WCE-Puerto Rico Pilot

Package for 6 WCE Pilot Schools

- 18 refurbished desktop computers with flat monitors, keyboards, mice, and power cords
- Linux-based educational content in Spanish preloaded into the 18 computers
- Educational software to support specific school needs
- Training and mentorship from volunteers in computer/network upgrading & internet use
- Help in finding a Sponsor for WCE work in your school
- Additional internet access upon request via 4G hotspots working with 4G Community.org
- Participation in Computer Science for All in Puerto Rico

Optional WCE Projects

- Train and mentor youth in computer repair and leadership in student-led WCE Chapter *
- Plan to export refurbished computers and tech support to other Caribbean countries
- Plan to improve recycling in Puerto Rico and in other Caribbean countries

How Your School “Pays” WCE

- Recruit a teacher to work with some students to research additional Linux-based content
- Recruit a teacher to work with students to help develop tools to encourage girls in tech
- Raise matching funds and help find a Sponsor for part of the costs of future WCE services

WCE Pilot Schools: (* denotes one of 3 pilot student-lead WCE Chapter in development)

- Escuela Vocacional Republica de Costa Rica en Caguas: Ada Nelly Lopez, Directora *
- Escuela Superior Josefina Leon Zayas en Jayuya: Prof. Felix Gonzalez Mercado, Director *
- An Escuela Superior en Santurce to be selected by Putnam Bridge developers of Ciudadela
- Escuela Superior Lila Mayoral Wirshing en Ponce: Prof. Felipe Velazquez, Director
- Escuela Francisco Pietri Mariani en Adjuntas: Sra. Ineabell Rivera Maldonado, Directora
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World Computer Exchange (WCE) is a nonprofit education organization that works through a network of 900 formal partner organizations in 75 developing countries. Our 800 volunteers in collaboration with 25 global strategic allies provide our partners with six services: low-cost refurbished computers, educational content, capacity building in tech planning and fundraising, teacher training, teacher tools to encourage girls in computer science, and hardware repair and leadership skills for youth. Since 2000, 4.6 million youth in over 3,290 schools, universities, youth centers and libraries have used computers refurbished by our volunteers to access new skills, understanding and opportunities via preloaded educational content and the internet. At the same time these computers were kept out of landfills and we work to see that they are recycled appropriately. Our refurbishing and content loading takes place in 11 Chapters in Australia, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the USA. Our 9 Field Associates in Africa and the Caribbean are growing Chapters in their developing countries. We operate as a volunteer and virtual organization to keep our costs low and annual fund raising expenses below 3%.

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