



## Fondazione Mondo Digitale recognized by Google RISE Awards

### BYE: Build Your Experience

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**Fondazione Mondo Digitale**, a not-for-profit organization focused on the creation of an inclusive learning society, announced today that they have received a 2016 Google RISE Award for its efforts to increase access to computer science (CS) education for youth.

General manager of Fondazione Mondo Digitale, **Mirta Michilli**, said: “We are very pleased about this award and to be able to continue working for young people with a corporation like Google. Thanks to this grant many female students will develop useful skills in the field of computer science for their personal and professional future”.

“This collective effort to inspire our next generation of technology innovators and creators will reach tens of thousands of students this year,” said **Nicky Rigg**, Google’s RISE Awards program manager. “We are excited to include Fondazione Mondo Digitale in our recent cohort of 28 organizations across 16 countries. Our RISE Awardees make up a community of passionate and vibrant educators and advocates; they are changemakers that engage, educate, and excite students about computing through extracurricular outreach.”

**Build Your Experience** is a training program based on storytelling techniques for coding and immersive reality. Experiential workshops dedicated to female students aged 6 to 16 years of Italian schools, with special attention to those of the Lazio Region. The initiative promotes STEM Education and accelerates the achievement of equal opportunities in science and technology.

**About Fondazione Mondo Digitale:** FMD is a non-profit organization. The Foundation is based in Rome and works at local, national, and international levels. The FMD mission is to promote the sharing of human knowledge, social innovation, and social inclusion, with particular orientation to the categories at greatest risk of being excluded (the elderly, immigrants, unemployed young people, women, etc.).

**About the Google RISE Awards:** The Google RISE Awards is an annual grant program for informal education organizations around the world that promote computer science for K-12/pre-university age youth. The program emphasizes participation from girls, youth in low-income communities, and minorities who have historically been underrepresented in the field of computer science. Since 2010, the Google RISE Awards have contributed over \$5 million dollars to 239 organizations across 28+ countries reaching over 850,000.

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