

## Dürr Group supports digital education for children and youths with 10,000 euros

**Bietigheim-Bissingen, August 22, 2024 — The Dürr Group donated 10,000 euros to the Hacker School. The non-profit organization based in Hamburg offers free programming courses for young people throughout Germany. Some formats are specifically aimed at girls and at children from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. The amount donated is the proceeds from the sale of a collection of discarded mobile phones, smartphones, and laptops at Dürr, in which numerous employees also took part.**

The collection campaign took place at all major Dürr locations in Germany. Employees were given the opportunity to hand in their discarded personal cell phones and smartphones. The company also donated laptops that were no longer in use for security reasons. The old devices that were still functional were refurbished by a service provider and resold, while those that could not be resold were professionally recycled. In this way, the raw materials they contain remain in the economic cycle. This is particularly important in the case of metals such as gold, cobalt, lithium, platinum and rare earths, whose extraction often has a significant impact on people and the environment.

Dr. Jochen Weyrauch, CEO of Dürr AG: “I am delighted that so many employees took part in the collection campaign and made the donation to the Hacker School possible. The programming courses help to strengthen the digital education among children and youths and inspire them to pursue IT careers. In view of the shortage of skilled workers, it is particularly important to promote young talent in this sector. In the Dürr Group, too, we rely on well-trained IT talent to develop innovative solutions for our customers and to position our company for future success. The environment also benefits from the collection campaign: Valuable raw materials contained in discarded appliances remain in the cycle.”

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The Hacker School is in fact the second project that the Dürr Group supports with the proceeds of a collection campaign. In December 2023, the company donated 13,000 euros to an inclusive training project of Diakonie Stetten.

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