



OurKidsCode

FAMILY CODING CLUBS

● WHO

OurKidsCode is a research project based in Trinity College Dublin. We help parents of primary aged children get involved in their kids STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) education, by supporting them to learn together with their kids. Working on fun creative computing projects together, families are supported to set up an OurKidsCode Club with other like-minded families in their local community.

● WHAT

Each OurKidsCode MeetUp is structured around a fun project with jobs for all the family to work together to make a physical game or artefact to play with. Once families have completed a Taster Workshop and would like to start a club, OurKidsCode will provide support both in-person and remotely. We will allocate a facilitator to your group for a few weeks to come to your BCP venue to get your group started. Each MeetUp follows the same structure, Setup, Warm-up, Create, Share, Reflect and Plan. Everyone in the club plays a part in the running and organising of MeetUps. Kids particularly like being in charge! Usually clubs need the facilitator's support for around 3 MeetUps.

● WHERE

We are currently funded to support families who want to start a club in their local BCP community venue. You can check for your nearest designated BCP (Broadband Connection Point) here: <https://nbi.ie/bcp-map/>. If you have completed a Taster Workshop and are unsure whether your group is continuing, please email contact@ourkidscode.ie and we will help you.

● WHEN

OurKidsCode clubs meet weekly when they are working with the facilitator. After this period each new OurKidsCode club agrees to meet regularly for around 2 hours at a time. Some families decide to meet weekly, others monthly. Some clubs meet straight after school, some in the evenings and others on a Saturday. It's up to families to decide together what suits them best (and availability of the venue!).

● WHY

Our project is aimed at parents who have said they would like to support their kids ongoing computing education but feel they lack the knowledge or skills to do so. Parents and kids working together creates an atmosphere of fun, teamwork and delight when the project is completed!



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I WOULD LOVE ❤️❤️ TO DO
MORE CODING. IT IS
AMAZING 😍 IT ALSO
HELPED ME WITH MY
CONFIDENCE

I loved meeting new
families, with the small
group it's really a shared
experience

I really enjoyed it –
I'm new to coding and
I thought it would be
too difficult for me

It's been a very rewarding
experience. I was so
nervous at the start but to
get to the end of each
workshop with a tangible
game is fantastic

