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CT Hackerspace and area makerspaces invited to national White House Meeting

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy held a meeting for hackerspace and makerspace organizers on Aug. 24 in Washington, D.C., helping them understand federal government support and also developing collaborative networks of spaces across the U.S.

Over 150 space organizers attended. Bill Saturno, co-founder and president of CT Hackerspace, along with colleagues of some neighboring Connecticut makerspaces, were among those invited to discuss these emerging centers of innovation. Saturno has worked to help other Connecticut groups with similar aspirations get started and promote growth. CT Hackerspace is among the largest and oldest hackerspaces in Connecticut.

A "makerspace" or "hackerspace" is a community space where people can work together, share ideas and use shared equipment and space to design and build projects together. Bill Saturno explains that CT Hackerspace's talent and resources are available to anyone in the community at scheduled public times and encourages membership to those who wish to become more involved. "People join for access to tools and talent. They stay for the great community CT Hackerspace offers. One of the greatest advantages to working together is when individuals from different backgrounds share their knowledge, new ideas and solutions that combine those experiences can be found."

The Hackerspace / Makerspace concept has gained support from numerous government agencies for its connection to workforce development, innovation, manufacturing, and contributions to tomorrow's game changers and the next disruptive technology.

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