## Cognizant Foundation Commits £1.1 Million to Expand Access to STEM Education and Tech Career Pathways in the UK

On July 1, the <u>Cognizant Foundation</u> announced £1.1 million (\$1.3 million) in grants to five organizations working across the UK to connect individuals from historically excluded and underserved backgrounds with opportunities to develop in-demand STEM skills and gain access to tech careers.

The organizations receiving grants are: <u>Code First Girls</u>, <u>The Forces Employment Charity (TechVets)</u>, <u>The Prince's Trust</u>, <u>Raspberry Pi Foundation and Social Mobility Foundation</u>.

"To be successful in an evolving global economy, individuals must have an equitable opportunity to develop digital and STEM skills, as well as necessary support to enter—and stay—in industries like tech," said Rob Walker, President of Global Growth Markets at Cognizant. "Our foundation's investment in these five organizations reflects Cognizant's steadfast commitment to advancing economic mobility and expanding access to high-quality tech training and STEM education in communities across the globe."

These new grants build on the foundation's <u>initial UK investments</u> made last year, all with the goal of providing life-changing opportunities for students and jobseekers. The UK grantmaking is part of Cognizant's broader global <u>CSR commitment</u> to engineer impact for good through initiatives that advance economic mobility, educational opportunity, diversity and inclusion, and health and well-being in communities around the world.

Read the press release from the Cognizant Foundation **HERE**.

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