

# Get coding this Africa Code Week

Africa Code Week, the award winning continent-wide digital literacy initiative will be celebrated at the Cape Town Science Centre from 15 - 23 October 2016, with a wide variety of free coding workshops and other related activities for all ages.



As part of this week's activities the Science Centre based in Observatory just in front of the Groote Schuur Hospital, will host two free-entry Festival of Code days on the Saturdays 15 and 22 October. In addition, free 'after-school' coding workshops every afternoon from 17 - 21 October.

"We know that coding is a critical 21st Century skill that is easily learnt and loads of fun," says Julie Cleverdon, the director of the Cape Town Science Centre and the global coordinator of ACW. "Coding is a new language. Every child deserves to be fluent is the motto of Africa Code Week and that's why the Cape Town Science Centre is endeavouring to make as many relevant activities in this week accessible to everyone. We are grateful for the support from both Woolworths Financial Services and SAP for making this possible at our centre."

Activities include coding, data story-telling and robotic workshops; talks from some of the most talented and inspiring young coders in Cape Town and a host of other activities in addition to the opportunity to interact with the many hands-on exhibits in the Cape Town Science Centre. Even if you've never written a line of code in your life, the workshops on offer will get participants started one step at a time.

In addition to the Cape Town Science Centre's efforts, other Cape Town organisations have embraced the initiative and are set to create a 'coding buzz' by organising a host of coding activities across the city. Those interested in attending these activities can visit the [Africa Code Week 'live' map](#), which itemises the events taking place in Cape Town.

[Learn more here](#) about the activities for the Festival of Code taking place on 15 and 22 or contact the Cape Town Science Centre on +21 (0)21 300 3200.

- **Free** Scratch coding workshops for kids! (8+ year old) every day from 15 - 23 October
- Festival of Code celebratory days - 15 and 22 October, **free** entry to the Cape Town Science Centre – activities of all ages.