
FUNDS SUPPORT FOR TRIP TO BORDEAUX

Scratch2017BDX

17th to 22nd of july.

OVERVIEW

Early this year, Samson made contact with the scratch team down in MIT Media Lab concerning the new Scratch 3.0 (HTML5) version. The whole plan of this new proposed scratch is to bring back users from linux since the scratch 2.0 wasn't working well on the linux environment. He got Mitchel Resnick's attention with the lead developer of Scratch to bring the new version to Sugar. While doing that, he got a mail from the main organizer (Joek Van Montfort) of Scratch conferences in Europe, about him representing Sugar Labs to give a talk about Sugar at the conference in Bordeaux which is set to attract over 300 people around the world. Africa is under-represented in the scratch community so they were organizing a meetup for African scratchers -- to prepare for Bordeaux --, hence Samson travelled to Nairobi, Kenya, where he met other people, shared ideas and also talked about sugar. They all discussed how sugar can be used in schools, homes and bootcamps, which his travel and stay cost was sponsored by the Scratch2017BDX team. He also had the opportunity to talk with Mitchel via Google hangout about support for Sugar Labs. Sugarizer came in handy too to those using android, chromebooks and windows OS at the workshop it was fun. Ibiam was one of the distant participants of the Nairobi event, but the main plan was to bring down as many scratchers as possible from Africa to the Nairobi conference, but due to lack of sufficient funds only a selected few could attend -- Samson was one of them -- . Though we aren't much of scratchers anymore, they want to hear our story about how scratch has contributed to our journey so far, so in telling our story Sugar Labs is also part of it -- because that's where we are now --

The Scratch Team at Bordeaux wants what is going on at Sugar Labs be represented on stage, so they reached out to members like Claudia Urrea, Walter Bender but sadly both are unavailable. But Cynthia Solomon is the guest of honor because they are celebrating both 50 years anniversary of Logo and 10 years anniversary of Scratch. Samson and Ibiam were both invited because they fall under representatives from the ["African"](#) category.

GOALS AND BENEFITS FOR SUGARLABS

1. In attending we believe our attendance would bring back our partnership with scratch, talking about porting the Scratch 3.0 (HTML5) -- because of it's features -- to sugar.
2. To increase the number of sugar users -- kids of attendees are a key here --, we will be talking about SOAS too.
3. Do mini workshops within the 7 days
4. Meetup with educators and organization that might be interested in using Sugar/ Sugarizer.
5. Build a strong connection between the Scratch family and Sugar Labs(Scratch on Sugar and Sugarizer).
6. Speak to potential sponsors that can help fund future Nigerian workshops (TA days)

For Samson, his flight to Bordeaux is already taken care of by the Scratch team. I will have to travel to lagos for visa processing which will take up to 15 working days.

What I needs is around 260,000 Nigerian Naira, the reason why i chose not to convert it to Euros or Dollars is that our country has a strict rules at Foreign currencies. But in Dollars it should be around \$824 in Euros 744.72, Pounds 707.9. But he will needing it in Euros

Reasons:

First all the embassy in Nigeria are either in Lagos or Abuja. So he has to stay in Lagos or Abuja for the period of obtaining the visa. This will cover return flight cost from Port Harcourt to Lagos or Abuja. But i have to go to lagos so that i can stay in a friend's place, but cost of food will be on it too. The Visa processing takes about minimum of 15 days, but if the Scratch team request i go to Abuja instead for the visa. The costs of my hotel bills will be covered by them.

This money will also serve for transporting me to the different locations in Bordeaux for the conference. The Conference will be taking place in 3 different areas in Bordeaux, also some taxing fees we'll have to pay before we can leave Nigeria to France.

Total is ~€800

