

3 YEARS
OF ENABLING TURKISH YOUTH
TO REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL IN TECH
AND HAVE A BETTER FUTURE.



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# Why? Challenges\_











I'm a Computer Science student.

Although I love this field and enjoyed it,

I feel like I'm stuck between my education and the needs of tech sector.

I don't have any chance to make my dreams come through.

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### High youth unemployment

**13 million young people** ages 18-24.

Youth not in employment, education or training: **One in every three young person.** 

**Computer Science graduates** are the 10th most **unemployed** graduate group.



#### High skills gap

**61% of the employers in ICT sector** name 'the lack of skills in applicants' among the top challenges they face.

**Only 17%** of developers are women.

# Kodluyoruz is a social enterprise working to close the skills gap in tech by training high potential people in demand-driven bootcamps

#### **Our Model**

#### **KODLUYORUZ BOOTCAMPS**



We **select and upskill high potential** young people in our **free-of-charge**, **140-hour bootcamps**. Bootcamp **trainers are the best in their fields**, providing the most-needed skills to our students.

#### Bootcamp tracks are:

- Frontend web development: React
- Backend web development: .NET, Java, Django
- Mobile development: React Native, iOS, Android
- Data science & machine learning (using Python)

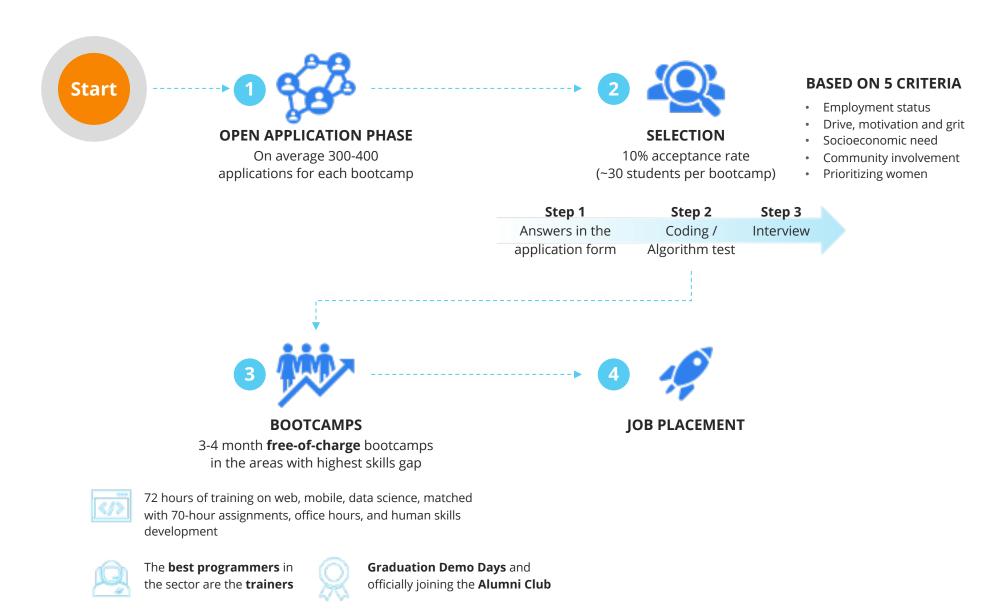
#### COMPANIES LOOKING FOR GREAT TALENT



We partner with businesses as hiring partners for our bootcamp graduates. Our high-quality and selective process provides a better value to companies than typical recruiters.

The income we generate from every eight placements funds one of our bootcamps – training 30 new developers for free!

#### The backbone of our difference is how we identify high potential developers



#### What makes Kodluyoruz different



#### Selected through a 3-tier process

We select only 10% of people applying for our bootcamps through a 3-tier selection process-looking for grit, motivation and need.



#### Diversity

We support women and underrepresented groups. **45%** of our graduates are **women**.



#### Successful graduates from bootcamps

#### Education is at the center of our model.

We place developers who successfully graduated from our 140-hour bootcamps.



Only good fits

We know our graduates very well and match you with only good fits. We are not interested in shuffling people around.

#### Kodluyoruz graduates form one of the largest and most diverse developer communities

# A pool of 1.017 graduates

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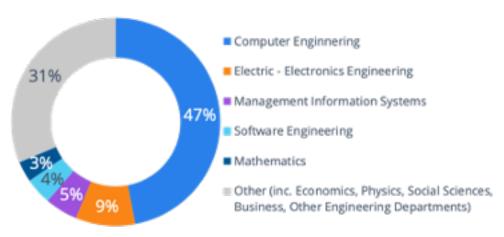


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# 45% women developers

Graduates of 43 different departments



# **Bootcamp Impact\_**



#### **Awards and recognitions**



2020 **Global Winner** of the Ashoka & HSBC Future Skills Innovation Challenge in the Most Scalable Innovation Category



**Social Impact Lab** 

Selected among the **top three most**promising social startups in Europe

- only one from Turkey!





Serves at the Advisory Committee of the Solutions for Youth Employment of the World Bank as the only organization from Turkey



2020 **Global Finalist** of the One Young World – Lead 2030 Award



2019 Winner of the Award in the Collaboration Category, by Ashoka and Kale Group

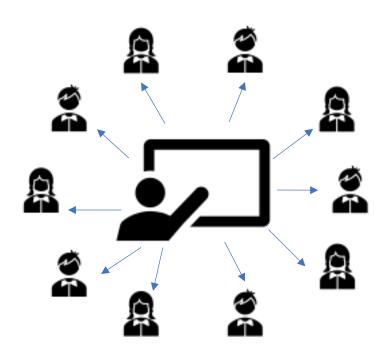
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José Ramón Alemán Bendiburg\*

<sup>\*</sup>https://medium.com/@jraleman/42-silicon-valley-the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly-b80fbb6d5d2f

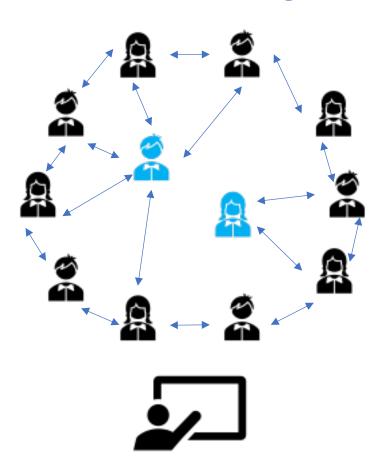
# **Traditional education system**



#### **Problems:**

- Knowledge is now free, but schools are not
- Linear scaling
- Resource intensive
- Teacher cannot know everything
- Doesn't provide self-learning skills

# What we are working on



# **Started with study groups**

Peer-to-peer learning communities led by our graduates or respected people from around the world

12 study groups

250+ participants

(2020)

Participants joined after a selection process



#### **Continuing with CS50x (The legendary Intro to Computer Science course)**



Harvard University Professor David J. Malan

- Translated it with the help of 80+ Turkish volunteers from 5 countries
- Available online, for free
- 21.000+ learners in a month!

#### But, online learning is not enough - without friends

- CS50xKodluyoruz Fellows:
   40+ people from 19 cities
- Peer-to-peer learning
- Testing different models
- Solving problem sets:
  - Only online: 5%
  - With study groups: 30%
- Challenges:
  - Keeping the momentum
  - Is there a secret sauce?
  - Companies' mindset



Aysun Öğüt İstanbul CS50x Kodluyoruz Fellow



**Batuhan Altan** Çanakkale CS50x Kodluyoruz Fellow



**Zeynep Begüm Kaplan** Afyonkarahisar CS50x Kodluyoruz Fellow



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Sezgin İldeş İstanbul CS50x Kodluyoruz Fellow



**Sıraç Kılınç** Karabük CS50x Kodluyoruz Fellow

# **Community and momentum at many different levels**

**30+**Bootcamp Trainers

Researchers and Business Leaders in the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Board

including...

6 Strategy Advisory Board Members and Ambassadors



**Çağlar Subaşı**Principal Data Scientist @TEB



Tolga Kurtoğlu CEO @PARC XEROX



Faruk Eczacıbaşı Eczacıbaşı Holding



**Hakan Yalçınkaya** Freelancer, writer, instructor



**Ece Kamar** Senior Researcher, Microsoft Research Redmond



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