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Dear Principal

Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT), a Department of Education and Skills schools' support service, continues to provide high quality professional development opportunities for schools and teachers in the context of the implementation of the *Framework for Junior Cycle* (2015).

In 2015, we commenced a CPD initiative called *Exploring Coding* with 22 schools. This proved to be very successful in supporting these schools in their initial work with the new short course in Coding.

Building on the success of our Exploring Coding project, we are now launching a new two-year initiative, entitled *Junior Cycle: Coding in Action*. This new initiative is designed to support schools who are committed to introducing the short course in Coding within their Junior Cycle programme. We are delighted to have both Intel Ireland and Lero – The Irish Software Research Centre – continuing to collaborate with us on this follow-on innovative initiative.

There is a limit to the number of schools that can engage in this initiative. In order to participate, a school must complete an online 'Expression of Interest' form and provide details of two teachers that will engage in the initiative. The relevant online form can be accessed [here...](#)

The closing date for expressions of interest is **4.00pm on Friday 28th April 2017.**

Further details on the initiative are included in the attached information leaflet. Any queries can be emailed to **info@jct.ie**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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