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Code First: Girls nominated for the UK's Largest Diversity Awards

London, Friday 22nd July 2016 - [Code First: Girls](#) shortlisted for The National Diversity Awards

Code First: Girls is delighted to announce it has been nominated for the 'Community Organisation Award for Gender' award at the National Diversity Awards 2016!

The Best of British Diversity will travel to Liverpool's breathtaking Anglican Cathedral on September 16th 2016 to celebrate the outstanding achievements of those who have demonstrated their devotion to enhancing equality, diversity and inclusion in today's society.

Over 20,000 nominations and votes were received this year, paying tribute to grass root communities nationwide. The prestigious black tie event is definitely one to mark down on your calendar and provides recognition for excellence regardless of race, faith, religion, gender, identity, sexual orientation, age, disability and culture.

Designed to highlight the country's most inspirational and selfless people, the NDA's are supported by the likes of Stephen Fry, Adam Hills and Sir Lenny Henry amongst many.

In addition, Microsoft will be just one of the brands supporting a skyfall of diversity talent alongside Adidas, Direct Line Group, ThoughtWorks, Financial Ombudsman Service, Kier, MI5, MI6, GCHQ, PwC, Transport for London, ITV and The Open University.

A spokesperson for Adidas commented "Our objective is to have a workforce that is as diverse in it's make up as our consumers in the market place. Showing commitment, providing support, being real and partnering with authentic organizations like National Diversity Awards will stand us in good stead to achieve this."

British Diver & Television Presenter Tom Daley also applauded the awards stating, *"The National Diversity Awards is a celebration of the fantastic work within Diversity, Equality & Inclusion by all positive role models and community organisations. Everybody who has been nominated and shortlisted is striving towards making society better for everyone, regardless of age, gender, race, faith, religion, sexual orientation, or disability. This is important because you are having a positive impact to people's lives. I would like to wish all the shortlisted nominees the very best of luck at this year's National Diversity Awards."* He added.

Paul Sesay, Founder of The National Diversity Awards & The BEAM Awards said *"The quality of nominations exceeds my expectations every year. This year was no exception with a host of inspirational role models and community organisations nominated across the country. Those shortlisted should be extremely proud, you truly are all winners and I wish each and every one of you the very best of luck."*



To view a full list of nominees please visit www.nationaldiversityawards.co.uk/shortlist, or contact Charlotte Fereday at Code First: Girls on info@codefirstgirls.org.uk for further information.

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About Code First: Girls

Code First: Girls is a social enterprise that works with companies and women directly to increase the proportion of women in tech and entrepreneurship.

Each semester we run free classes that teach 700+ young women how to code. Over the past 18 months we have had 3000+ young women participate in one of our courses or events, and have helped companies to recruit and train better tech talent in their firms.

Code First: Girls is sponsored by Bank of America Merrill Lynch and Entrepreneur First (EF).

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