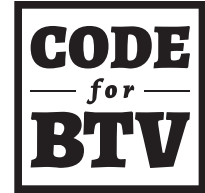


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Burlington to Participate in National Day of Civic Hacking

Civic Hackers Will Work Together to Improve Their Neighborhoods and Communities Through Technology

BURLINGTON, Vt., May 20, 2014 – Burlington will be one of more than 100 cities participating in National Day of Civic Hacking on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1. Organized by Code for BTV and hosted at Generator, the Burlington event will bring together software developers, technology integrators, designers, makers and civic hackers to improve their neighborhoods and communities through technology.

National Day of Civic Hacking participants don't need to be experts to contribute; they just have to care about their neighborhoods and communities. Burlington's National Day of Civic Hacking will be a non-competitive hackathon focused on collaboration. Participants at Burlington's event will work on projects in the following areas:

- Food Systems & Agriculture
- Renewable & Sustainable Energy
- Arts & Culture
- Human-powered Recreation

"I'm excited that Burlington's National Day of Civic Hacking will be at Generator this year. This will be a great opportunity to connect the civic hacking and the maker movements, which have much in common. Like civic hacking, the maker movement is rooted in the idea that individuals, working together, can build the technology, tools and creative works used in our everyday lives."

—Bradley Holt, Code for America Brigade Captain with Code for BTV

"Generator is honored to be the host of this year's National Day of Civic Hacking in Burlington. Great things are happening in Burlington today around the creative economy and defining Burlington's niche in the new economy. It is really wonderful for Generator to engage with the energy and commitment of Bradley, Jason, and the entire gang from Code for BTV. We at Generator see this as the beginning of a long and mutually beneficial relationship with Code for BTV."

—Michael Metz, Generator

Last year, National Day of Civic Hacking in Burlington drew a crowd of 50 civic hackers who worked on a variety of projects for civic organizations (both governmental and non-governmental). The event also marked the launch of Code for BTV, a Code for America Brigade.

This year, 120 events are planned in 102 cities. A total of 44 Code for America Brigades will be participating in National Day of Civic Hacking. Thousands of civic hackers from around the world are expected to participate.

Code for BTV will also be hosting an event preview on Tuesday, May 27 at 5:30PM at Fletcher Free Library, and a birthday celebration on the Burlington waterfront starting after the first day of National Day of Civic Hacking on Saturday, May 31. More information about these events is available on the Code for BTV website.

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About Code for BTV

Code for BTV is a Code for America Brigade that facilitates sustainable collaborations on civic software and open data projects between coders, designers, and organizations (both governmental and non-governmental) in the greater Burlington, Vermont area. We host events for civic hackers to come together and work on building and reusing civic apps and support open data initiatives.

About Generator

Generator, Burlington's new Maker Space, is a combination of artist studio, classroom and business incubator focused on the act of making things. Generator exists at the intersection of art, science and technology, and as such creates a community of collaboration between artists, engineers, entrepreneurs, and artisans. Makers of all kinds, novice or professional, can sign up for membership, rent a studio space or take a class. Generator's objective is to foster a hybrid hive of activity that creates a fertile environment for innovation, creativity and idea fulfillment. More at: generatorvt.com

