Labdoo Conference Barcelona 2017

Come share your ideas to spread education around the world!

- Day: Saturday October 21st, 2017 | Time: 08:30 CEST | Entry fee: 18 Euros (lunch included)
- Reservation: attendees need to register online by filling in this form as there will be limited physical seats: [https://barcelo.eventsair.com/labdoo-conference-barcelona-2017/labdoo/Site/Register](https://barcelo.eventsair.com/labdoo-conference-barcelona-2017/labdoo/Site/Register)
- Location: Campus Diagonal Nord, Aula Master Edificio A3 C. Jordi Girona, 1-3 08034 Barcelona
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- For those that are not present at the event, the conference will be streamed via YouTube. Please visit [www.labdoo.org](http://www.labdoo.org).
- International sessions with Schools and Hubs around the world can connect via videoconference through this channel: [https://hangouts.google.com/hangouts/](https://hangouts.google.com/hangouts/)labdoochannel1
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  [https://hangouts.google.com/hangouts/](https://hangouts.google.com/hangouts/)labdoochannel3

Global Progress: 11324 Dootronics tagged 7603 Delivered 1007 Schools 288698 Students 219 Hubs 158290 Kg CO2 saved 120 Countries
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<td>Welcoming Remarks:</td>
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<td>- Elena Parpal, Economist by profession, activist and co-founder of Labdoo Catalonia by passion.</td>
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<td>- Montse Vivero, Founder of Educational project Yachana-huasi in Ecuador and co-founder of Labdoo Catalonia.</td>
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<td>- Jordi Ros, Founder of Labdoo.org.</td>
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<td>Jordi and Elena will make a presentation on “Spreading Education Around the World: Origins and Future Directions”. Conference will be hosted throughout the day by: Graciela Andrade (Labdoo Rome) and Montse Vivero (Labdoo Barcelona).</td>
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<td>Inventors4Change connects children from India, Colombia and Spain, and encourages them to become Agents of Change (changemakers) in their communities with the help of Technologies For Creative Learning and Collaborative Digital Storytelling. The idea is to provide children with tools, techniques and knowledge that let them invent the changes they want to see in the world. Funded by the European Commission, a spin-off of Inventors4Change was born in 2017. Under the scope of the new project InventEUs, newly arrived migrant children of disadvantaged schools in Europe will be interconnected among them and with children from other schools, and mixed virtual teams will co-create digital projects that revolve around global issues.</td>
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<td>Through this project, we are increasing awareness of the vital role that school libraries play in fostering a love for education and inspire other change makers to undertake the construction of school libraries. In the long term, our hope is to create a lasting impact on students. Our wish is that these students will grow to become leaders and change-makers, tirelessly working together to uplift their communities.</td>
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<td>Ousman Umar left Ghana at the age of 14 on a multi-year journey crossing the deserts of Africa and sailing the Atlantic ocean on a man-made boat to reach Spain in his quest for education. Today he studies at the University of Barcelona and is the President of Nasco Foundation, an organization that partners with Labdoo and many other NGOs to bring laptops loaded with education software to schools in Ghana.</td>
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<td>Explaining Labdoo Stories by Jordi Vall, Labdoo Hub Manager in Barcelona.</td>
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<td>Labdoo Stories is a new feature in the Humanitarian Platform Labdoo introduced in 2017 which allows school and hub managers share with the world their own stories. This feature is crucial in helping bringing awareness about the realities (the victories and the challenges) faced at the schools where laptops are deployed as well as the inspiring stories of those hubs that are making a big difference in helping spread education around the globe. Get ready for this talk by reading: <a href="https://www.labdoo.org/content/labdoo-stories">https://www.labdoo.org/content/labdoo-stories</a></td>
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<td>Labdoo in Switzerland is facing a lot of incoming laptop donations as well as plenty of requests from schools and so we have been developing new strategies and methods to scale up our operations. Despite technical optimized processes such as PXE, one of the bottlenecks is the regular sanitation of laptops on an ongoing basis. Our Swiss hub started to exploit the business hype of “Corporate Social Responsibility” (CSR) to reach new targets of sanitation supporters by offering a “sustainable team building” approach for companies who want to help for a better world.</td>
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Invited Speaker: Kazushi Udagawa, Manager of Labdoo Hub in New York, activist and board member of ServeHAITI.org. “Who said volunteering is easy. Challenges being a hub manager but what do you get in return?” Hub: https://www.labdoo.org/hub?h=242

It’s the story of NYC hub’s birth, growing from infant to toddler. After meeting with Jordi and Laia in NYC, Kazushi and his wife Tomiko started collecting and distributing laptops. They were excited to join the Labdoo community but they made so many mistakes and had embarrassing moments. Slowly but gradually, the NYC hub is making its way and the happiness gained from dootripping and edoo village are enormous.

Explaining Labdoo for Cities by students and participants from various Labdoo School Hubs, public libraries hubs and town hall hubs. Invited Speakers: Ferran García, Joan Carles Puig, and young students from School Hub CoLegi Vedruna Sant Elies, Vilafranca Victorina Mota and Cesar Seone from School Hub Instituto Villablanca, Madrid Members of the network of Catalan Public Libraries managing Labdoo Hubs Dropping Points

Labdoo for Cities is a new Labdoo workflow that allows villages, towns and cities to participate on the cause of spreading education around the world. In this collaborative workflow, the schools, the town hall, the libraries, the local shops and businesses and the individual citizens all collaborate together to help bring unused laptops to Hub Dropping Points and then to Hub Sanitation Points to make them ready for schools around the world.

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Agenda - Afternoon

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<td>Young students from Labdoo School Hub Sant Elies (Vilafranca) and Labdoo School Hub IES Villablanca (Madrid) will teach you how you can convert a used laptop into great educational system. They will do a life demonstration of the Labdoo steps required to sanitize a laptop and showcase some of the advanced education tools that it can deliver including packages such as Edubuntu, Offline Wikipedia, RACHEL and the various powerful Open Education Resources (OER) that come with a Labdoo laptop.</td>
<td>It has been almost 50 years since the apparition of educational programming. The growing number of tools makes it hard to be up-to-date. In this hands-on workshop we will discover some of these tools while trying to solve fun and interesting puzzles. Among other technologies we will work with Scratch and eSeeCode, and we will see some educational robots like Bee-Bot, Pro-Bot and Lego (WeDo). No previous experience is required. <a href="http://explorium.cat/">http://explorium.cat/</a></td>
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<td>Join one of these focused groups to discuss a topic around education in the world:</td>
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<td>● Group 1: “Recycling and Sustainability”. Bring a laptop to a kid is a nice thing to do. But how do we clean the party after the laptop life cycle ends?</td>
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<td>● Group 2: “Outreaching and awareness”. We have reached 1000 schools, but the world has 3 million. How do we scale to bring laptops to all the schools in the planet?</td>
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<td>● Group 3: “Refugees Support”. The world is living another wave of humans displacement due to war, how can we bring education to refugees?</td>
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<td>● Group 4: “Software platform”. Which top priority features do you think we should implement as part of the Labdoo.org platform?</td>
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<td>● Group 5: “Labdoo global logistics”. Strategies to improve the logistics of finding dootronics and dootrips and optimize the global tasks to spread education.</td>
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<td>● Group 6: “Starting a new Labdoo Hub”. How to improve the process to help more people jump on the bandwagon to create their own hub and help spread education.</td>
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Plenary Room: Putting together the conclusions of the group debate sessions
In this Section a representative of each group will present to the rest of the audience the outcomes derived from their focused discussions. New recommendations and action items will be proposed based on these ideas to be implemented during the next year until we meet again.

Round table with Ousman Umar, Rudayna Abdo, Elena Parpal and Jordi Ros: “The Role of Education when Saving Refugee Lives”
Despite missing all the necessary support from the European Institutions, NGOs continue to save from the Mediterranean Sea the lives of those who are escaping from a war conflict and looking for shelter in Europe. Refugees’ lives are suddenly interrupted by these dramatic events and that includes their access to schools and universities. What can we do to help them continue their education path? And what can we do to further help the NGOs in the field? In this talk we will discuss several projects where Labdoo, Universities and NGOs collaborate together to help bring education to the refugees and listen/debate all your new ideas to do more and better.

Round table discussion in connection with other Labdoo hubs around the world
From 16:40 to 17:00 we will connect with four Labdoo hubs in the American continent:
- Bart Anderson from Labdoo Hub Palo Alto, Northern California
- Diego Rosso from the University of California, Irvine.
- Wendy Lu and her team from Labdoo Hub Orange County, Southern California
- Cindy, Leidy and Ludwin from Labdoo Hub in Medellin, Colombia.

Starting at 17:00, the floor will be open for discussions where everyone will be able to express and share their stories and ideas related with the goal of spreading education and sustainability.

Concluding Remarks and introducing Labdoo Conference 2018 to be held in Duisburg, Germany

Keynote Speakers

**Ousman Umar** left Ghana at the age of 14 on a multi-year journey crossing the deserts of Africa and sailing the Atlantic ocean on a man-made boat to reach Barcelona in his quest for education. Today and thanks to a scholarship awarded for his outstanding contributions to society, Ousman is studying a Master in International Development at ESADE. He is also the President of Nasco Foundation, an organization that partners with Labdoo to bring laptops loaded with education software to schools in Ghana. With the help of the Labdoo tools, Ousman has delivered educational laptops to 5 schools and helped thousands of students to his native country of Ghana.

**Eduard Muntaner**, is a computer scientist and an expert in maker education. Since 2005, he has been developing projects at the intersection of Education, Technology and Development Cooperation, with special emphasis on promoting creativity and critical thinking in schools in disadvantaged communities. He recently founded the international project Inventors4Change, which promotes Education for Global Citizenship through collaborative digital storytelling, among children from vulnerable groups in India, Colombia and Spain. He currently works in the UdGitalEdu group at the University of Girona.

**Sister Zeph.** Sister Zeph and her educational project have been awarded World Pulse’s Lynn Syms Prize, the Bioneers Change Makers Award and the Gold Medal from New York Film Festival, all due to her activism to help spread education. Her school in Pakistan is receiving Labdoo laptops. “I live in a village of Pakistan where most girls are not allowed to get an education. Girls in my country are getting married as young as 12 years old and they have no awareness of their rights, they have no choice to speak, to take a stand for anything which they think is not correct. So at the age of 13 I took a stand to change this situation – I started a free school in the courtyard of my home and during the last sixteen years, I have provided education to more than 600 girls.”

**Cindy, Leidy and Ludwin** are three young people who were born and raised in Medellin, Colombia. They grew up in two families where love and respect for each other predominated, and where their lives intersected years ago to make their own and very particular family, mixing their different knowledges and experience to run together a non-profit entity called Divergent Foundation. There, they work for helping others on learning how to take care of themselves with projects focused on improving self-esteem and blurring stereotypes through art and education as pillars in their country and hopefully, in the entire world.
My name is Lalngilneii Lianhlawng, from Mizoram state in the North East of India. Hailed in a border village in Myanmar and India, I was the very first female to study abroad from my community. With huge financial crises and society high expectation, my journey of getting quality of education are both tough and challenging at times, yet I feel blessed and privileged to be able to chase my dream and continue my education till today. I was recently awarded the Wedu Rising Star Special Project grant. Believing that by education we can change the world, we are taking the first step by building a library in my hometown, Sangau, Mizoram, India, and are extremely grateful to collaborate with Labdoo team for bringing laptops to our library. Growing up in this underprivileged community, I remembered making spicy-salty water to exchange for writing paper. Textbooks were too expensive for me, and laptops were completely out of the question.

**Diego Rosso** is an Associate Professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department and is the Director of the Water-Energy Nexus Center at the University of California Irvine. Since 2000, he has been investigating the water-energy-carbon nexus and water reclamation and reuse processes. His research portfolio has been supported by federal and state funding, and from a variety of industrial sources. He is a Chemical Engineering Laureate from the University of Padua in Italy and earned a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from UCLA. He is Ambassador of Labdoo.org and of the Water Environment Federation.

**Bart Anderson** is a journalist, a technical writer and co-editor of the sustainability website Resilience (http://resilience.org). He has worked for Hewlett Packard and also as a high school teacher in Silicon Valley. He loves reviving old laptops and helping people get started with Linux. He is also a member of Transition Palo Alto (https://transitionpalalto.org/), an organization that works to “build a more sane and sustainable world from the ground up”. Bart lives in Palo Alto, California, and manages the Labdoo Hub located in this city.

**Kazushi Udagawa** Kazushi has always been passionate about being a part of the global community and enjoys philanthropic works. His involvement in socially-driven activities focusing on education and children include Labdoo.org, ServeHAITI, MSTERIO.org, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of New York, and various local volunteer activities. He has also served as committee member of the Japan’s Earthquake and Tsunami annual memorial events TOGETHER FOR 3.11 since 2012. He enjoys running and plans to run the Lisbon marathon (his fourth marathon) a week before Labdoo Conference 2017. He has traveled to more than 50 countries and loves playing football (soccer) with people around the world. He is an IT project manager in NYC.

**Ronald Fleckenstein** was born in New York and lives in Zurich, Switzerland since 1971. He achieved a commercial education within the logistic field and holds a Commercial Swiss Certificate of Competence. Later he continued his career as a Cabin Crew Member and Cabin Manager with Swissair/SWISS Int. Airlines Ltd.

In 2004 he participated voluntarily in a military run NATO engagement - Swiss Armed Forces Joint Staff and was responsible for KFOR/EUFOR army logistic flights to Kosovo. Ronald wanted to return to civil aviation and joined Zimex Aviation in February 2012 as a Project Manager for Uganda, South Sudan and Indonesia. During his aviation career Ronald always worked in IT projects followed by a training and certification as a Microsoft Certified System Administrator and Engineer. Ronald supports Labdoo Hub Zurich as a Hub Manager with focus on process handling, logistics, workshops and network engagements.

**Frank Geisler** grew up in Germany and works in the IT industry since 1979. He studied Informatics and Mathematics at the University of Karlsruhe and has vast experience in computer hard- and software including programming and development. After managing successful sales and services partnerships of well known brands such as Commodore, MRO (IBM) and SAP he now acts as CEO of ERPsource, a hosting/outsourcing partner and VAR of SAP Switzerland.

Frank joined the Labdoo movement early 2012 and coordinates all Swiss Labdoo activities. He lives with his family in the agglomeration of Zurich, Switzerland. Frank’s Labdoo movement in Switzerland has delivered laptops to more than 80 schools.

**eXplorium** was created as an association to bring science and technology to children of all ages. With a growing demand, it became present in many schools around the Barcelona area as a provider of extracurricular activities and workshops. Behind the scenes, we can find, Marc Guinjoan, Laura Morera and Joan Alemany, three graduates in mathematics, that share not only this common background, but a common goal: to create quality materials for both students and teachers.

**César Seoane Ruano** is the manager of Labdoo HUB Villablanca, in Madrid Spain, and a Teacher at the School in IT subjects. He received his Degree in Computer Science in 2016. He is also a member of SEPIE group, coordinating Erasmus activities for Spanish students and teachers. Cesar also loves programming and uses his skills to help many other projects. **Victoria Mota Campayo** is a student at the Instituto IES Villablanca, a Nursing and Child Care Assistant and an Administrative Technician. Victoria is a member and manager of the Labdoo HUB Villablanca and has also collaborated with other NGOs supporting children in America and Africa.
Vedruna Sant Elies is a school located in Vilafranca del Penedès, near Barcelona, where 3 years ago a Labdoo Hub was created. As part of our activities, young 12 to 16 year old students sanitize laptops and make them ready to travel to destinations including India, Morocco, Senegal, Greece, Uganda and Thailand. As a result, we have our kids helping other kids around the world. Students also spread the Labdoo message to their families, other neighboring schools and communities. Everyone at school is proud and feels lucky to be part of the Labdoo family because students learn that they can contribute to make the world a little bit better.

Share resources, work smartly and efficiently, eliminate waste and help one another. These are the values that drive Rudayna Abd in her professional level. She is now taking a side-step from her career in urban planning to pour her energy into the creation of Thaki. Rudayna’s involvement in promoting educational opportunities goes back many years: She has been a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Educational Counsellor since graduating from MIT and was the driving force behind the establishment of 2 endowed scholarship funds at both MIT and the American University of Beirut (AUB). Rudayna has a bachelor’s degree in Architectural Studies from MIT, a master’s degree in Urban Planning from McGill University, and is a graduate of Amsterdam’s THNK School of Creative Leadership, an executive program promoting transformational thinking, innovation leadership, and venture design to build human-centered systems for a better future.

Jordi Vall studied computer engineering at Facultat d’Informàtica de Barcelona (UPC). After going through all those math classes he took a job in... publishing and filmmaking! That felt like a good idea, and it was. After years working in very creative environments, Jordi decided it was about time to put the computer engineering skills at work and started working at an IT startup. His initial relationship with Labdoo was quite personal, being a childhood friend of Jordi Ros, Labdoo’s creator. Now happily performing little tasks that can have a great impact in somebody else’s life: spreading awareness here, sanitizing a laptop there... proud to bring a little grain of sand to Labdoo’s big endeavour.

Vicenç Hontargas grew up running up and down from the Sanctuary de Queralt between home and school during the years that Mossen Josep M. Ballarín was the Rector of Queralt, from whom he learned the meaning of ‘human values’. Vicenç has worked all his life in a multitude of social projects to help provide equal opportunities to the most disadvantaged people, including the global fight to eradicate the Polio disease. For the past years, Vicenç has energetically helped bootstrap several Labdoo hubs and mobilize goodwill capacity to help spread education around the globe using the Labdoo collaborative tools.

Wendy Lu is currently living in California. She is on Labdoo’s board of advisors and is the team lead of Labdoo California. She has worked in the computer automation field for many years. As a hobby, she also has experience in teaching cooking, Chinese classes and was the coordinator for her children after-school enrichment program. Her love for children education and passion for her job made her decide to devote herself to Labdoo. Wendy Lu is a co-founder of Project Labdoo and was responsible for creating the first Labdoo hubs in Taiwan.

* We would need hundreds of pages to include here all the people who are part of the real Labdoo supporting team. For lack of space, this section includes those that have been directly supporting this conference. To all of them, including those not in this list, our most heartfelt thank you for making the Labdoo project possible every day.

Ralf Hamm is living in the Ruhr area, Germany, and has worked in the IT industry for more than 35 years. He founded software companies in Germany and Switzerland in the field of CAD design for kitchens and staircases. Ralf retired in 2007 and in 2012 he joined Project Labdoo by creating the first Labdoo Hub in Germany in the city of Rhein-Ruhr. He coordinates the Labdoo activities in the German speaking countries and is the 1st chairman of the German charitable association Labdoo.org e.V. Ralf’s Labdoo movement in Germany has delivered laptops to more than 500 schools.

Calvin Shen is original from Taiwan although as a kid he moved to California with his parents where they established new roots. Calvin is a high-tech serial entrepreneur, involved with the creation of start ups both in California and China. He is passionate about the “art of sustainably creating projects following the nature of all” not only from a technology point of view but specially from a human and planet Earth perspective. Calvin is in the Labdoo’s Board of Advisors and a happy father of two wonderful kids.
Graciela (Chela) Andrade is a national of Ecuador and resident in Italy. Graciela has worked for 34 years in The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Through her working experience in the humanitarian field and her extensive international travelling, she got committed on her personal capacity with many humanitarian projects world-wide. With the support of Labdoo, Chela has contributed to the creation of computer laboratories in Ecuador, Colombia, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy, Cambodia, Thailand, and Kenya.

Montse Vivero is the founder of Yachana-huasi (Y-h), a non-profit association created to give support to low-income families with a focus on children. Through Y-h, Montse met Jordi and Labdoo.org, starting thereafter multiple school projects to bring educational laptops to Ecuador. Montse was key to the creation of four Labdoo hubs in Barcelona and with the help of the Labdoo tools she has successfully deployed educational laptops in 30 schools in South America, Africa and South-East Asia. Montse was born in Ecuador and lives in Barcelona, where she is a professional congress organizer.

Adrian Rosello was born in Tenerife, where he started to study Computer Science. At the age of 20 he moved to Barcelona in order to finish his studies at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC). In the last year of University, he met Jordi Ros and Project Labdoo, and helped coding some of the Labdoo components. Adrian when on to join i2CAT’s, a Research and Innovation Center which promotes R+D+I activities in the area of Internet Technologies, where he works as software engineer. Adrian is also the Labdoo Hub manager located at i2CAT, where he focuses on the tasks of laptop sanitation and storage, as well as the coordination of the delivery of the laptops to dootippers.

Elena Parpal is an economist by profession and a Labdooyer by passion who’s been a key leading member to help bootstrap Project Labdoo in the region of Barcelona. She has helped initiate five Labdoo Hubs and by using the Labdoo tools she has successfully delivered educational laptops to nine schools in countries such as India, Cameroon, Nepal, Vanuatu and Gambia. Elena works in public joint procurement for universities and research centers and has degrees in Economics from the University of Barcelona and the University of California.

Janice Wong was born and educated in New Zealand, and then moved abroad to work in New York as a consultant for non-profit and for-profit businesses. She was the principal designer on a variety of design projects in partnership with clients ranging from established Fortune 100 companies to entrepreneurial start-ups but more recently, she has directed her efforts to ensuring that women and girls worldwide have the protections and the opportunities that shield them from exploitation and injustice. She was introduced to Labdoo almost three years ago and has contributed to the delivery of laptops to Kenya, Pakistan, and Tibet.

Laia Planas Garcia is the manager of a Labdoo Hub co-located in her business office in Vilafranca del Penedes. At work, Laia helps other businesses do their work (counseling, contracts, etc.), and uses her space to keep an inventory of Labdoo laptops. Her hub serves as a crucial dropping point where donors bring unused laptops, schools hub sanitize them and deliver them back to Laia’s hub, and travelers pick them up and carry them to needy schools. She holds a degree in Law from the University of Barcelona, a degree in Laboral Relationships from the University Pompeu Fabra and a Master on Real Estate management from Universitat Ramon Llull. Laia has been a ballet dancer since she was a kid and passionately dances Flamenco in her intimate circles.

Institut Eugeni d’Ors is a school in Vilafranca del Penedes that manages a Labdoo Hub. As part of our activities, young 14 and 15 year old students sanitize laptops and make them ready to travel to destinations including Cameroon, India, Senegal, and Nepal. As a result, we have our kids helping other kids around the world. Students also spread the Labdoo message to their families, other neighboring schools and communities. Everyone at school is proud and feels lucky to be part of the Labdoo family because students learn that they can contribute to make the world a little bit better.

Jordi Ros-Giralt is founder and the software developer of the humanitarian social network Labdoo.org. He grew up in Barcelona and went to graduate school in California. As a student in California, Jordi did several trips to the village of Antigua, in Guatemala, to bring laptops and to teach. With the help of many, one initial idea transformed into the collaborative Project Labdoo.org, which has grown from that first seed planted in Guatemala to support more than 1000 schools in more than 120 countries. Jordi has a PhD in Computer Science, an MBA from the University of California, and a BSc in Telecommunications from BarcelonaTech.
This Labdoo Conference is a non-profit event. No monetary donation has been accepted in order to deliver this event and the 18 Euros entrance fee (12 Euros for students) is only to help cover the cost of the catering services. The conference is made possible thanks to many Labdoovers in the area of Barcelona and around the world working in collaboration and with the in-kind contribution of the following sponsors:

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  providing the conference room and university services.

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  managing the online registration of the attendees and the catering.

- **i2cat**
  
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- **HP**
  
  printing the Labdoo posters and banner.

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  providing one stewardess to help at the registration counter during the conference event.

- **Abadías**
  
  providing the conference batches and lanyards for each attendee.

The Labdoo team wants to thank all the Labdoovers that have contributed countless hours to help organize this event as well as all the sponsors above for their in-kind contributions.

*Tag a laptop, spread education*

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