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GiveBackHack to return to Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio - GiveBackHack 2018 will be coming to Columbus for its fourth annual event April 27-29.

Founded in Columbus, GiveBackHack is a weekend-long event that gives individuals with a passion for community development and technology-based solutions the chance to come together and turn ideas into reality. Held at the Columbus College of Arts and Design, doors open on Friday at 5 p.m.

At the start of the event, an expected 200 participants come to share their ideas and vote on favorites for teams to be created around. Typically, 15 teams are formed to compete for a record-high prize of \$15,000 according to GBH marketing organizer Eileen Guan.

Come Sunday night of the event, teams pitch their projects to a panel of judges and hundreds of community members, where the top teams are rewarded with seed capital as well as the resources necessary to continue work on projects.

“That’s the big difference between GBH and any other hackathon,” said Guan. “GBH is there as a resource to move [projects] forward- not only funding wise, but to connect [teams] to the community.”

In order to prepare, teams are given the weekend to turn their ideas into real products and services.

“Taking the first step is the hardest sometimes,” said Joe DeLoss, a former mentor for GBH as reported on their website.

But teams are not expected to do all the work on their own, as there is no background requirement to participate. To guide them, teams have mentors for assistance, with experts ranging from social entrepreneurship to non-profit leaders to venture capitalists according to GBH’s website.

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After running for four years, GBH Columbus reports to have already given away over \$35,000 in prizes and has many teams still active with their projects today. For further details and ticket prices, information is available at givebackhack.com/columbus.

About GiveBackHack:

GiveBackHack is a weekend-long event that brings together passionate community members to develop sustainable, technology-based solutions to some of our most pressing social issues. We are the launchpad for social innovation you need to turn an idea into a reality. We bring together community leaders, designers, developers, and other concerned citizens to create solutions that will help make a lasting impact.

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