



The City of Canada Bay is committed to delivering a modern, multipurpose Community Precinct that provides combination of indoor and outdoor spaces, addressing the foreshore and adjacent open spaces. This facility will provide services and programs for the growing and changing needs of the population.

Precinct Ethos:

In order to deliver a world-class, professionally run community precinct, the Connection will operate in the following manner:

- Provide professional, competent and consistent service.
- Provide, modern, clean and well-maintained facilities.
- Reduce barriers to access by automating systems and processes.
- Be timely, honest and transparent in communication.
- Cater to a wide variety of events and programs run by the community, the Council, private individuals / organisations, and not-for-profit groups.
- Drive and maximise Occupancy through promotional activities and yielding.
- Be financially responsible and manage a commercially viable facility.

Programs:

The Connection will offer a range of programs hosted by the Community, Council, Organizations and Individuals, alongside private activities and events. Including everything from coding and robotics, through to health, fitness and education, and everything in-between; availability for the booking of spaces as well as finding out what's on and upcoming will be available via the Connection's website.

Operating Timings:

The Connection will operate 7 days per week with the Meeting and Event Spaces available to hire on a demand basis from 6am to Midnight daily. The Learning Space will be open daily from 8am to 10pm with scheduled programming taking place at various times throughout the day. The Restaurant (Bare Witness) will be open from morning through to night offering Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

What will be delivered

The overall design aims to deliver a vibrant Precinct offering a variety of activities across the day and a space that is sustainable socially, environmentally and financially.

The Connection will provide; spaces for the whole community to undertake a range of activities, incorporating ecological sustainable design principles and a mix of community and income generating uses to assist operating costs, assisting in ensuring the Precinct is financially sustainable.

Types of Events:

Some of the events that The Connection is suitable to host include:

- Weddings, Engagement or Birthday Parties.
- Catered Events (ie: Dinners, Social Gathering, Awards Night).
- Graduation Ceremonies / School Speech Nights.
- Church Groups / Event.
- Conferences / Meetings, Trade Shows / Exhibitions, Seminars / Training.
- Cocktail / Networking Events.
- Performance / Rehearsal (Musical / Theatre).
- Health, Fitness & Wellness Program (ie: yoga, karate, Pilates, Dance).
- Education / Tutorial.
- Playgroup / Holiday Care / After-School Care / Parents Club.
- Gallery Exhibitions.
- Programing (ie: robotics, printing, digital learning).

The Learning Space

Dedicated learning facility housing state of the art digital equipment, Creative Studio, Digital Classroom and flexible open community space, featuring hosted programs and events.

- Studio 1 – perfect for classroom style programs and learning.
- Studio 2 – ideal for photography, video and music creation.
- Digital Classroom – for private study in a shared environment.
- Open Space – open air space for informal meetings.
- Digital Gallery – high-tech gallery featuring changing artists.

The Meeting Space

4 small, self-service meeting rooms that can be adapted to a variety of uses or combined to create larger rooms, including a deck / outdoor area and automated access.

- Meeting Room 1 – can be used for medium-sized meetings, events and activity classes.
- Meeting Room 2 or 3 – both rooms (same size) are perfect for small meetings, activities, events, trainings or seminars.
- Activity Room – suited for children’s activities and events.



Bare Witness

A full service all-day dining restaurant open from breakfast through to dinner, featuring outdoor seating, show kitchen, waterviews, and serving locally sourced modern Australian cuisine, craft beer and wine in a relaxed environment.

This is a leased-out Concessionaire, but who will partner with the Venue to provide catering to the other Spaces.

The Event Space

Featuring waterviews and outdoor deck, 2 large multi-purpose / event rooms that can be combined to create a conference or event space that can accommodate over 300 people. Includes a preparation-kitchen and bar area and equipment.

Catering to large events including weddings, social gatherings, church groups, conferences, exhibitions, meetings, seminars and more.

Capacity* / Layouts:

Building	Room	m ²	Cocktail	Theatre	Classroom	U-Shaped	Hollow Square	Boardroom	Cabaret	Banquet
The Learning Space	Studio 1	28	25	27	15	8	11	8	15	21
	Studio 2	28	25	27	15	8	11	8	15	21
	Digital Classroom	81	75	77	43	24	32	23	43	61
	Open Space	291	270							
	Digital Gallery	86	80							
The Meeting Space	Meeting Room 1	38	35	36	20	11	15	11	20	29
	Meeting Room 2	30	27	28	15	9	12	8	15	22
	Meeting Room 3	30	29	29	16	9	12	9	16	23
	Activity Area	64	60	61	34	19	26	19	34	48
The Event Space	Event Space 1	152	141	144	81	46	61	44	80	114
	Event Space 2	209	194	199	111	63	84	61	110	157
	Combined	441	410	419	234	132	176	128	232	331

* Please note that the above listed square metres and capacities are indicative only, and may be subject to confirmation or revision upon completion of construction.

Fees & Charges:

Category 1 - Private Organisation / Individual

Category 2 - Not-For-Profit Organisation

Building	Room	Category 1 - Private Organisation / Individual				Category 2 - Not-For-Profit Organisation			
		Mon - Fri 09:00 - 17:00	Sun - Thu 17:00 - 23:00	Fri - Sat 17:00 - 23:00	Sat - Sun, Public Holidays 09:00 - 17:00	Mon - Fri 09:00 - 17:00	Sun - Thu 17:00 - 23:00	Fri - Sat 17:00 - 23:00	Sat - Sun, Public Holidays 09:00 - 17:00
The Learning Space	Studio 1	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
	Studio 2	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
	Digital Classroom	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
The Meeting Space	Meeting Room 1	\$48	\$52	\$67	\$59	\$29	\$31	\$40	\$36
	Meeting Room 2	\$40	\$44	\$56	\$50	\$24	\$26	\$34	\$30
	Meeting Room 3	\$40	\$44	\$56	\$50	\$24	\$26	\$34	\$30
	Activity Area	\$50	\$55	\$70	\$63	\$30	\$33	\$42	\$38

The Event Space Please note that rates for the Event Space are available upon request and will be dependent on the type of event, number of guests and other special requirements.

Category 1 - Private Organisation / Individual

Any organisations (including Federal / State Governments) that operate their business with the purpose to generate revenue, and whose event may or may not contribute to that goal of revenue generation, and is booked for or on behalf of that organisation.

A group or individual who, whilst their event is has no revenue generation purposes, is holding a private activity (ie: wedding, reception, dinner, meeting, cocktail, etc.).

Category 2 - Not-For-Profit Organisation

Any organisation that does not operate in order to derive any profit, personal gain or benefits from its operation and whose purpose is to benefit the community through its activities. This includes charities and community organisations, both of which may aim to raise funds of which are spent appropriately on benefitting the wider community. Must provide Council with a copy of their letter of Incorporation or evidence of non-profit status.

All rates are per hour. As fees are already heavily subsidized, no further discounts are available.

Meeting Rooms		Bond		Event Space Party Fee	Elections Hire Fee (Full Day)	Security Staff Hire Fee (per Hour)	Additional Cleaning Fee (per Hour)	Council Management Hire Fee	Non-Insurance Fee
Private	Not-For-Profit	All Users							
\$600	\$300	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,100	\$75	\$100	\$60	\$30	

Terms & Conditions:

Terms & Conditions for booking The Connection will be applicable to all parties wishing to book a space at The Connection and will include the following:

- Obligations of the Hirer
- Payment / Fee Schedule
- Insurance Requirements
- Cancellation Policy
- Bond Requirements
- Access
- Alcohol / RSA Policies
- Cleaning Requirements
- Security / Crowd Control Requirements
- Noise Restrictions
- Alarm Procedures
- Charges due to breaches

Equipment:

Learning Space

Wi-Fi, HDMI input, 3D Printing, A0 Plotter, Die-Cutter, Sound Recording and Rehearsal capabilities, Photography and Video Studio Equipment, Robotics and Electronics. Complimented by a digital control system, computer terminals with the latest software, ceiling mounted Projectors and drop-down screens, Digital Art Presentation Wall, and standard AV capabilities.

Event Space / Meeting Space

Digitally controlled audio and lighting system, ceiling mounted Projectors and drop-down screens, wireless microphones, adjustable lighting, HDMI and AV input, and sound-proof operable walls. Banquet equipment including chinaware, cutlery, glassware, serving equipment and utensils, tables and chairs, mobile stage, dancefloor, and basic kitchen equipment.

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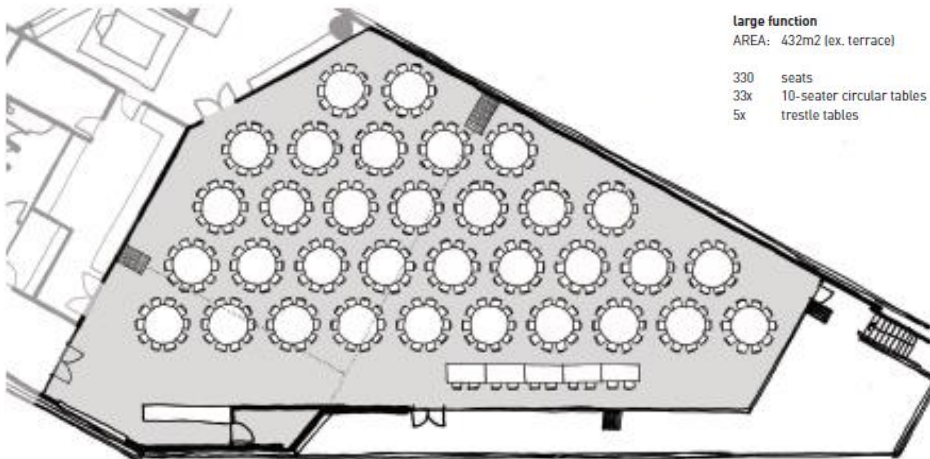
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Banquet / Sit-Down Function



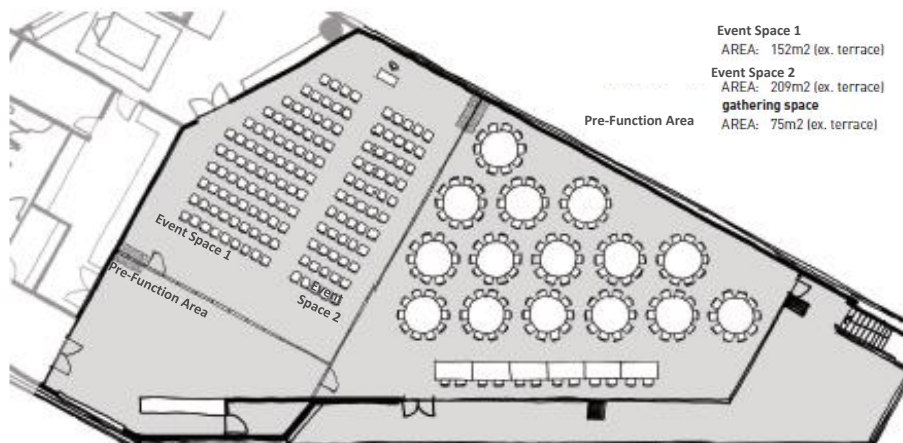
Large function
AREA: 432m² (ex. terrace)

330 seats
33x 10-seater circular tables
5x trestle tables

The Event Space is a blank canvas upon which you can create the perfect event. Whether it be a Gala Dinner, your Wedding, a business Conference, a large Meeting and beyond; The Event Space is the ideal location.

A brand new, state of the art venue; conveniently located with ample access to public transport, retail and other amenities; waterfronts, external deck, park, amphitheatre and overwater pontoon – The Connection is only limited by your ambition.

Multiple Functions



Event Space 1
AREA: 152m² (ex. terrace)

Event Space 2
AREA: 209m² (ex. terrace)

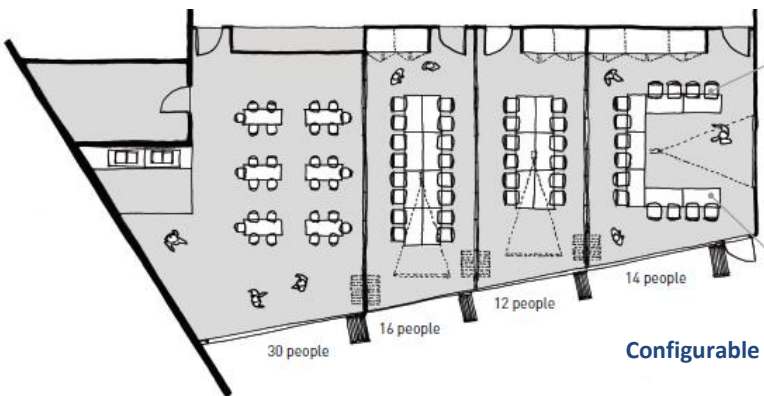
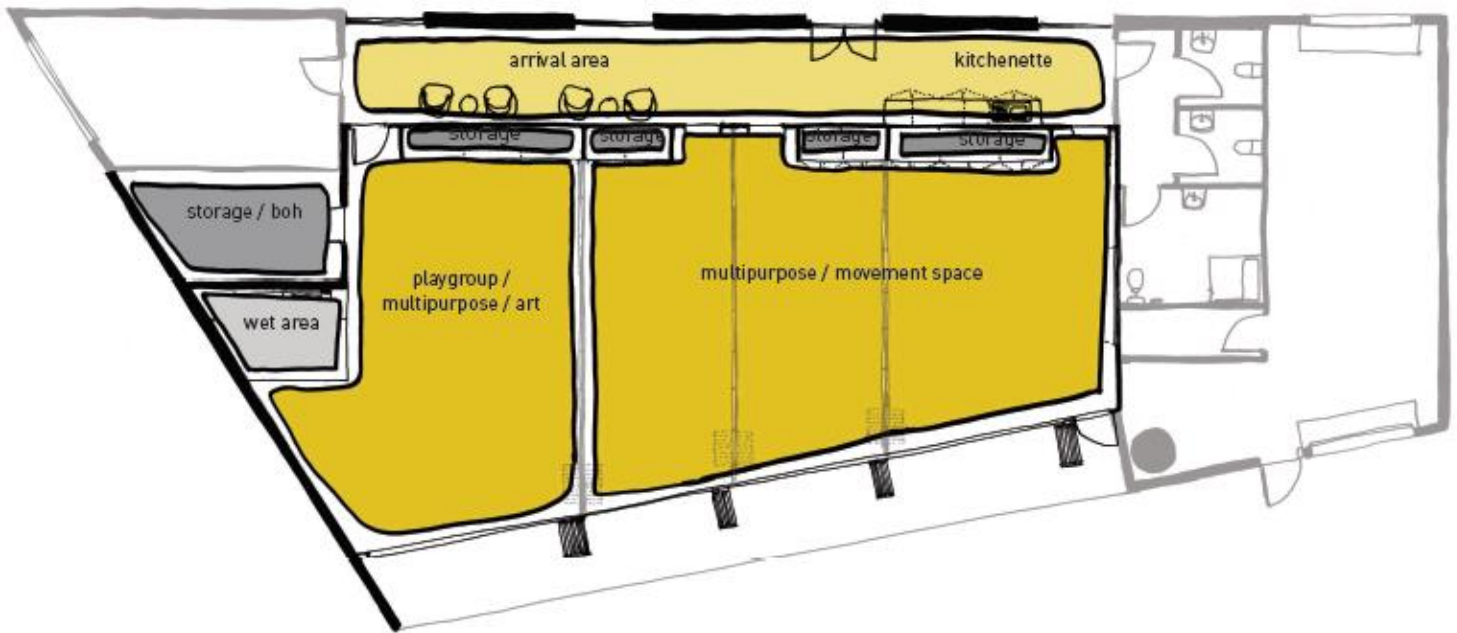
gathering space
AREA: 75m² (ex. terrace)

Pre-Function Area

The Event Space includes all of the expected equipment and facilities of a 5 star event space, including a preparation kitchen, bar, banquet tables & chairs, tableware, meeting equipment, stage and dancefloor.

In-built state of the art AV backed by experienced technicians will ensure that your event is hassle free.

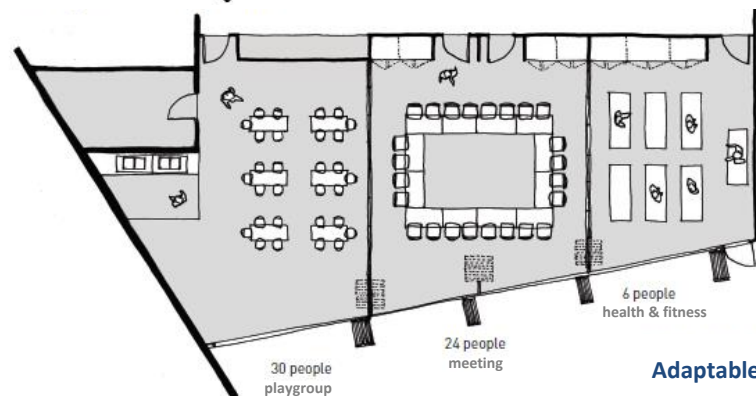
Managed by an experienced team of dedicated individuals and partner suppliers; there is no event or idea to grand that we can't accomplish.



Suitability

The Meeting Space will cater to individuals, groups and organizations who require small to medium sized meeting rooms, either for self-service use or catered by The Connection.

From privately run activities to fully catered and serviced events, The Meeting Space will appeal to both Hirers who only require room hire, through to those who want all the bells and whistles – with the team at The Connection poised to service the entire spectrum.

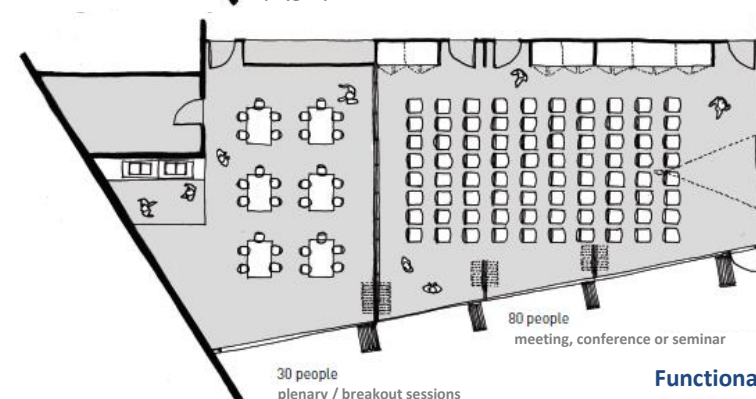


Accessibility

Via a newly developed online booking portal, Hirers will be able to book, pay and receive access to The Meeting Space at a moments notice.

Service

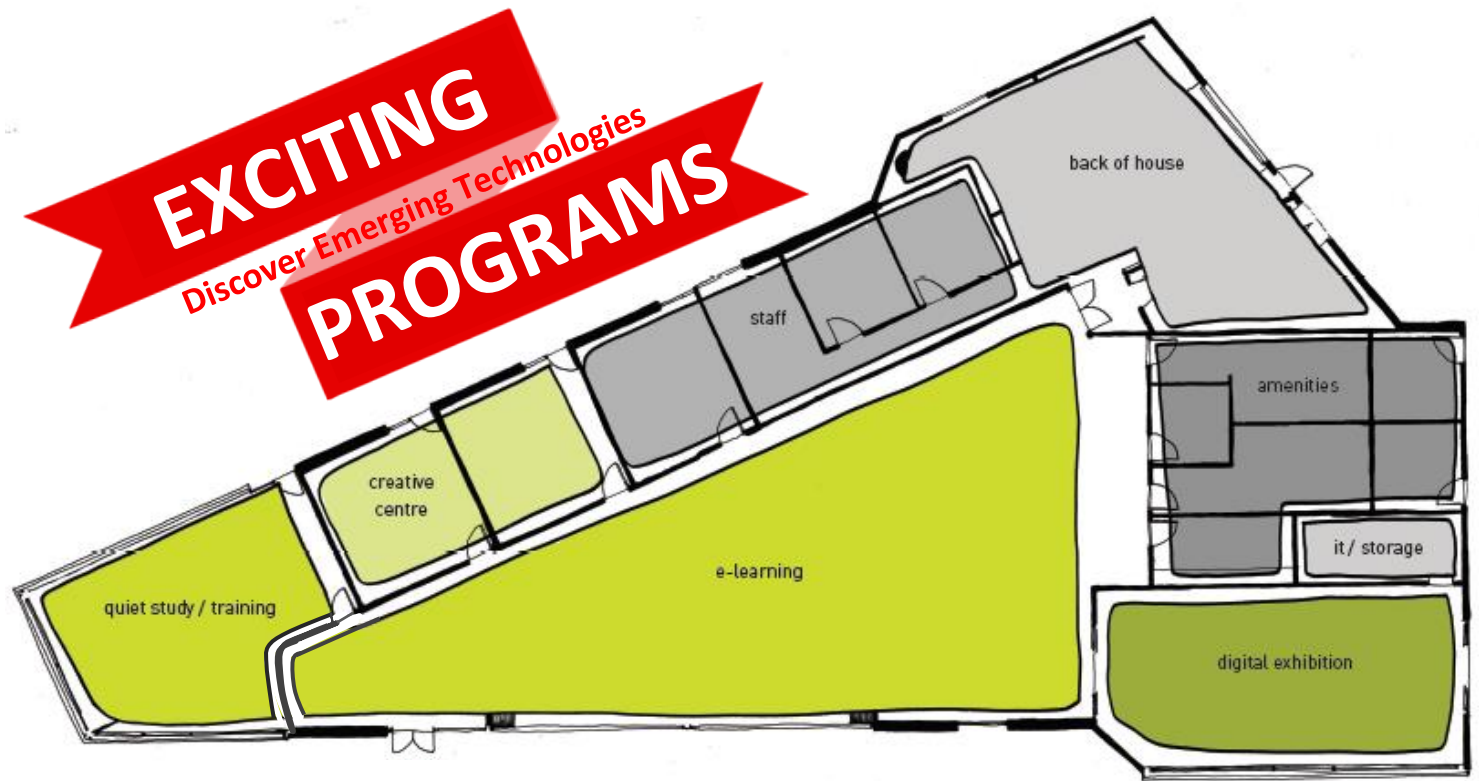
Whether you run your event yourself or require a little more assistance; The Connection is able to meet your needs. A dedicated Venue Management Team partnering with experienced providers in Catering, Service Staff, Audio Visual and more.



Capability

- Ability to divide or combine rooms to cater up to 150 people.
- External deck and enclosed landscaped garden suitable for private events and childrens activities.
- Drop down-projectors, screens, integrated AV systems with independent room operation of lighting and audio.
- Wifi, HDMI, USB, AV and Audio inputs.
- Suite of equipment including banquet tables & chairs, tableware, and meeting equipment.

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For the Community

The Learning Space provides a vibrant and welcoming space to gather, study, meet and work. The staff and facilities support learning, creativity, innovation, and community. Operated by City of Canada Bay Libraries, facilities include high speed Wi-Fi, printing, 3d printing, A0 plotter, die cutter, sound recording and rehearsal capabilities, photography and video studio equipment, robotics and electronics. It features large scale artworks by **Lu Xinjian in the open space.**

The Digital Gallery

The Digital Gallery is Sydney's newest exhibition space for video, sound, and digital art. The Digital Gallery is 86sqm and forms the main entry to The Learning Space. It features a fantastic digital art presentation wall with 8 large screen LCD panels, an AV presentation projection wall, and an integrated sound system, with hearing augmentation. Keep an eye on this space as we present work by some of Sydney's premier media artist in a program curated by dLux Media Arts, alongside work created by our own community.

Facilities for Hire

These spaces are great for workshops, courses and creative production. They feature fully integrated AV systems, high speed wifi.

Studio 1 – 24sqm, this is a flexible creative space that can be configured as a photo studio with backdrops and lighting, or with music rehearsal and recording equipment.

Studio 2 – 24sqm, this space is great for hands-on workshops, meetings, and group sessions.

Digital Classroom – featuring an interactive whiteboard, this space seats up to 20 people in classroom mode.

Programs & Workshops

Workshops for everyone in 3D printing, CAD design, robotics, circuit bending, coding, photography, digital video, music production and more! Hands-on and with a technology focus, our team of artists, engineers, and community learning experts explore the ideas and technologies that are shaping our world in these workshops. Drop in and take part in one of our *Let's Make!* sessions, make a booking to join us in an adult skills workshop, or book your children into our *Kids Make!* school holidays and after school programs. There's something for every age and every skill level.

