24 hour Health Hack: Competition to Create eHealth Software Together

Both healthcare and technology professionals are invited to join the Health Hack Dublin competition (11th and 12th May) on the eve of international eHealth Week 2013. Together they will be producing high quality software that has the potential to transform healthcare.

Leading in to eHealth Week, Health Hack Dublin will shine a spotlight on the theme of "Innovative Healthcare and Wellbeing" and the use of technology to enhance service delivery and to improve patient outcomes.

Healthcare professionals (consultants, GPs, nursing staff and health managers) are invited to collaborate with developers on ideas and challenges that can benefit from the creative application of technology. Teams will look at devising apps and will explore the use of technology to improve access and quality of care in the community. One of the key tasks will involve a "marathon" of software coding.

Health Hack Dublin is organised by the Irish Computer Society with support from Kainos, Northern Ireland Connected Health Innovation Centre (CHIC) and EMC and follows on from a successful "Health Hack Northern Ireland" event, which took place in Belfast last year.

Speaking about hosting the event, ICS CEO Jim Friars said "We are delighted to facilitate this very unique opportunity. Our goal is to inform healthcare professionals about the potential of technology, and to empower technology innovators with a platform and network for improving healthcare."

Chief Technology Officer of Kainos, Tom Gray is the brains behind the operation. "We know there is great interest out there and that there is a real need for more collaboration in the area of Connected Health. The result should be a technology prototype, that may form the basis of later development. Health Hack Dublin will be richly rewarding for everyone involved."

As part of Ireland's Presidency of the EU, the Department of Host will host a High Level eHealth Conference as part of eHealth Week. Irish Minister for Health Dr James Reilly said "colloborative eHealth solutions are critical in the delivery of a world class health system and offer significant opportunities for improved patient care and stimulating economic growth. I'm delighted to see such enthusiasm at ground level for finding solutions to real problems and look forward to seeing the results of Health Hack Dublin."

Health Hack Dublin is open to all healthcare and technology professionals and will take place in ICS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

To register for the event and for further information on Health Hack Dublin, go to www.healthhack.eu.

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