DISCUSSION GUIDE

Immediately after the film, you may want to give people a few quiet moments to reflect on what they have seen or pose a general question (examples below) and give people some time to themselves to write down or think about their answers before opening the discussion.

**General Questions about the Documentary**

What did you learn from CodeGirl? What insights did it provide?

If you could ask anyone in the film a single question, who would it be and what would you ask?

Describe a moment or scene in the film that you found particularly moving. What about that scene was especially compelling for you?

What are some of the problems the teams around the world identified? How did their apps help address those issues?

What were some of the obstacles that the teams faced and how did they handle these?

**Your Community, Your Experiences**

What are some problems in your community that you think technology could help solve?

What have your experiences been like in school when you are taking STEM classes? (Now or in the past?)

How has technology affected your life, or the life of someone you know?

What is your favorite app and does it help to solve any problems? How? What are some of the basic features?

What excites and interests you about problem-solving with technology?

How might you use technology to solve those problems?
Women in Technology

What do you think needs to happen to make it possible for more women to study and work in a STEM field?

What qualities does you think would be good to have in order to become a STEM professional?

Who do you think would be good to reach out to in your community to learn more about this subject?

What questions would you have for them?

GLOSSARY (from dictionary.com)

Entrepreneur – The original meaning is from as early as the 1500s: one who undertakes or manages. Now it means: someone who sees an opportunity, starts a business or enterprise, and takes risks.

Start-Up – A new business venture, or a new commercial project.

App — An application, typically a small, specialized program downloaded onto mobile devices

Code—the instructions in a computer program. Instructions written by a programmer in a programming language are often called source code.

STEM- stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

LEARN MORE

You can visit: http://codegirl.technovationchallenge.org

You don’t need any experience coding in order to participate in the Technovation Challenge and it is a free program. We encourage girls to work in teams of 3-5. The program begins in January but it is good to register early so you can connect with a coach or mentor beforehand.

If you are a teacher, educator, parent, or belong to a community organization and would like to help a team throughout the three-month curriculum, you can also sign up at this website as a coach.

IMPORTANT LINKS FOR CodeGirl:

Official documentary website: http://www.codegirlmovie.com
Social media kit: http://thesocialpresskit.com/codegirl/
YouTube site: https://www.youtube.com/c/codegirlmovie
Learn more and express your interest here: http://codegirl.technovationchallenge.org