





Youth Engagement Community of Practice Webinar October 12, 2016



Advancing solutions to transform the lives of young people







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Why the Maker Movement?



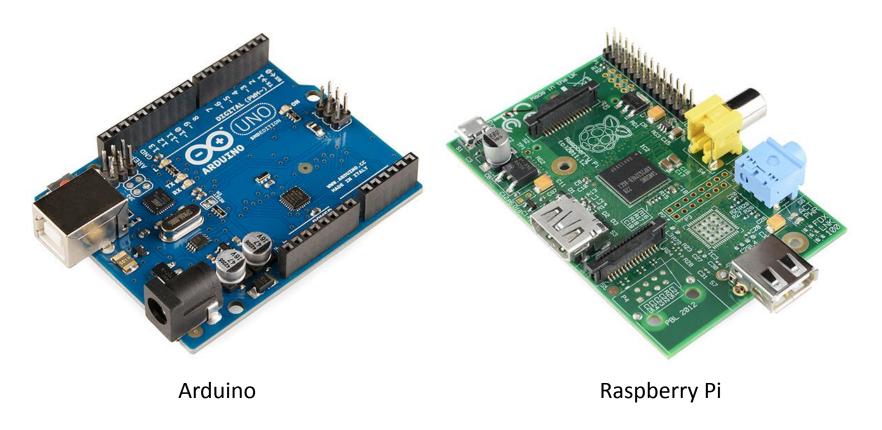
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Modular Electronics





Digital Fabrication: 3D Printer





Digital Fabrication: CNC Mill





Digital Fabrication: Laser Cutter





Makerspaces





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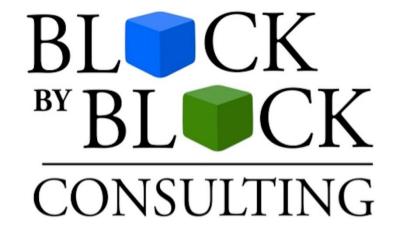




The Maker Approach

- Hands-on
- Freedom/encouragement to fail
- Credentials agnostic
- Bias towards open source





Youth Maker Space



Youth Development is ...

the ongoing process in which all youth are engaged in attempting to:

- meet their basic personal and social needs to be safe, feel cared for, be valued, be useful and be spiritually grounded; and
- build skills and competencies that allow them to function and contribute in their daily lives.



What Opportunities Do Young People Need?

- To learn and build skills, test and explore ideas
- To express themselves and be creative
- To experience a sense of group membership
- To contribute and be of service to their communities
- When appropriate, to learn about working and to be employed



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Youth Maker Space can be described as:

- a social club whose members are interested in making, fabricating, and manufacturing one-of-a-kind items;
- engaging young people in something productive and fascinating, while building their skill set for digital and technological innovation that can even generate jobs in their community.



Youth Space as Maker Space

- A maker space has a physical location that is dedicated youth friendly (barrier-free, caring adults, etc.) space;
- is open during specified hours to its members or constituency;
- usually runs on the basis of membership or a similar way of vetting who can use the equipment/materials; and
- creates pathways and recognition for continued achievement.



Some helpful links about Youth Maker Space

http://makerbridge.si.umich.edu - A community for anyone interested in the maker movement and MakerSpaces

https://www.si.umich.edu/newsandevents/makers-innovators-bookseries-0 - A series of books on maker culture for elementary and middle school students

http://www.tigweb.org/action-tools/badges/ - Recognizing the changes youth are making in the world! By collecting badges, they identify their achievements and display their success







Questions and Answers



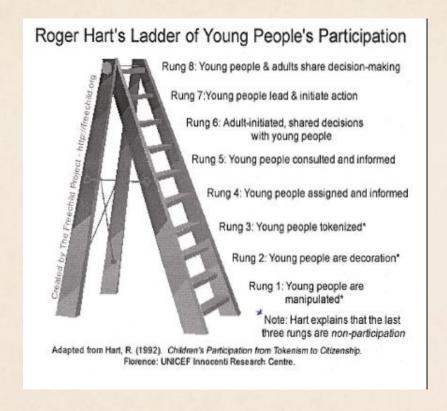
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Rungs of Youth Engagement











Examples of MakerSpaces

- Fundi Bots (http://fundibots.org/) is based in Kampala but does some roving. They focus on kids.
- McBots (https://www.facebook.com/McBots-MakerSpace-1616276608599983/) is in Mbarara, western Uganda and seem to serve a wider age range (but mostly youth)
- South Africa has Maker Station in Cape Town (http://makerstation.co.za/),
- The Makerspace in Durban (http://themakerspace.co.za/)
- Makerlabs in Johannesburg (http://makerlabs.co.za/) and probably more that I don't know about.

Also relevant:

MIT D-Lab website (https://d-lab.mit.edu/).









Additional Questions?

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Conclusion: Resources for Youth Engagement

http://www.youthpower.org/

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