



## Terri Mardel's bid to create video game and get in Guinness Book of World Records



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"I'm the second generation of gamer in my family - we've always been massively into them.

"It has always been a passion of mine."

Participants will have to make a game for Windows 8 at the University of Bedfordshire on Friday.

Ms Mardel is currently studying game design as part of an at home training programme.

She said: "I have friends who have done it before and I felt that I missed out.

"They raved about it so when I got the email through about this I thought right I'm signing up."

Ms Mardel has three children and her two older sons, who are aged nine and seven, share her love for video games.

She added: "They love it. They are really excited for when I get home with what I have made and they can have a go.

"I have just given birth to a daughter who is already trying to pick up the controller to play FIFA with my sons."

Myra Smallman, course director at Train2Game, said: "This is a tremendous opportunity for our students to work with one of the most respected technology companies in the world.

"Microsoft is a major player in the video games industry globally and being part of this relationship will be incredibly positive for students when they look for employment in the future.

"The students taking part will also be world record holders, a once in a lifetime opportunity."

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