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THE 2019 CENSUS IS HERE! THROUGH MARCH 24, 2019

As part of the Fab Foundation Forum initiative to better understand and respond to the needs of the rapidly growing Fab Lab Network, Fab Foundation wants to gather basic data on all active Fab Labs.

In the coming months, the data collected through this census will become available for download from the Fab Foundation website, along with an annual report that we hope will be useful to both existing and new/planned Fab Labs, to help support their funding and management efforts.

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[SCOPESDF.org](#) is dedicated to educators working with primary and secondary school students who want to leverage digital fabrication for STEM learning.

Scaling a Community of Practice for Education in STEM through Digital Fabrication (SCOPES-DF) is our answer to the call for quality, standards-aligned, digital fabrication curriculum. The goal is to develop a community of practice to learn with and from as we use digital fabrication to ignite student learning.

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NEWS



Click on the video above to check out Fab Lass's inspiring lecture from one of our sponsors' big events, SOLIDWORKS World 2019! Inviting the next generation of makers, doers, and innovators who want to create things that make a difference, SOLIDWORKS World 2019 was a collective experience designed to inspire and activate everyone's capacity to bring ideas to life that can change the world. For more information go to [SWW2019](#) #SWW2019

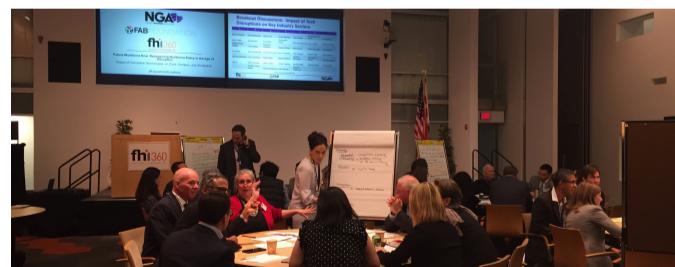
The Family Keeps Growing

We love to welcome new Fab Labs to the Network! In our newsletter, we highlight and support efforts around the world to create new digital fabrication spaces that help their communities develop and grow!



Mexico just launched two new spaces that are bringing community together for economic and social impact. Fab Lab [YEM](#) in Merida, Yucatan ([image at the left](#)) is a hub for entrepreneurship and innovation in the Yucatecan region. The inauguration of this lab amplifies a common strategy for development between the state's residents, government, [Fab Lab Yucatan](#), and the future Yucatan Fab City regional project. Norella Coronell was a special guest at the opening, welcoming the community to the global network. On the other side of Mexico, [Fab Lab La Campaña](#) ([image at the right](#)) promotes innovation and creativity with teenagers from the Altamira and Campana regions. This lab was made possible thanks to the support and participation of [Technológico de Monterrey](#) and the [British Council Mexico](#). Alejandra Diaz de León Lastras participated in the opening ceremony on behalf of Technológico de Monterrey and the global network.

If you would like for your new lab to be featured as part of this newsletter, please send your information to communications@fabfoundation.org so that we can share your story with the #FabLabNetwork



Future Workforce Now - NGA

Through a series of research roundtables, the Future Workforce Now project is bringing together US and international academic, industry and education experts with state policy leaders to share knowledge regarding the disruptive technology forces impacting workers, education and training systems, and to map a path forward for state policy alignment that will support building future workforce. The roundtables culminate in a State Leaders Policy Forum for Action to share the accumulated research and identify promising solutions. The Fab Foundation, FHI360 and the National Governors Association have partnered on this exciting initiative, with the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Siegel Family Endowment and Schmidt Futures.

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FABBR1 in Brazil



FABBR1 took place during the famous annual [Campus Party](#) event in São Paulo between 13 and 16 of February. This Fab Brazilian initiative brought fab labs from across the region together to launch the Institute Fab Lab Brazil.

Daniel Annenberg, Secretary of Innovation and Technology of the Prefecture of São Paulo, committed to connecting all of São Paulo's fab labs to the global network, so next time you look in [fablabs.io](#) for Brazil we should have 12 more Fab Labs!

If you want to talk to us please send an email at redefablabbrasil@gmail.com

AWARD

REAL DISTRIBUTED DESIGN

Nominate your emergent creatives and give them the opportunity to win the Distributed Design Award 2019 as part of INDEX: Award. Closing Date March 10th, 2019.

How to apply?

1. Nominate the project through the [online application portal](#).
2. Indicate that your design comes from the DDMF.
3. Choose the affiliated Fab Lab from a drop-down menu.

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Apply now until
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EVENTS



[RECENT EVENT]
MAKER FAIR | Dubai, UAE

FEB 26-28, 2019

The first ever Dubai Mini Maker Faire was held in February 2019, under the patronage of Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance and [Fab Lab UAE](#). The Faire attracted about 1000 visitors and brought together about 50 makers and innovators from around the world (New Zealand, Italy, Spain, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Oman).

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[RECENT EVENT]
MAKER FAIR | Cairo, Egypt

MARCH 2, 2019

March 2, the fourth annual Maker Faire Cairo is taking place in the land of all wonders, the Smart Village, organized by [Fab Lab Egypt](#) & San3a Events in collaboration with the American Center Cairo. Given the tough economic situation in Egypt, the venue itself will encourage any visitor to adopt Maker culture, to "Make" their way through, surviving in style!

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[UPCOMING EVENT]
DIGIFAB CON | Pittsburgh, PA, USA

APRIL 4-5, 2019

DigiFabCon is an annual gathering of the digital fabrication community to share knowledge and explore topics of interest in manufacturing, education, entrepreneurship, business and personal expression. This year DigiFabCon will interactively explore Digital Badges for New Collar workforce skills as well as professional development resources and approaches for educators in Fab Labs. From K - 12 classrooms, traditional 2- and 4-year colleges to alternative settings in Fab Labs and Makerspaces, innovative programs are changing how we think about learning. You will hear about best practices and have the opportunity to explore how incorporating new platforms like Digital Badging into your learning methodologies with thought leaders in the field can impact your organization.

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