



**Deirdre Quarnstrom**

General Manager, Minecraft: Education Edition

Deirdre is responsible for strategy, product development and community engagement for Minecraft in education. This includes driving strategy for Minecraft: Education Edition, a version of the video game Minecraft created for education, and the creation of free Minecraft tutorials for Hour of Code which have generated more than 100 million Hour of Code sessions to date, the most successful tutorials in Code.org's history.

Previously, Deirdre served as Chief of Staff for Xbox and held finance, operations and strategy roles at T-Mobile USA and StairMaster, Inc. She currently serves as a Director on the board of Block by Block, a non-profit partnership between Mojang and UN-Habitat which uses Minecraft to empower youth and women in the developing world and is a trustee on the board of the French American School of Puget Sound.

Learn more about Deirdre's work at Microsoft with Minecraft in education:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hI9ZQiektJE>

Learn more about her non-profit work as a Director on the Block by Block Foundation board:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P4MjQy0xLhM>.

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