

A Day In The Life Of Guildford Makerspace

A brief look at how we imagine the Makerspace would be used on a typical day in Guildford.

9.30am – A local secondary school comes in for a classroom session to programme robots with Scratch software

9.45am – A Digital Buddy volunteer helps an elderly lady set up the tablet she got for Christmas

10.00am – A crowd of people – students, authors, business people - are now using laptops and tablets at the work stations

10.30am – Rhymetime in the children's library ends and parents come to the Makerspace cafe for coffee and a chat. Meanwhile, a home educators group has just arrived for a code club session and a volunteer is showing someone how to use the 3D printer

11.00am – A group of schoolgirls are learning how to build computers. Meanwhile, a mentoring session with a young entrepreneur is getting underway in one of the small meeting rooms.

12 noon – Both of the meeting pods are in use – one for a discussion about applying for a patent, another to organise a conference on local innovation.

3.00pm – Three local makers are using the laser cutter to prototype a guitar case.

3.30pm – A crowd-funding workshop has just started in the main seminar room.

5.00pm – Makerspace volunteers come in and out. One of them is waiting for a skull to finish printing on the 3D printer.

6.00pm – Somebody wants to start a dog-grooming business. Library staff show them the online resources and make a booking for them at one of the start-up workshops taking place in a week's time.

7.00pm – The Guildford Self-Publishers meet in the seminar room – a volunteer with some relevant experience has come to tell them how to create a good-looking book jacket.

7.30pm – Digital Surrey hold a meeting attended by 75 people on the Internet of Things with a guest speaker from the 5G Innovation Centre up at the University. It's being recorded for members who were unable to attend.