

SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT 2019



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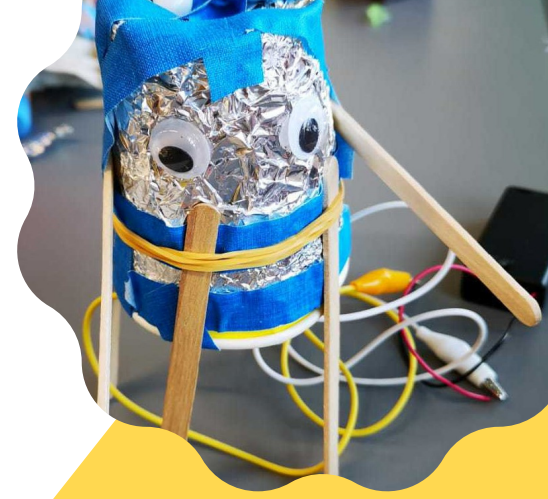
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MISSION

We create sneaky learning opportunities for everyone, regardless of social and economic background, to practice creative problem-solving. We do this by creating playful spaces for people to explore technology, engineering and arts with the help of role models.



VISION

A MAKERSPACE IN EVERY
COMMUNITY

AIMS

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO INFORMAL
LEARNING

REAL REPRESENTATION IN TECH,
ENGINEERING AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

EVERYONE HAS THE CONFIDENCE AND
OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED

Our impact

This year we opened our very own makerspace in the heart of Castlegate, attended 8 nationally recognised fairs and festivals and worked with more than 30 community partners, organisations, and leaders to deliver our activities



7530

individuals reached with sneaky learning opportunities focussed on tech, engineering and arts

21

underserved communities provided with activities

70+

opportunities for
communities to interact
with role models

12

online activities
posted

8

looked-after women
provided with a safe
space to meet regularly

3

schools provided with
role models and
inclusive activities

Advocated for all

beneficiaries in our meetings with the Cabinet Office,
Local Economic Planning meetings, and the City
Growth Board

Maker Camps

"We could imagine all sorts of things and make our imagination"

75%

leave our events more interested in
tech, engineering and arts

.....

80%

return for another event and over half
bring a friend or sibling

.....

80%

have increased science capital
across at least 4 dimensions

.....

75%

learn at least one new skill

#girlswithdrills



154

individuals
taught how to use a drill

13

workshops focussed
on improving women
and girls' confidence
using a drill



100%

take home something
they've created



CASE STUDY

7 year old Aaminah attended one of our Maker Camps during October half-term. When she came on the first day she didn't want to get involved in the activities because she said that science was too hard for her and her big brother is really smart and was good at it. Our team spent time getting to know Aaminah by holding a mirror while she put some Halloween make-up on. We encouraged her to try to put some on the pumpkin as well. What started as her decorating the pumpkin slowly shifted into her turning the pumpkin into a cyborg and adding scrap machine bits on too! Throughout this process we asked Aaminah questions to challenge her learning and teach her the language to talk about her ability to identify a challenge and use her experience to solve a problem and keep trying. What started as Aaminah being scared of science turned into her actively engaging in problem solving and engineering! By the end of the week she was so proud of her inventions that she was telling her parents all about the cyborg pumpkin she built and all of the things that went wrong that she fixed.

Testimonials



"AMAZING!"

- BENEFICIARY AUGMENTED REALITY WORKSHOP

"My drawing came to life!"

- Beneficiary, Augmented reality workshop

"THE OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE LIBRARY ARE REALLY FANTASTIC. JOHN, SUE AND I ARE REALLY IMPRESSED BY YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND ABILITY TO ENGAGE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE SO WE'D LOVE FOR IT TO CONTINUE."

NICK PARTRIDGE, PROGRESSIONS PROGRAMME MANAGER, SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

"learning to use a mitre saw at 65"

- Beneficiary, #girlswithdrills workshop

"I enjoyed making the rube goldberg the most"

- Beneficiary, rube goldberg workshop

**"The children have enjoyed the sessions so much. I've even had a member of staff at my other library ask if you could come and deliver a session to a school class on women inventors!
Your fame has spread."**

Sue Taylor, Community Development Librarian, Sheffield City Council

"INTERESTING, INVENTIVE, CREATIVE"

- BENEFICIARY, FUN PALACES WORKSHOP

TECH FOR GOOD

This year Bright Box Makerspace was awarded the Tech for Good award by Social Entrepreneurs Yorkshire and Humber. We won this award for our innovative use of technology to drive social impact.



AWARDS



Social Entrepreneur of the Year

The Precious Awards teamed up with UnLtd to recognise women of colour who are driving lasting social change. Our founder and CEO Kisha Bradley won the award for Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2019 for her dedication to social change for underserved communities



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