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NATIONAL CODING WEEK AWARDS - WINNERS

The winners of the 2016 National Coding Week Awards were announced this week via video link from Digital Jersey's Hub in St Helier, Jersey to 39 winners across the UK.

National Coding Week has been sponsored by JT since inception and in 2015 the initiative saw thousands of people taking part in events across the country, including coding workshops for beginners and free online taster sessions. The National Coding Week Awards have been intorduec this year for the first time to recognise organisations and individuals who have shown commitment to helping adults in communities across the UK learn crucial digital skills.

Richard Rolfe co-founder of National Coding Week said: "I am delighted that we were able to recognise so many achievements. National Coding Week relies on volunteers to inspire others to learn digital skills, so I'm delighted that we're able to recognise so many of their achievements through the awards.

"With so much emphasis on children learning to code, many adults feel that they have missed out on the digital revolution which is why it's vital that organisations continue to support their local community by taking part in National Coding Week. They thoroughly deserve this recognition of their efforts and I look forward to working with them to bridge the digital skills gap even further in 2016!"

Summary of winners:
Category: FE College—Winner: **Barking and Dagenham College**

Category: Partnership—Winner: **MadLab** and **CodeUp Manchester**

Category: Primary School— Winner: **Mereside Primary School Blackpool**

Category Teacher: Winner—**Thomas Sale** Mereside Primary School

Category Not-for-Profit: Winner (Enillydd)—**WEA YMCA CC Cymru**

Category Business: Winner— **Yard Digital, Edinburgh**

(Full list attached)

Tamara O'Brien, JT said: "We're very pleased to continue our commitment to support National Coding Week which has had a very positive impact on communities up and down the country as well as here in the Channel Islands. The Awards are a wonderful of recognisiong the efforts being made up and down the country to get more people involved in National Coding Week and we'd like to congratulate each winner and those receiving a highly commended in the awards."

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National Coding Week 2016 starts on 19th September. Details of how to get involved will be announced on the website and Twitter.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED
- Tweet your support using the hashtag #NationalCodingWeek

- Follow us on Twitter @codingweek

- Visit our website www.nationalcodingweek.co.uk to find out how you can host or attend an event in your area

<u>Notes to editors</u>
About National Coding Week: National Coding Week is sponsored by JT Group and International Tech Conference organisers Future Insights. It was founded by former Head teacher Richard Rolfe and young entrepreneur Jordan Love. The pair work together to train unemployed people, helping them to gain employment in the digital sector. Their aim is to prove that anyone, irrespective of age and background can learn to write computer code.
For more information go to www.nationalcodingweek.com or follow @CodingWeek #NationalCodingWeek

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