Digital skills academy praised

Happy CodeClan participants celebrate after boost from Scottish Government

John Swinney, Scotland's Deputy First Minister, has hailed the impact of digital skills academy CodeClan in supplying new talent to support the country's burgeoning tech sector.

Mr Swinney paid the compliment as the organisation marked its second anniversary, highlighting its success to date and outlining plans for growth in 2018.

CodeClan is a key element in the Government's Digital Strategy for Scotland which aims to create the conditions in which our digital technologies industries can thrive.

It is working with industry to meet a shared objective of employing 150,000 in digital technology roles over the next five years.

A total of 200 CodeClan graduates have secured technology related jobs on completion of their courses and, to meet demand, the academy has unveiled plans to double its course numbers in Glasgow in the year ahead.

Mr Swinney said: "Digital skills are playing an increasingly important role in almost all business sectors. Being able to provide a technologically savvy workforce will be crucial for Scotland in the years ahead and CodeClan is playing an influential role in helping us to achieve this.

"The number of organisations returning to recruit skilled employees highlights the success of CodeClan and I welcome its plans for expansion.

"There is a well-publicised skills gap in the global tech sector and initiatives such as this are key to helping Scotland build the skills capacity to meet that demand."