Community Tech Makers: Call Out

Over the next year, thanks to funding from Power to Change, Trinity is exploring how we can support grassroots organisations in the collection and reporting of data. This is done with a view to increasing productivity, reducing costs, and improving access to technology for smaller organisations.

For the duration of the project R&D, tech, and community will come together to discuss data to create an Open-Source platform that all parties, especially grassroots organisations, can use and benefit from.

We will be exploring ways in which an accessible platform can be co-created by stakeholders; ways in which data can be visualised and how data can be distributed in a democratic and secure way.

The project will be delivered across four stages:

Stage 1: R&R phase in collaboration with steering group partners, Trinity team and research partners. Workshops will explore what we mean by 'data'; observations and feedback sessions during direct project/activity delivery.

Stage 2: In collaboration with a technologist and informed by learnings from stage one we will devise the digital platform.

Stage 3: across UX workshops we will test the proposed tech with a view to releasing a beta version in late 2023

Stage 4: all stakeholders will input to the project evaluation

About the Community Tech makers & Maintainers Fund

Community Tech: Makers & Maintainers is a two-year funding programme from Power to Change to support and grow the community tech sector.

This fund is for community businesses, that are focused on community of place, who are working on existing community tech solutions, not new projects. The fund will support the people who support the maintenance care and repair of community tech.

Call out: Community Groups, volunteers and Funders

We are now recruiting for members of the project team across three key areas: Community Steering Group Members, Reasearch and Development Lead and a Creative Technologist.

We are looking for key community partners to be part of the Steering group for the project.

These key partners will help shape the project by engaging in 1-2-1, questionnaires and small group sessions exploring your data needs. Partners will help shape the platform's design through attending UX workshops. Partners will also sign post service users to workshops/1-2-1 and small group sessions. Users will be offered a stipend for this, which will be managed by Trinity.

A key partner in the project Community groups will be able to help shape the tech with a view to accessing the beta platform

The Steering group members will be made up of representative's other organisations and groups that may include:

- Grassroots cultural/creative groups/orgs
- Statutory/volunteer led orgs
- CYP orgs
- Local (within .5 miles) community led org
- Schools
- Funders

Projected commitment:

We are offering a fixed fee of £500 for Steering Group Partners. The total commitment will be between 3-4 days work, which will be agreed in collaboration with the Project Manager at the start of the project. The commitment will include:

- Attending four steering group meetings (1.5-2hours duration)
- Up to one day admin, including reporting
- Up to two days supporting R&R sessions

Project timetable:

The project will commence in May 2023 and finish in Mar 2024

Expressions of interest:

- We are asking for anyone who would like be part of the Steering Group to answer three questions via email to sarah@trinitybristol.org.uk
- What is your organisations aims and objectives
- Where are you based
- In what ways do you and/or your service users use data?

If you would like to be involved you can contact Community Tech Makers Project manager, Sarah Bentley to have an informal discussion about the project, levels of commitment and to answer any questions you may have. Sarah can be contacted on 0117 935 1200 or sarah@trinitybristol.org.uk

Selection process:

Expressions of interest will be shortlisted by Trinity's internal working group. Priority will be given to organisations based within a two-mile radius of the Trinity Centre.