



Pacific Tech Academy

Accelerating the development of tech & digital skills

The International Centre for Democratic Partnerships (ICDP) through the *Pacific Connect* program is collaborating with Australian technology company, Common Code, to build a **Pacific Tech Academy**. The purpose of the Academy is to accelerate the development of Pacific technology and digital skills, jobs, products and businesses by:

- delivering education, training, mentoring, coaching and internships in software development, digital product management and strategy, digital transformation and founding tech startups;
- and providing and connecting participants with local and Pacific-wide communities of practice, hands-on project work, and employment in the industry.

Pacific Connect - Offering a powerful platform for cross-Pacific collaboration and relationship building. Creating informal, consultative environments that encourage positive, fresh-thinking and personal interest in achieving practical results.

Solomon Islands Workshops

The Pacific Tech Academy is providing a free pilot series of workshops, mentoring sessions and meetups for Solomon Islanders through mid-2021. The program is particularly geared towards women who are passionate about or seek involvement in the ICT sector. Participants learn from subject matter experts on coding and e-Commerce. Course content is available 24/7 via an intuitive learning portal. Technology focused meetups and mentoring sessions are available to participants throughout the program.

The future of the Academy

The ongoing Proof of Concept in Solomon Islands will see ICDP and Common Code engage with various stakeholders (donors, government departments, universities) to expand the Academy to new countries, including Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu. Its flexible outcomes and design allows the Academy to engage in new opportunities, including acting as a Pacific digital agency, becoming a part of an existing Pacific technology institution, or being formed as a standalone entity.

Through Pacific Connect, ICDP brings together Australian business and emerging leaders with Pacific Islander counterparts to deliver locally led solutions to challenges, and to create an active network of engaged change makers.