Peter Argent — Innovative Educator

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Inspiring people to learn digital skills.
Social innovator, futuristic strategist, ideator and activator.

An experienced and extremely passionate technologist with eight years' experience operating a coding school and running community education programs in partnership with government agencies, universities, NGOs and corporates.

Key skills

Technology education business management: Launched and operated two coding schools, managed teams of teachers and support staff, public speaker and media interaction, joint venture partnership with private college and worked with board to implement strategy and digital transformation.

Technology education program design and delivery: Partnered with corporates, NGOs and community organisations to design and deliver education programs for low socio-economic schools and community centres.

Highlights (Youtube videos)

TedX speaker at UNSW Sydney in 2016: Inspiring people to learn technology skills.

Interviewed on ABC News Australia to discuss the importance of kids learning to code.

Career history

Fidenz Academy - Colombo, Academy Director | October 2019 — Ongoing

Providing training to young people who want to become software developers.

Business Design Institute, CEO | Feb 2019 — Ongoing

Helping small business owners learn about the value of innovation and providing workshops for them to learn about tools and design methods they can use to grow their business.

ITU (United Nations agency): Innovation & Entrepreneurship Instructor | Sept 2016 - Ongoing

Designed, developed and delivered several training programs in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Iran, India and the Philippines.

Conducted a range of training programs including:

- Workplace innovation
- Design thinking
- Coding for the web
- User experience design
- Digital product design and development
- Leveraging emerging technologies for business value (Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain)

Project management of training programs. Organising expert speakers and their travel arrangements, team challenges, class activities, materials and collateral.

Web pages for ITU training programs I have delivered:
Digital Skills Capacity Building - Delhi, August 2019
Digital Transformation in the Digital Economy - Tehran, July 2019
DICT and ITU jointly implement Coding Boot Camps for Operators and Trainers - Manila
ITU-TRCSL Training on ICTs for promoting Innovation & Entrepreneurship - Colombo
ITU-FAO-DOA-TRCSL Training on "Innovation & Application Development for E-agriculture" - Kandy

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Digital Intelligence Institute, Director, Head Facilitator | July 2017 — July 2018

Launched a new coding, innovation and tech entrepreneurship school to teach aspiring start up entrepreneurs.

Delivered ongoing free workshops for people to learn coding across Australia, in London, Nottingham, Berlin and Valencia.

Worked with corporates do deliver innovation workshops and programs. Managed digital product design, development and delivery to clients.

Managed business operations including finances, marketing, staffing and technology.

Worked with ***KPMG*** to deliver coding workshops and assist with internal hackathons in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Gold Coast.

Coder Factory: Director, Head Teacher | Sept 2013 — July 2017

Launched a coding school for aspiring software developers and offered a range of programs from part time developer courses to full time boot camps.

Formed a joint venture with a publicly listed company and worked with the board to implement strategy and digital transformation.

Managed a team of teachers, marketers, administrators and other support staff.

Acted as Head of School and oversaw the design and development of all courses and their delivery.

With funding from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, I designed, developed and delivered a coding education program for girls at low socio-economic schools across Sydney.

Organised and operated several community hackathons including for University of Sydney Student Accommodation Services.

Code Club Australia: Founding director | Sept 2015 — Oct 2016

Initiated code clubs at hundreds of primary schools across Australia. Designed, developed and delivered training for teachers and parents to run the clubs.

Gained funding of AUD$2M from Telstra Foundation to operate and grow the organisation.

IBM: Software Consultant (and other roles) | Feb 2003 - June 2012

Designed and implemented innovative software systems for government and enterprise clients including electronic forms and collaboration platforms.

Education and qualifications

Queensland University of Technology | September 2018 - Present
Masters of Business Administration (In progress)

Griffith University | August 2001 - July 2005
Bachelor of Information Technology

Trison Business College | July 2016
Certificate IV Training and Assessment