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World's largest Ethereum hackathon to take place in Waterloo

Waterloo, ON - ETHWaterloo, the world's largest Ethereum hackathon, will host its inaugural event this weekend (October 13-15). ETHWaterloo is run by a volunteer group of hackers and enthusiasts of Ethereum, a blockchain-based technology invented by Russian-Canadian, Vitalik Buterin.

Four hundred attendees who were accepted from a pool of 800 applications, from over 32 countries across the world including USA, Germany, Russia, Qatar and South Korea will come to Waterloo, Ontario, Canada to create decentralized applications using the Ethereum technology.

This Friday, Oct. 13 Vitalik Buterin will address all hackers at the event with a keynote on the thriving Ethereum developer ecosystem and the future of the technology. The talk will take place at 7:30 PM EST at the Centre for International Governance (CIGI).

The hackers will be mentored by pioneers in the cryptocurrency industry and founders of its largest projects like Joseph Poon, Founder of the Lightning Network; Joseph Lubin, Founder of Consensys; Joey Krug, Founder of Augur; and Ryan Zurrer, Partner at Polychain Capital. ETHWaterloo will be the largest gathering of developers in the Ethereum community to-date. Its mission is to encourage as many developers as possible to learn about and to build decentralized applications on Ethereum.

2017 has been a year of exponential growth in the cryptocurrency industry that has attracted the interest of world leaders such as Vladimir Putin, global investment banks like Goldman Sachs, and countries like Singapore, Thailand, and Switzerland that are thinking of offering a digital version of their currency using Ethereum.

ETHWaterloo will also host a public series of talks on the potential impact decentralized applications can have on society Saturday, Oct. 14 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM EST. The event will be held at Shopify in Waterloo, with talks by Joseph Lubin, Vitalik Buterin, Julie Maupin, and William Mougayar followed by a roundtable Q&A period.

On Sunday, Oct. 15 over 100 teams will present their software to a panel of the brightest minds in the cryptocurrency industry including Vitalik Buterin, Founder of Ethereum; Joey Krug, Founder of Augur; Martin Köppelmann, Founder of Gnosis; and Jeff Coleman, Founder of Ledger Labs. Judges will evaluate hacks based on creativity, technical difficulty, design, and usefulness. The top 10 overall projects will demo what they have built in front of all of ETHWaterloo during the closing ceremonies.

For more information, speaker bios and detailed event schedule please visit www.ethwaterloo.com.

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About ETHWaterloo

ETHWaterloo is the world's largest Ethereum hackathon, where 400 developers of all backgrounds will work on projects using Ethereum that can have an impact on the world. Teams are enabled to make something great in only 36 hours and are provided an abundance of hacking resources including mentors, sponsors, and software.