2023

A permanent home in Ikorodu

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Reception at the SAIL Innovation Lab, Ikorodu. Foundation archive.

The opening of a permanent Innovation Lab gave learners a place to study, practise and meet employers. By November, an AI company was recruiting directly from SAIL programmes.

Participation at the May opening

490+

In-person participants since inception

Reported at the commissioning on 19 May 2023. [1]

2,000+

Online participants since inception

The same May announcement recorded reach through online programmes. [1]

19 May

Permanent facility commissioned

SAIL opened the Ikorodu facility to the community in 2023. [1]

A family home becomes a learning space

The Abiru family made its family home available for the permanent lab. Graduates from earlier cohorts joined community leaders and programme partners at the opening. Co-creation Hub managed the lab and its facilitators. [1]

New opportunities in data science

At the opening, the lab offered technology training, STEM education, teacher development and start-up support. Applications were open for Data Science for Society, giving people interested in data analysis a new route into the lab. [1]

A route from training into AI work

In November, Awarri AI and the lab announced a talent partnership. The company hired graduates who had trained in technology and data science. The public account gives differing estimates of hires, so this edition records the employment milestone without assigning an exact count. [2]

Reading the figures

The May participation figures are cumulative from inception to the commissioning. They cover two delivery channels and may overlap. They cannot establish a unique-person total or a full-year 2023 completion rate.

Sources

01 **Commissioning of the SAIL Innovation Lab**
Office of Senator Abiru • 19 May 2023.

02 **Awarri AI recruitment announcement**
Office of Senator Abiru • 23 November 2023.

A foundation for technology careers

Software engineering and Data Science for Society established distinct routes into the digital economy in 2023.

Software development: front-end and back-end

The six-month programme combined HTML, CSS, JavaScript, React and Node.js with cloud platforms and Git. Practical exercises, code reviews, group work and capstone projects helped participants build portfolios and prepare for entry-level software roles.

Data Science for Society

Launched in June 2023, the six-month fellowship covered Python, R, data wrangling, visualisation, analytics and predictive modelling. Its curriculum included machine learning, deep learning and natural language processing, with practical projects addressing social and business problems.

Preparing participants for employment

Technical learning was supported by communication and teamwork training, CV clinics, interview preparation, LinkedIn optimisation and career guidance. The August career fair connected trainees with recruiters; job matching and employer engagement supported routes into internships and paid work.

A programme that would continue to grow

These established pathways predate DigiLeap. Game development was described as a planned expansion in the 2023 board update; the plan is not counted here as completed training.

Sources: CcHUB, Programme Report, February-September 2023, Tech Talent Development and Data Science for Society sections; Third Quarter 2023 Update to the Board of Trustees. Programme detail added in the revised edition of 17 November 2026.

Explore the programme and partnership on our website