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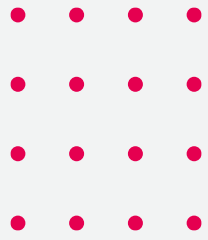


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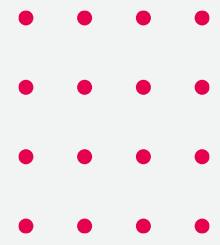
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WE ARE GIG

Global Innovation Gathering (GIG) is a vibrant, diverse community of innovation hubs, makerspaces, hackerspaces and other grassroots innovation communities alongside individual innovators, makers, technologists and changemakers.

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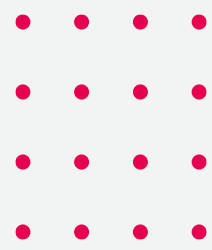


OUR MISSION AND VISION

GIG creates meaningful connections between innovators and innovation spaces, contributing to the co-creation and adaptation of open, inclusive, and sustainable technologies.

We illustrates that it's possible to establish new models of development cooperation, humanitarian aid, and technology exchange that are driven from the bottom up, originated in the global south, centered around the needs of users, open, and sustainable.





OUR PEOPLE

As a global community, GIG knows the power of convening like-minded innovators worldwide to work on digital innovation and digital rights-based policy topics.



170+
Members

45+
Countries

30+
Projects &
Gatherings

OUR PROJECTS



MAKE

mAkE develops decentralized production systems between African and European makerspaces, fostering a collaborative ecosystem for both European and African hubs.



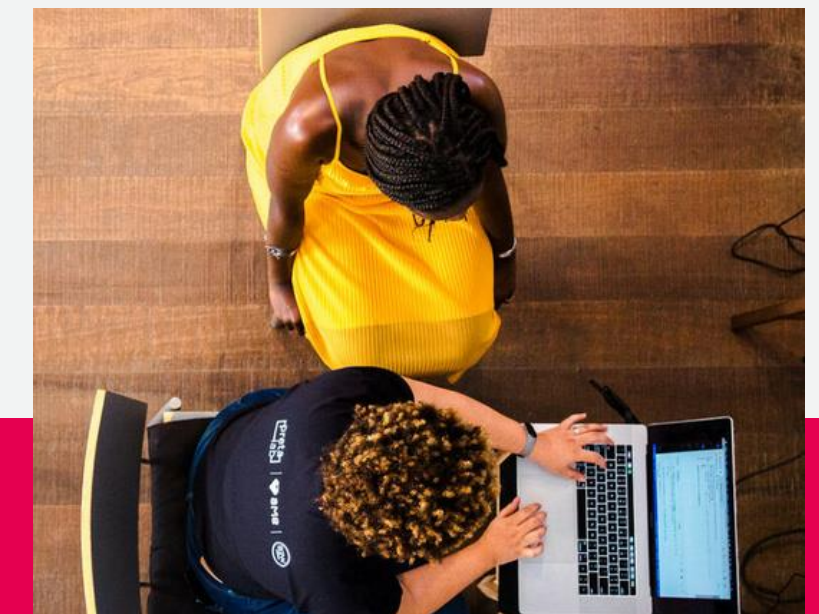
CRITICAL MAKING

Critical making offers scientific insights into socially responsible making within maker communities, empowering young talents to contribute to open source innovation for a more open society.



LABMOBILE

Labmobile is a mobile platform for learning, making, and community building, uniting people through co-creation to forge meaningful and enduring connections.



COACT

CoAct empowers citizens to lead research in Citizen Social Science (CSS), addressing issues like mental health, youth employment, environmental justice, and gender equality.

OUR PROJECTS



CAREABLES

The Careables platform fosters open collaboration among makers, who share their DIY healthcare hardware designs to enhance accessibility and innovation in healthcare solutions.



GIG SUPPORTS TOLOCAR

Within the bigger Tolocar project, GIG aids Ukrainian makers by linking them with global maker communities and fostering a sustainable exchange network with international producers.



ALGO:RACISM

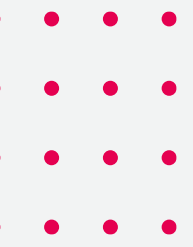
Algo:racism is a co-design lab that aims to create video games and other interactive online resources to raise critical awareness about racism and discrimination in digital technologies.



DIGITAL AFRICA

"Digital Africa" is a multi-platform documentary exploring digital innovations and cutting-edge technology originating from Africa.

OUR GATHERINGS



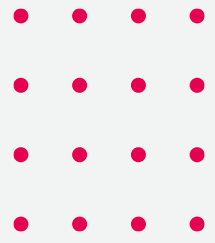
RE:PUBLICA

Re:publica, launched in 2007, is an influential global conference and festival exploring the impact of the digital age on society, spanning topics like digital culture, technology, and the internet. GIG is proud to have accompanied re:publica's journey, as the first Global Innovation Gathering (GIG) was hosted at re:publica ten years ago.



DOTS

DOTS, launched in 2019, is an innovative initiative that combines various event formats to address global challenges. It emphasizes South-to-South collaborations and aims to create practical, impactful projects, serving as a platform for global change-makers to come together and drive positive transformations.



WHAT WE DO

In the GIG network, we provide a variety of offerings, including:

- Access to and knowledge of an international community of innovators and innovation space managers and its partners
- Access to a network of potential collaborators and multipliers
- Opportunities to be invited to, and participate in, international events aligned with our values
- Visibility through events, talks, the website, and other channels
- Support in networking with funders, donors, and other potential partners



OUR COMMUNITY MAP



OUR MEMBERS' WORK



GIG is more than a network; it's a global family collaborating to drive impactful change. Our members engage in various topics, including sustainability, upcycling, diversity, equality, grassroots innovation, health, technology, and more. They prioritize communities most in need, such as the elderly, children, individuals, people with disabilities, those in remote areas, indigenous communities, and many others.



JOHN BIOR AJANG



Base: Bor, South Soudan

Initiative: Ataka Hub

“ I joined GIG in 2018 through r0g agency.
The GIG network is changing the world through its
projects worldwide, and we are proud to be part of it.
GIG will one day help South Sudan achieve its goals
through developmental projects ”

Ataka Hub, improves the school learning environment by offering practical science classes in seven schools, aiming to make science engaging and enjoyable for students despite challenges in governmental education. Our goal is to spark curiosity and passion for science among the next generation.

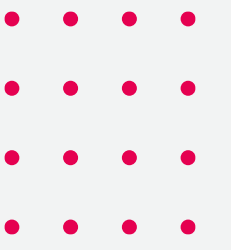
#South Sudan Science Future

PRADITA PRADHAN



Base: Kathmandu, Nepal
Initiative: FabLab Nepal

“ I met GIG in 2016, and I was instantly amazed by its diversity and collaborative ethos. GIG has managed to create an ecosystem that enriches individuals and organizations, adding significant value to the world. ”



Fab Lab Nepal serves as an innovation center, supporting projects for idea exploration, especially in STEAM initiatives. One prominent program, funded by Dassault Systems, focuses on 6-week practical training in digital fabrication, emphasizing learning through doing and embracing mistakes for deeper knowledge.

However, still figuring it out!

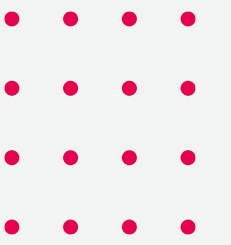
GILBERTO VIEIRA



Base: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Initiative: data_labe

” In my eight years at GIG, I've embraced a critical global perspective, valuing innovations from the global south. GIG's exceptional network, with its diverse expertise, sets it apart in the international landscape. ”



Data_labe empowers favela residents by highlighting their data's worth, aiding advocacy through collected data. This citizen-driven approach boosts policies, visibility, and tackles issues in Brazil's peripheries, including racism, LGBTI+ rights, women's lives, and digital rights.

————— # „Nothing ever continues; everything will begin again!” (Mario Quintana)

GERTRUDE MAWUENA GOH



Base: Kampala, Uganda

Initiative: Pagriniya Satellite

“GIG fosters idea exchange and diverse skill connections. I appreciate GIG's network of experts and their commitment to knowledge sharing, providing a platform for idea exchange. All of these helped me develop my vision.”

Pagriniya Satellite House prototype unites youths from various backgrounds in Pagriniya, Uganda, and neighboring South Sudanese refugee settlements. This space fosters tech innovation, media literacy, and career development through online collaboration. Its broader goal is to promote youth engagement in peace-building, non-violence, and reconciliation dialogues via social media.

My love for technology

GERTRUDE MAWUENA GOH



Base: Kumasi, Ghana

Initiative: Africa Makerspace Network

“ I joined GIG's network due to its large community of diverse people, learning, exposure, and endless collaboration possibilities. GIG's commitment to supporting innovation and impact-making processes makes me want to be a part of it. ”

Africa Makerspace Network is an network of makers, tech researchers, makerspaces and technology enthusiasts. Some of the things we do to achieve our goals, include directing efforts towards increasing our network's makerspaces visibility by featuring them in our magazine .Our goal is to create an environment where makerspaces in Africa can thrive

OMAR ELSAFT



Base: Cairo, Egypt

Initiative: San3a Tech

” I’m fascinated with what GIG does. Building a global community that cares about each other, the world, and does fantastic stuff that impacts thousands of humans it's a difficult task. In summary, I’m in love with GIG! ”

San3a tech's defining moment was after the COVID outbreak. Back then, I understood our impact to the community. Another moment was after the Graduation of Girls Make program, where teenage girls from rural areas felt empowered with the knowledge gained and the resources they accessed. Every year, we learn new things daily, finding missing pieces of the puzzle that never ends.

He who wonders..

RICARDO RUIZ FREIRE



Base: Maceió, Brazil

Initiative: Global Innovation
Gathering - GIG

” I met GIG on 2015 when I was invited to join re:publica among other innovators and researchers from Brazil. I decided to join the network and later on, the NGO due to the huge potential and love I could see in everyone that were a part of it. ”

GIG connects global innovation communities, prioritizing a grassroots approach to international development. We focus on innovation, digital rights, and technology across regions like Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and South Asia. As a Latin American co-director, I champion this perspective in our initiatives.

#Endless Living



CREATE THE FUTURE WITH US!



We look forward to discussing your role in shaping the next step of global collaboration in social tech!

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