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ReDI School: Create opportunities through digital education

"We are teaching technology to break down barriers and connect the digital leaders of tomorrow. " Anne Kjaer Riechert, CEO & Co-Founder ReDI School

ReDI School of Digital Integration is a non-profit tech school located in Berlin, Munich and Copenhagen. ReDI School was founded 2016 in Berlin to make it easier for refugees to integrate and find work in the IT industry. Today ReDI School offers free high-quality coding classes for tech-interested "newcomers" as well as locals without access to digital education or a professional network. Additionally, ReDI School teaches soft skills, connects its students with mentors and organizes networking events with companies for a fast-track integration into jobs.

In view of a serious shortage of over 82,000 open IT jobs in Germany (*Bitkom, 2018), companies also benefit from this program. The partners of the ReDI School include around 100 companies, as Cisco, Facebook, Microsoft, Klöckner & Co., salesforce.org, Coca-Cola Foundation, Deloitte, JP Morgan Foundation and the City of Munich (MBQ). Since founding the first ReDI School in Berlin in February 2016, more than 2,200 students from over 40 nations have been trained for the German job market. Each semester around 250 experts from more then 20 countries volunteer and teach at the ReDI School and accompany the students on their integration process.

The name ReDI derives from "readiness" and "digital integration". ReDI School is AZAV-certified (Accreditation and Licensing Ordinance Employment Promotion). In 2018, the Financial Times Germany named ReDI School one of the 100 most innovative initiatives in Europe. In 2018 Handelsblatt named Founder Anne Kjaer Riechert "Mutmacherin des Jahres".

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