and making creative projects. Terms 1 & 2 use Scratch to teach the basics of programming. Term 3 teaches the basics of web development using HTML and CSS. Term 4 teaches Python and so on.

1. Read more about Code Club at www.codeclub.org.uk.

>Finding out more

Lyndsey Britton (who you may know from www.ignite100.com) is the Code Club co-ordinator for the North East. She can arrange information sessions (presentations / drop in etc.) in ICT workplaces to present Code Club to you and your colleagues.

Lyndsey is happy to field queries by email at lyndsey@ignite100.com.

2. Ask Lyndsey about running an information session in your ICT department.

>How do schools and volunteers register an interest?

Schools are currently looking to start Code Clubs in September. Most will be Primary schools but some Secondary schools are also interested.

3. Register your interest at www.codeclub.org.uk/start-a-club. That's also where you can find a school looking to host a club that suits you.

4. If you know a volunteer or school that isn't already registered you can point them there to register.

5. Lyndsey can help facilitate match-making if it's proving difficult.

>What about insurance, vetting and training?

You'll need to have insurance, a security check and training. These are provided **free-of charge** by STEMNET. They do the training as drop-in sessions or 1-2-1s.

DBS (was CRB) clearance usually takes a couple of weeks.

6. You need to contact david.rogers@newcastlesfc.ac.uk for Tyne and Wear and Northumberland or carol.harrison@rtcnorth.co.uk for Durham about this.

>So how long can it take from start to end?

Registration, match making, clearance and training can be done in a month. It really depends how quickly you go through the process and how keen the school is to start its Code Club.

See <https://govx.socitm.net/spaces/twictpublic/knowledge/initiatives-on-digital-skills-for-young-people> for information on some other initiatives that might be more suitable for older children, specifically aimed at girls or outside a school environment.