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Guernsey student to attend exclusive Vodafone Code Like a Girl UK Hackathon

Local mobile operator Airtel-Vodafone is offering one Guernsey teenage student girl the opportunity to attend a 4-day hackathon at its partners Vodafone's head office in Paddington, including flights and accommodation.

The Code Like a Girl programme is aimed at overcoming the imbalances that exist in education and the workplace whereby women and girls are underrepresented in the field of science, technology, engineering and maths. There are only 60 places available nationally and during the 4 days between 6-9th April, girls will be taught a range of technical skills delivered by Vodafone volunteers, culminating in a competition to build their own website.

Sid Ahlawat, CEO at Airtel-Vodafone said: 'Promoting digital learning is a key part of the Smart Guernsey programme and we are delighted to be able to offer this unique opportunity to enthuse, excite and engage local female students and raise awareness about the exciting digital careers opportunities that exist on the Island.'

Lucy Ann Kirby, Director at Digital Greenhouse, said: 'The Code like a girl hackathon really is a once in a lifetime experience. We are extremely grateful to Airtel-Vodafone for enabling a Guernsey student to be part of a significant learning and amazing networking opportunity. Sessions aimed specifically to support young women into technology careers are extremely important given our digital skills shortage in Guernsey and the low uptake of computer science courses by female students. We hope industry-backed initiatives like this will assist the growth aspirations of future generations and be an integral part of our wider digital skills programme.'

Students can apply by completing an application form on the Digital Greenhouse website: www.digitalgreenhouse.gg Deadline for applications is 24th February at 4pm. The winner will be decided by Airtel-Vodafone and Digital Greenhouse representatives and notified on 27th February.

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About Airtel-Vodafone

Airtel-Vodafone is a partnership between two of the world's leading telecoms companies

that have come together to provide the Channel Islands best value network.

Airtel: one of the fastest-growing mobile companies in the world, operating in 16 countries in Africa and Asia. Airtel is rated as the world's 3rd largest mobile operator by subscribers.

Vodafone Group: the largest mobile community in the world, operating in more than 60 countries with more than 400 million customers worldwide.

Airtel-Vodafone brings the combined expertise of these two world-class mobile phone companies to the Channel Islands, giving Islanders the opportunity to benefit from great value mobile communications backed up by a truly global network.