

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: Research and Development lead

Research and development lead

We are looking for Research and Development Lead who will help devise and deliver the outreach and research elements of the project.

The role would include an inclusive approach to delivering and devising workshops, surveys, 1-2-1 and small group sessions with stakeholders (groups, organisations, Trinity team and end users). This work will be done with a view to help understand specific needs and behaviours of users. The role will also devise and deliver user-experience sessions alongside gathering evidence for reporting purposes.

The Research and Development Lead will collect findings and share clear recommendation with the project team and wider steering groups in order to help influence the design of the tech. The Lead will be able to communicate complex information to stakeholders, taking into different experiences and expertise, and be confident in making clear recommendations based on analysis of evidence and research.

The role will require someone who will take co-creative approach in order to ensure all stakeholders have a voice in the project with a view to develop an end product that is created with stakeholder and not for stakeholders.

The idea lead will be passionate about community-led problem solving and understand the need to have alternative options for communities to access technology.

Key deliverables:

Organising and facilitating the meetings as outlined in the activity plan

Analysis and documentation, including recommendations and evaluation reporting

Attending meetings with Community Tech Maker partnership required

Final report with recommendations

Fees

We are offering a fixed fee of £5000. The project will be delivered between May 2023 - Mar 2024.

Expressions of interest:

We are asking for anyone who would like to tender for the Research and Development Lead to send an expression of interest of no more than 1 A4 side piece of paper; audio or video recording of 2 mins that:

- Gives an overview of your experience and expertise
- An outline of how you may approach the brief and how you would deliver this
- 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. Please send expressions of interest to sarah@trinitybristol.org.uk

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

Deadline for expressions of interests: 10 May 2023

Selection process and criteria:

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. We are keen to hear from people who have knowledge and experience of working with communities withing BS2/BS5.