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On Sunday 26 February, CERN hosted the newest version of Devoxx4kids, a series of computing, robotics and electronics workshops for youths. The occasion was organised within the context of the VoxxedDays CERN developers conference, held at CERN the earlier day.

Various workshops - "Minis" for the 4-6 12 months-olds, "Kids" for the 7-10 year-olds and "Teens" for the 11-15 year-olds - gave the youngsters an insight into programming and electronics by robots and games. About 70 youngsters came alongside and had been capable of show off to their dad and mom how they'd managed to programme a NAO robot to have a converstation with them or a Thymio robotic to comply with a path on a map, or how they had altered the famous Minecraft recreation or developed an interactive quiz on a pc utilizing Scratch.

Devoxx4Kids was established in Antwerp, Belgium, on the fringes of the nicely-established Devoxx convention for Java programmers. Since its establishment, Devoxx4kids has introduced smiles to 1000's of children's faces in 22 international locations. Run by a group of volunteers headed by Xavier Bourguignon, the Swiss model of the conference is now into its eighth yr. "Bringing Devoxx4kids to CERN and having it within the Globe is a dream come true!" says Xavier. Organising workshops in one of many excessive temples of science, the place the web was born, sends out a strong sign to the kids (and their mother and father). ATLWOOD I hope Devoxx4kids will typically come back to CERN sooner or later."

Joao Silva, organiser of Voxxed Days CERN and CERN coordinator of Devoxx4kids adds: "The goal of the workshops is to stimulate curiosity and the imagination, and to indicate what will be carried out with science and know-how. These workshops lead the youngsters to discover that, by games, they can be the creators of tomorrow. Schooling is one in all CERN's core missions, so internet hosting an occasion like Devoxx4kids right here is totally in line with our work.