GDI Seattle / Portland Leadership Mentoring

Girl Develop It, a nonprofit encouraging women in web and software development, is currently looking for new leadership for its Seattle and Portland chapters, among other cities. As a former chapter leader in Seattle, I thought it might be useful to offer some 1-on-1 time to those interested to talk about what it's like to lead a GDI chapter in the Pacific Northwest!

Hi, I'm Marcy. I co-led the 3000+ member Seattle chapter with Heather Wade for two years before moving north to Bellingham, WA about a year ago. We ran many classes and events together, and it was an extremely rewarding experience in my life and career. In fact, I'm hoping to start a small chapter up here in Bellingham, so I attended the GDI leadership summit in Austin last October (another great GDI perk: the leadership training!).

The Seattle and Portland chapters need new leaders. Perhaps you're tempted, but a little afraid of the time commitment? Or maybe you don't feel ready? These are some of the things we could talk about.

What's in it for you? Girl Develop It pays its organizers and instructors, so your time isn't given up for free. The organizing and teaching opportunities are great resume builders, and you have some autonomy as a chapter leader to curate your local event calendar. The networking is absolutely amazing, both with members in your chapter and the greater GDI leadership network (one of my favorite Slack channels, tbh). The connections you'll make and memories of people you've empowered along the way will stay with you for a long time.

I've never felt more fulfilled than my time at Girl Develop It Seattle, and I'd love to see the chapter given new life. Portland is also ripe with potential–there's a big network of women there just waiting to be pulled together. The judgement-free experiences you can provide to empower women in your communities are the best things ever, in my humble opinion.

If you're interested in taking on a leadership role with Girl Develop It but you want to talk about it first, let's schedule a virtual hangout and chat! I've set up Calendly with my availability, if you want to sign up for a 30-minute slot.

Thanks for reading and I hope to connect with some of you soon!

-Marcy Sutton
Former Chapter Leader, GDI Seattle