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# Moonshot Pirates and SOS Children's Villages Launch Together the First Bootcamp in Africa

*Moonshot Pirates' first step to empower young local entrepreneurs in Ghana.*

## **The Event**

Vienna based Moonshot Pirates, an organization empowering young people with entrepreneurial spirit, is organizing their first program for young entrepreneurs in Africa. In collaboration with SOS Children's Villages, Moonshot Pirates will hold a 3-day event called a Bootcamp in the city of Tema, Ghana. The Bootcamp will run from May 3rd until May 5th 2022 and is for vulnerable young people accompanied by SOS Children's Villages between the age of 14 and 19. The aim of this event is to give the potential young entrepreneurs the opportunity to meet with accomplished entrepreneurs and change makers while working on building their own innovative idea.

## **Making the World a Better Place**

The idea behind the Bootcamp in Ghana, one of the developing countries, is to empower the young local community and promote the possibilities that are out there. 'This is the first Bootcamp of the African series. We help young minds to create their own projects to reach the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. Once you spark the entrepreneurial spirit in young people, no one can stop them to make the world a better place. And that's what Moonshot Pirates is all about,' Says Simon Rutar, co-founder of Moonshot Pirates.

'The collaboration with Moonshot Pirates is part of our YouthCan! initiative, through which we support young people who have lost or are at risk of losing parental care, on their journey to decent work and independent life. This group of vulnerable young people is particularly disadvantaged throughout the process of searching for employment or building an own business, as they might lack the needed networks or skills. We found in Moonshot Pirates a support partner that brings an innovative concept to help young people explore their potential, with proven experience and know-how', says Cristina Soreanu, YouthCan! Project Manager at SOS Children's Villages International.

## **The Program**

The 3-day Bootcamp program is packed with inspirational and educational keynotes, a 2-day hackathon, mentoring hours, talks with accomplished entrepreneurs and public pitching to companies and peers. The potential young entrepreneurs will experience the life of a change maker and a business owner for the first time.

The Moonshot Pirates Bootcamp focuses on the three main areas: Entrepreneurship and Startups, Technology Trends and Exponential Strategies, Mindset Building and Moonshot Thinking.

## **Exploring Opportunities**

In an ideation workshop, students get the chance to create their own ideas, explore opportunities from different perspectives allowing them to build a good basis to start working on their projects. The workshop is followed by a 48-hour hackathon where the participants get access to several international mentors from different fields, pitch training, and a prototyping lab. On the last day, every team gets their chance to pitch the outcome, their startup, or project in front of a jury, their friends, and families. The final pitching event is open to the public.

### **About Moonshot Pirates**

Moonshot Pirates is an edu-tech Vienna based global startup and an online community with 6000+ young people from more than 100 countries. The organization encourages young minds between 14 and 19 years of age to think big, walk their own path and create innovative solutions for the global grand challenges in line with the sustainable development goals outlined by the United Nations. Moonshot Pirates combine learning experiences beyond school, focusing on future-oriented and technology-based projects as well as personal development. By taking action, young minds unlock their full potential and create a high desire to learn and grow. The combination of on-site and online programs supported by an international digital community of like-minded pirates and mentors, helps young people to keep growing, learning, and to further develop their ideas.

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### **About SOS Children's Villages**

SOS Children's Villages, founded in 1949 by Hermann Gmeiner, is the world's largest non-governmental organization focused on supporting children and young people without parental care, or at risk of losing it.

Child neglect, abuse and abandonment is everywhere. Families are at risk of separation. Locally led, we work in more than 130 countries and territories to strengthen families who are under pressure so they can stay together. When this is not in a child or young person's best interests, we provide quality care according to their unique needs.

Together with partners, donors, communities, children, young people and families, we enable children to grow up with the bonds they need to develop and become their strongest selves. We speak up for each child's rights and advocate for change so all children can grow up in a supportive environment.

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