

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: Creative Technologist

We are looking for a creative technologist to join the project and while they will lead the backend design of the platform, we anticipate all design will be in collaboration with the Development and Research Lead who will report on findings from workshops and 1-2-1 sessions with key stakeholders. The tech will be informed by how end users think about data, what data is collected and how we visualise this data. To create the tech end users' behaviours and access needs will also take into account.

We are interested in collaborating with technologists who may be exploring emerging technologies such as AI, exploring democratic data / community tech/ open-source community. We use CIVICRM and anticipate that software may be synced to this system via an API. The Creative Technologist will be required to work in collaboration with team members and stakeholders.

Project commitment

We are offering a fixed fee of £13,000

Key deliverables:

1. Beta platform to improve data collection for grassroots organisations that is shared with the Open-Source Community

Expressions of interest:

We are asking for anyone who would like to tender for the Creative Technologist brief to send an expression of interest of no more than 1 A4 side piece of paper; audio or video recording of two mins that:

- Gives an overview of your/your companies experience and expertise
- An outline of how you may approach the brief and what outputs you would deliver
- An outline of days/timeline for your work

We ask all applications to opportunities to also complete an anonymous Equal Opps form. Click [here](#) to access the form.

If you would like to discuss the commission further, please contact Sarah Bentley to arrange an informal discussion

Expressions of interests should be sent to sarah@trinitybristol.org.uk by 10 May

The intended start date for this project is no later than 31 May 2023.

Selection process:

Expressions of interest will be shortlisted based on how well the pitch meets the brief and how likely the pitch is likely to succeed. Following the shortlist, we will invite those on the shortlist to a meeting to discuss the project further.