

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **150 girls to compete in Caribbean Girls Virtual 3D Hackathon Finals**

After months of challenging over 700 girls around the region to develop tech solutions to pressing regional issues, the Caribbean Girls Hack TechnoCreativity Hackathon 2021, will have its final event on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Caribbean Girls Hackathon is an annual regional program, run by SheLeadsIT in collaboration with Technology partner, Restore a Sense of I Can (RSC) Tech Clubs and is a part of the annual International Girls in ICT Day celebration.

This year the final Caribbean Girls Virtual 3D Hackathon event, will showcase the finalists, 150 girls representing 35 teams from 10 Caribbean countries, pitching their techno creative solutions for top prizes under three themes: Climate Change, Save Our Oceans and Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

The event will culminate in the highly anticipated announcement of the Hackathon 2021 winners.

The virtual event will also feature a Tech Zone with over 10 companies in tech hosting interactive sessions among them Vijay Computer Academy, WomeninTech Caribbean, Google WomenTechmakers Trinidad and Tobago, Nuevo Foundation, Creative Tech Hub Caribbean, STEM Caribbean Media and Unbreakable.

Tech partners RSC, will host an Adventure Zone with over 10 interactive activities featuring animation, augmented reality, virtual tours and robotics and in a celebration of female talent, there will be a deejay zone showcasing female deejays from the Caribbean.

Film fans can log in to enjoy the Movie Flex with 40 inspiring films/ documentaries and TED talks.

Participants will also be inspired with the segment “Meet the Creator” where those who are passionate about their work in the creative industries will share their journeys and how they use tech to bring their innovations to life.

The event is supported by an impressive line-up of Caribbean and International supporters; Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, Inter-American Development Bank, FLOW & BTC, UN Women, Digicel & LOOP, National Commercial Bank Jamaica Ltd. Fujitsu, and many others.

The Caribbean Girls Virtual 3D Hackathon event will take place on Saturday, May 8 from 11.00 am – 3.30 pm EST.

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