

Code clan recruiting now for new students

✘ Rebecca Heaney the head of marketing and student recruitment at Codeclan is looking for you, if you have even half a thought about learning to learn how to code.

The Scottish digital skills academy right here in the capital is taking in its first batch of around 25 students on 5 October and will be looking for more.

The academy plans to teach software developers a basic set of skills in 16 weeks so that they are ready to get into the workplace at a junior level. They are basing their teaching around the type of immersive learning which is now spreading across the world.

The course on offer here is slightly longer as more time will be devoted to database computer software and algorithms, as required by the industry professionals behind it.

There is no set kind of person that they are looking for. Heaney said: "You will likely be a graduate, or will at least have had some work experience after leaving school. We are looking for graduates in any subject. We are not particularly looking for maths or science related graduates. More important is that the successful applicants will have the right attitude, as this course will be very intensive and hard work. But at the end of the course you will be able to walk into a junior software developer job earning around £25,000 a year."

The company is opening first in Edinburgh and will then hope to open offices in Glasgow and Aberdeen.

Edinburgh is now known as a home for tech based industries.

Heaney is a digital marketer who is helping to get the academy

launched before handing over to an in-house team. The academy will be run as a social enterprise but does have some government funding through Skills Development Scotland behind it.

Codeclan has looked at the research and feels it can fill a gap. to maintain the growth in the industry. By the end of year two they should have at least 600 graduates a year.

Asked how the success would be assessed Heaney said that the best measure will be the employability of the graduates leaving after 16 weeks.

[Codeclan](#) has brought in Michael Pavling as lead instructor and Head of Curriculum mainly because he is so well-known in the industry. The curriculum has been market tested across about 40 companies and they are sure that it will prove to be a very worthwhile qualification.

Applications close on 18 September 2015 for the first round of classes. Successful students will have to pay £500 deposit and a further £4500 for the course itself.

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