

Press Release

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Help young software developer fund his education.

Christian Silver (18) has always wanted to end up somewhere in software. Coding from a young age, his fascination for the rapidly developing 'web world' has landed him an admission to Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. Hoping to study a Computer Science Degree, Christian is eagerly trying to fund his education to the prestigious school.

On a whirlwind trip to Silicon Valley last year, organized by Andrew Patterson, Christian confirmed his wish to create software which is able to improve people's lives, a result from his passion for technology. He is always working on open source (free software) projects, recently creating more software than he knows what to do with!

Constantly on a mission to encourage the new generation of coders, Christian started a program called Decode. A collaborative environment where students come together and have an incredible learning experience. In doing so, he is increasing passion and awareness around coding for today's youth. An idea which led Christian to talk at TEDxYouth@Auckland in 2013.

"Yesterday's buzzword is today's old news these days" says Christian, as people are keen to quickly jump to the 'next best thing'. Although he is not criticizing, as it's exactly what he does himself. Constantly battling between working for money and working for the sake of making the world a better place. He is a young man looking for support to reach further education. Support Christian by heading over to his Facebook Page 'Decode'.

If you would like to start coding yourself but unsure of where to start, Christian highly recommends *Khan Academy* and *Codecademy* as fantastic, interactive tools to start your journey. Stressing the importance that everyone should be striving to understand at least a little of the computers they depend on every day.

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TEDx Talk <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rgSwX0cEZE>

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