



INVITATION

2017 CREATIVE SPACES SUMMIT

In 2016, through an on-line survey and eight Focus Groups, more than 200 local artists shared information about the spaces they work in, challenges they are encountering in accessing the creative spaces they need, and ideas for change.

It's time to share the findings from this work and continue the conversation about Creative Spaces in Kelowna. This is an opportunity to hear from representatives of three successful creative hubs in Vancouver, and learn about new projects and resources in Kelowna which may help artists and organizations improve their access to creative spaces. It's also a chance to come together and talk more about space solutions which will nurture creative processes and success in our community.

Please join us for the:
2017 Creative Spaces Summit
Tuesday, June 6, 2017
Laurel Packinghouse (1304 Ellis Street)
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lunch will be provided.*

Register at [Eventbrite](#) by Thursday, June 1

*When responding, please advise of any special dietary requirements.

Free parking at the Library Parkade will be available for up to 30 participants (first come first served). Contact Caroline Ivey at civey@kelowna.ca for more information.

The agenda and more information about presenters is provided on the next page.

Creative Spaces Summit Agenda
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks from Mayor Colin Basran
10:10 – 10:30	Presentation: Findings from 2016 Creative Spaces Consultations Sandra Kochan, Cultural Services Manager, City of Kelowna
10:30 – 11:00	Presentation: SpaceFinder BC Rhiannon Herbert, Outreach & Database Coordinator, BC Alliance for Arts and Culture SpaceFinder BC increases the visibility of creative workspaces throughout the province. Venues can market unbooked rental space by creating a listing and uploading a digital calendar, while artists and public alike can discover space based on location, price, amenities, and up-to-date availability. Built by nonprofit Fractured Atlas SpaceFinder BC is made possible through the local leadership of the BC Alliance for Arts + Culture and is free to use. Rhiannon Herbert will provide an introduction to the SpaceFinder platform and answer questions about its use.
11:00 – 11:20	Presentation: Let's Make a Kelowna MakerSpace! Ross Ladell, Software Developer and Local Maker Ross Ladell organizes the Okanagan Makers Group (www.okanaganmakers.com), which has grown to 205 members in 2 years. They meet regularly to work on 3D printing, laser cutting/engraving, CNC and woodworking projects. The group has long since outgrown Ross' garage and in April 2017 the Okanagan Makers Society was incorporated as a society with the mission of founding a dedicated makerspace here in Kelowna. To give people a taste of what a makerspace might look like, the Okanagan Makers Society is working with the Okanagan Regional Library to bring a pop-up makerspace to the Kelowna Branch for the month of June.
11:20 – 11:30	10 Minute Break
11:30 – 12:30	Panel: Making Shared Spaces Happen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Dodge, Progress Lab 1422 • Brian McBay, 1654 Franklin • Minna Schendinger, The Post at 750 <p>Representatives from three successful creative hubs in Vancouver talk about their co-location models, expected and unexpected results of co-location, and how the arts community, government and the private sector can enable the development of shared spaces.</p>
12:30 – 1:00	Buffet Lunch prepared by The Bike Shop Café
1:00 – 2:30	Brainstorming, inspired by the morning presentations, and focused on 3 Big Questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the potential for creative hubs in Kelowna? Are you interested? b) How can the arts community mobilize its collective voice to influence businesses and property owners to get involved in providing space for artists? c) Given high sensitivity to tax increases in Kelowna, what do you think the City of Kelowna can/should do to improve access to creative spaces in Kelowna?
2:30 – 3:00	Learning Circle – share specific insights, themes, action items or next steps with the whole group.