

Dear Principal

Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT), a Department of Education and Skills schools' support service, continues to provide high quality professional development opportunities for schools and teachers in the context of the implementation of the *Framework for Junior Cycle* (2015).

In 2015, we commenced a CPD initiative called *Exploring Coding* with 22 schools. This proved to be very successful in supporting these schools in their initial work with the new short course in Coding.

Building on the success of our Exploring Coding project, in 2017 we launched a new two-year initiative, entitled *Junior Cycle: Coding in Action*. This initiative, involving 50 schools, was designed to support schools committed to introducing the short course in Coding into their Junior Cycle programme.

We are now implementing Phase 2 of our *Junior Cycle: Coding in Action initiative* and in this regard JCT now invites schools to express their interest in participating in the new two-year initiative (2019/2020 and 2020/2021). We are delighted to have Lero – The Irish Software Research Centre – continuing to collaborate with us on this innovative initiative.

There is a limit to the number of schools that can engage in this initiative. In order to participate, a school must complete an online 'Expression of Interest' form and provide details of two teachers that will engage in the initiative. The expression of interest form can be accessed through the JCT registration portal. Deadline for applications is **4.00pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.

Further details on the initiative are included in the attached information leaflet. Queries can be emailed to **info@jct.ie**.

Yours sincerely

  
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