



# Lead IT, Lady!

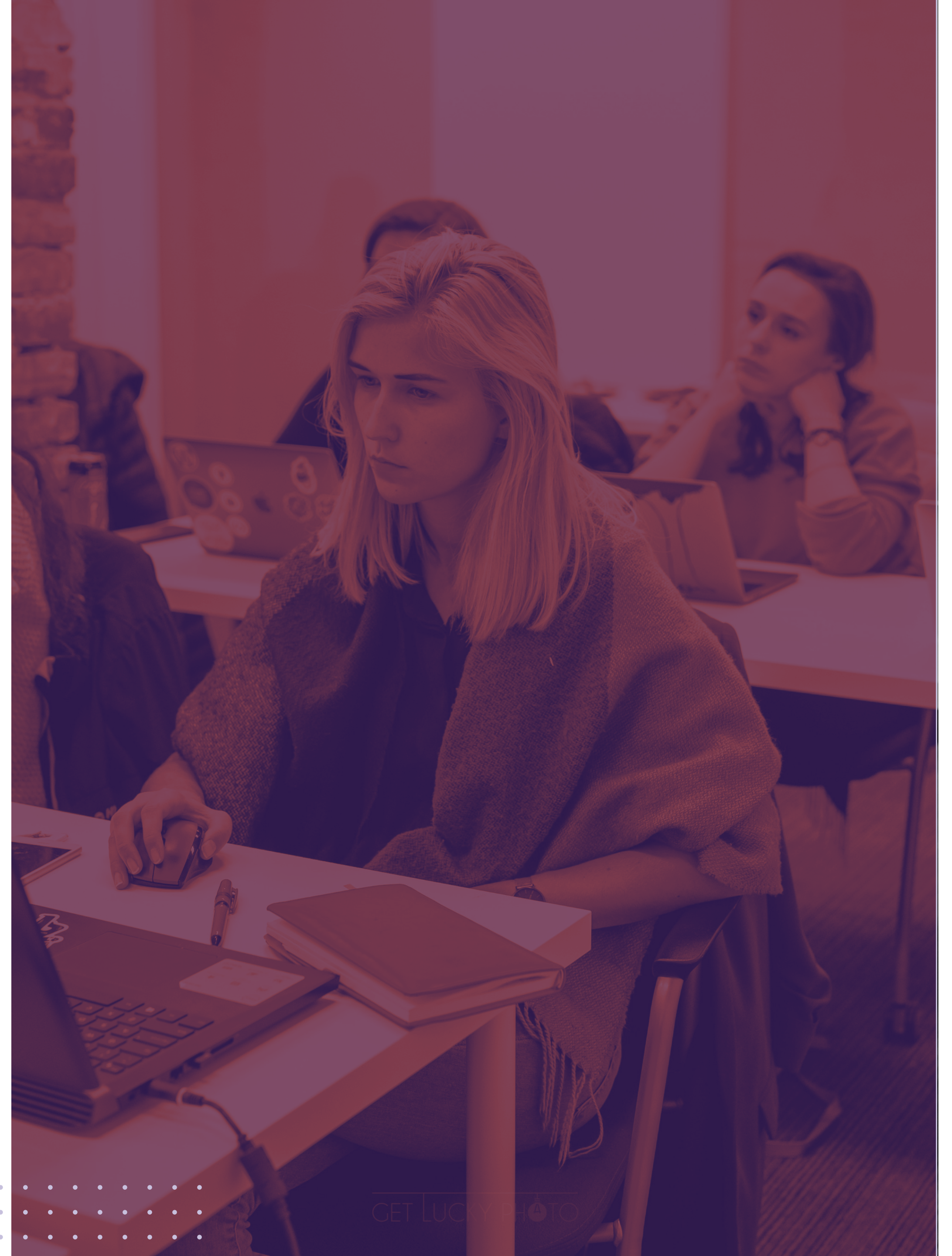
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Technology Foundation



# Who we are

We are one of **the largest IT communities** in Poland.

We bring together women committed to supporting each other in developing professional competencies, preparing for leadership roles, and increasing visibility.



# What we do



## We build an **IT community**

based on openness, respect,  
and mutual trust



## We support **companies**

in the conscious and consistent  
implementation of diversity  
and inclusion (D&I) strategies



## We organize **projects**,

mentoring programs, webinars,  
and workshops



## We promote **women**

in tech industry and empower them  
to explore possible career paths



## We connect **women**

who want to develop their knowledge  
and skills with experts and mentors





# About the project

The **Lead IT, Lady!** program prepares women in IT for leadership roles, **supports female leaders** in developing their competencies, and opens the door to a **flourishing community of women** in the technology industry.

The program combines **workshops** and **mentoring** and offers an opportunity to earn **hands-on experience** in real-life projects.

It helps participants **discover their strengths** and challenges them in various ways to **unlock their potential**.



# The program lasts **9 months** and consists of 4 modules

## MODULE 1

### Workshops

- Gallup test and its analysis
- Leadership, team and talent management
- Goal setting, task planning and delegating
- Negotiation, assertiveness and self-confidence
- Communication and evaluation
- Management 3.0, change management, agile leadership
- Productivity

## MODULE 2

### Mentoring

- 1:1 work with inspiring mentors - practitioners and accomplished leaders
- knowledge sharing & role modeling
- networking and support from a mature community of women leaders in the tech industry
- win-win mentoring - mentors sharpen their own skills while working with mentees and participating in a mastermind group for mentors

## MODULE 3

### Visibility

- working on mindset
- public speaking and storytelling
- personal branding
- forms of visibility in an organization and outside the organization
- creation and implementation of a plan to increase visibility

## MODULE 4

### Hands-on leadership training

- implementation of a project proposed by a mentee
- projects related to new technologies
- topics in line with the mentee's professional development path



# Why **partner** with us?

- Drive D&I transformation with the support of WIT's **unique know-how and diverse experience** gained from the collaboration with different companies across the industry
- Be part of a comprehensive program that **prepares women to take on leadership roles** and results in **positive and lasting change** in the organizational culture
- Be a champion for women in technology and gain a **competitive edge in the job market**
- Demonstrate commitment to your **employees' professional development** by supporting their participation in a **carefully crafted and practical training**, either as mentees or mentors
- Benefit from **Lead IT, Lady!** community and let your employees **gain fresh insights, draw from best practices, and explore different approaches to leadership challenges** in the tech industry



# Strategic Partner

As the Strategic Partner of the **Lead IT, Lady!** program you get

- 3 mentee spots for women from your organization
- 3 mentor spots for women from your organization

## Brand exposure

- Promotion of mentors and mentees on WiT's social media resulting in increased visibility for your company
- Keynote speech by 1 of the mentors at the project launch event
- Keynote speech by 1 of the mentees at the project closing event

## Marketing support

- Recognition of your company as a Strategic Partner and publication of your logo on the WiT website
- Including your company's logo on selected promotional materials
- Strategic Partner badge you can publish on your company's website and social media
- The opportunity to display a rollup and branded gadgets and marketing materials at offline opening and closing events

## Strategic support

- A set of metrics and measurement of the project's outcomes
- Audit of your D&I policy, identification of needs, and recommendations
- Certificate as an Organization Supporting the Development of Women Leaders in IT
- Partnership fee: 125 000 PLN net



# Partner

As the Partner of the **Lead IT, Lady!** program you get

- 2 mentee spots for women from your organization
- 2 mentor spots for women from your organization

## Brand exposure

- Promotion of mentors and mentees on WiT's social media resulting in increased visibility for your company
- Keynote speech by 1 of the mentees at the project closing event

## Marketing support

- Recognition of your company as a Partner and publication of your logo on the WiT website
- Including your company's logo on selected promotional materials
- Strategic Partner badge you can publish on your company's website and social media
- The opportunity to display a rollup and branded gadgets and marketing materials at offline opening and closing events

## Program effect evaluation

- A set of metrics and measurement of the project's outcomes
- Partnership fee: 80 000 PLN net



# Throwback to the previous **Lead IT, Lady!** edition

256

applicants to the program

14

mentees

16

new female  
leaders\*

18

mentors  
and experts

13

workshop  
facilitators

52

hours  
of workshops

680

hours of mentoring  
sessions

\* Ask us how it's possible 😊



# Strategic Partner of the previous **Lead IT, Lady!** edition



Companies we've partnered  
with in other projects





## Strategic Partner: Grand Parade

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Developing and supporting **Lead IT, Lady!** was a real success story for us in Grand Parade, and I'm so proud of being one of the contributors. Not only was the program a great employer branding thing to do to show we are inclusive and care about social impact, but most importantly, **it encouraged women to start applying for our leadership roles** which was a challenge for us before.

Our colleagues who participated in the program either as mentees or mentors progressed in their careers and inspired other girls to step up and grow into team lead and manager roles.



Daria Płona, Head of People

## Previous edition of the program according to **mentors**



**Lead IT, Lady!** is an example of a program that focuses on developing critical competencies for leadership in the IT industry. With a unique format combining workshops with one-on-one mentoring and group work, **the program helps uncover participants' strengths** and work on areas that need improvement.

An additional advantage is **a strong community** that supports the participants both during and after the program. There was a strong group of experienced female technical leaders involved in the program, who took an active role in sharing knowledge and practical advice, greatly accelerating the learning process.

In my opinion, this is one of **the most important development programs for women in IT** in Poland!



Joanna Janik, Head of Software Products and Services at Wing (Alphabet company)



## Previous edition of the program according to mentors

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In retrospect and from a mentor's point of view. I think **Lead IT, Lady!** is one of **the best leadership development programs for women**. There is a lack of such forms in the community, and I think a repeat of the program would be of great value to the new generation of female leaders.

Personally, **I feel fulfilled as a mentor** because during the program I met fantastic people with whom I am still in contact today.



Magdalena Firlit, Professional Scrum Trainer, Agile transformation consultant

## What do the previous edition **mentees** say about the program?

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The first module of the **Lead IT, Lady!** program is a pill of knowledge and motivation, an opportunity to meet great workshop facilitators and other female participants and share knowledge and experiences. We left each workshop with **not only theoretical knowledge but also practical tips** and tools to use immediately in our daily work.

The workshop facilitators are specialists in their fields, so it was often possible to analyze the challenges we were facing and plan an effective action during the meetings.

Participation in the WiT program is definitely a **very inspiring experience that motivates further development** of the ability to work with teams.



Martyna Wincenciak Morales, Scrum Master



## What do the previous edition **mentees** say about the program?

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The first module of **Lead IT, Lady!** was an inspiring time of networking and learning. Not only were we able to **learn more about ourselves, our strengths, and the tools a leader should use** – it was also a prelude to looking more consciously at ourselves in the team. Do we rush into action, or do we methodically calculate the pros and cons of a given solution? Why do we do this? Do we allow ourselves to be flooded with requests from all sides, or do we implement a system to prioritize the tasks? It's much easier for me to put it together now.

But **Lead IT, Lady!** is not only about the workshops and what we got from the WiT community. It's also about the group we created ourselves – I'm talking about the participants. **Contact with other girls is really a tremendous value** for me in this program.



Karolina Skibińska, DevOps Engineer



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# Thank you

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