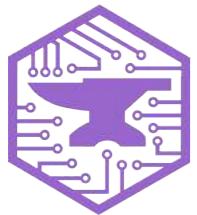


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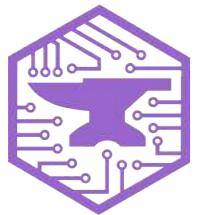
What is Hacksmiths?

Hacksmiths is the student-run tech society at Goldsmiths. Our mission is to provide an opportunity for people with all skills and from all backgrounds the chance to learn about, and play with, technology.

We are known for running weird, wacky and wonderful events which are accessible for a wide range of audiences.

"I always have a lot of fun at Hacksmiths events. Everyone is super inviting and welcoming and I learn loads every time."





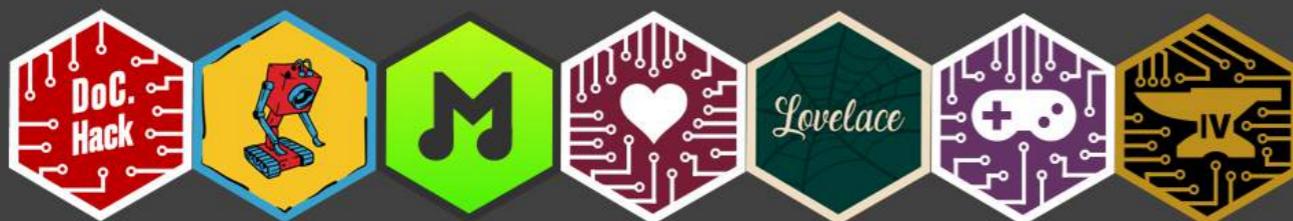
Here's what we do



Code & Craft



Talks & Workshops



Hackathons & Jams

We also manage a Facebook Group for support between our members, and a 'hardware lab' which allows people to play with tech they may not get to otherwise.



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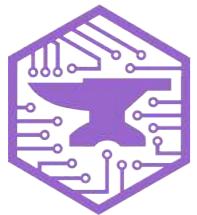
Every week we open up a space at Goldsmiths for students, staff and local community members of all ages. Here they will learn new skills and build projects alone or in groups. This space is also a registered Code Club and Coder Dojo.

We also make equipment from our Hardware Lab available to use, supporting attendees to get started.

<http://goldsmiths.tech/craft>

<http://goldsmiths.tech/hardware>





Talks & Workshops

Falling in with our aims of bringing more non-computing students into our community, we've been working with the Goldsmiths Careers Service to organise monthly talks/workshops. The aim of these sessions is to provide beginner-friendly introductions to technical topics which are relevant to different parts of the student body.



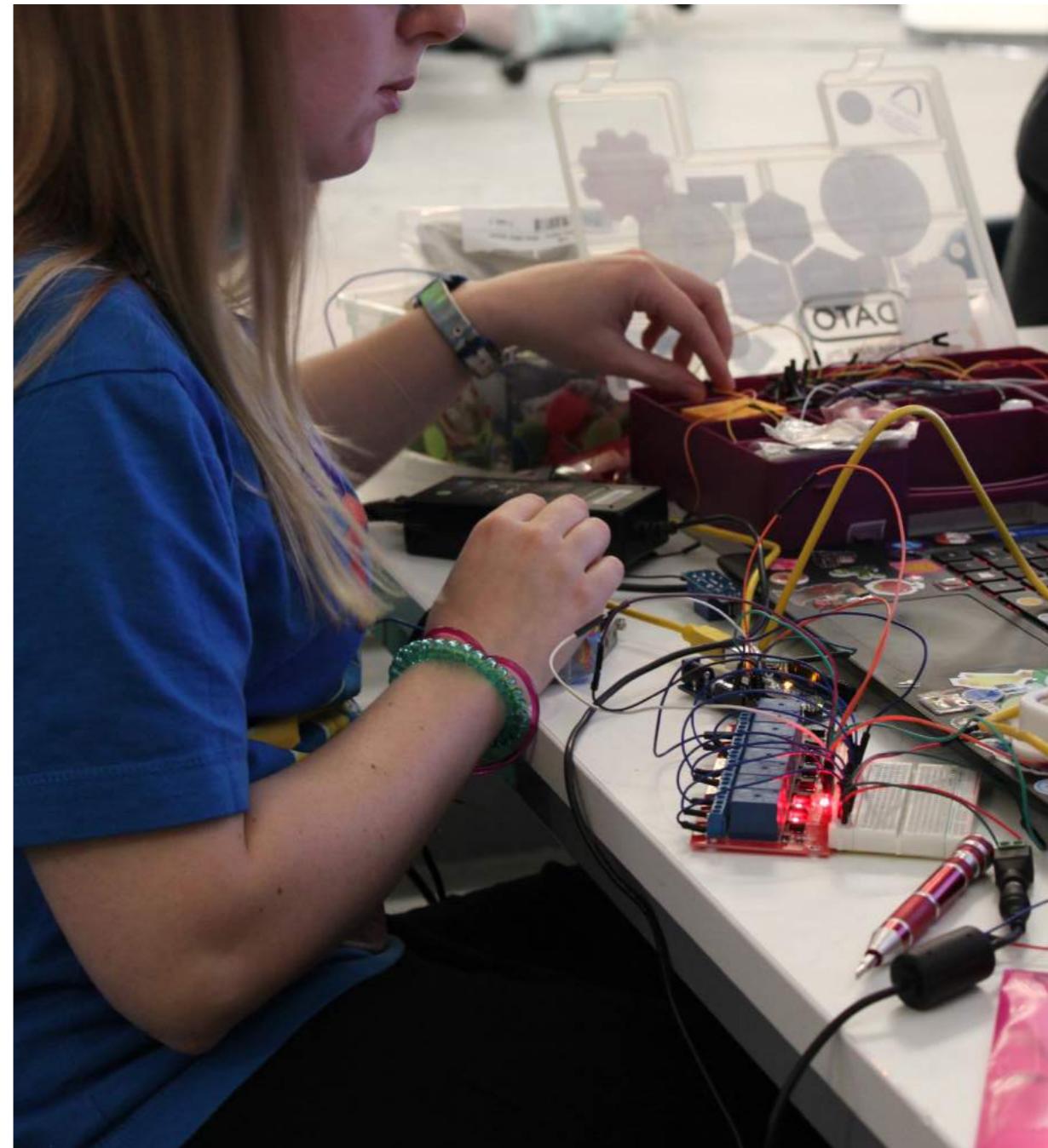
<http://goldsmiths.tech/monthly>



Hebocon London 2017

Hebocon is a robot sumo-wrestling competition for those who are not technically gifted. It is a social competition where crappy robots that can just barely move gather and somehow manage to engage in odd, awkward battles.

We will be running a beginner-level electronics workshop at the start of the event, before mentoring teams to build their own hilarious robot.



<http://goldsmiths.tech/hebocon>



Lovelace

Lovelace is a series of socials, talks and workshops for women and non binary people at Goldsmiths.

With Lovelace, we create a comfortable and welcoming environment for people to play with technology and be inspired to continue as part of a supportive community who can help them with projects.



<http://goldsmiths.tech/lovelace>

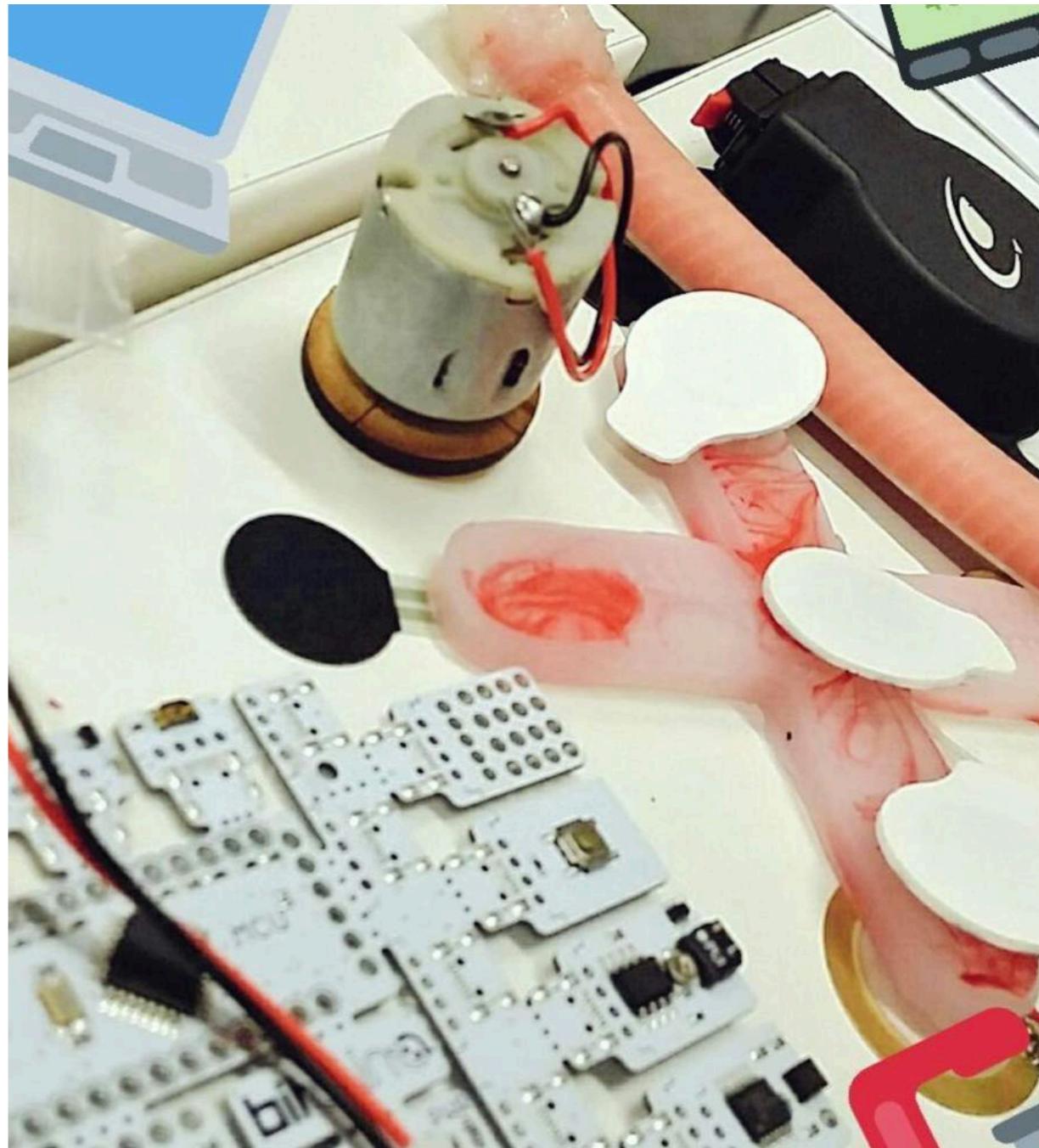


Sex Tech Hack II

In 2016, we ran the first Sex Tech Hack in Europe. It is an event which pushes developers, designers, researchers and industry experts to think about the future of sex technologies, artificial intelligence and human computer interaction.

The first event received media coverage in New Scientist, Makery and Girl on the Net.

<http://goldsmiths.tech/sex>





Global Game Jam

We run one of the biggest Global Game Jam centres in London - inviting people interested in digital and tabletop gaming.

Designers, developers and storytellers collaborate for 36 hours to create interesting playable experiences.

At Goldsmiths, we always see a wonderful mix of video games, board/ card games and electronic games.



<http://goldsmiths.tech/game>



Anvil Hack IV

Anvil Hack is our flagship hackathon. Part of the Major League Hacking EU League, we invite students from around the world to build arty and creative projects - games, sounds and visuals.

We aim to push students outside of their comfort zone by encouraging them to hone their creative process.

We also make our laser cutter and 3D printers available.

<http://goldsmiths.tech/anvil>

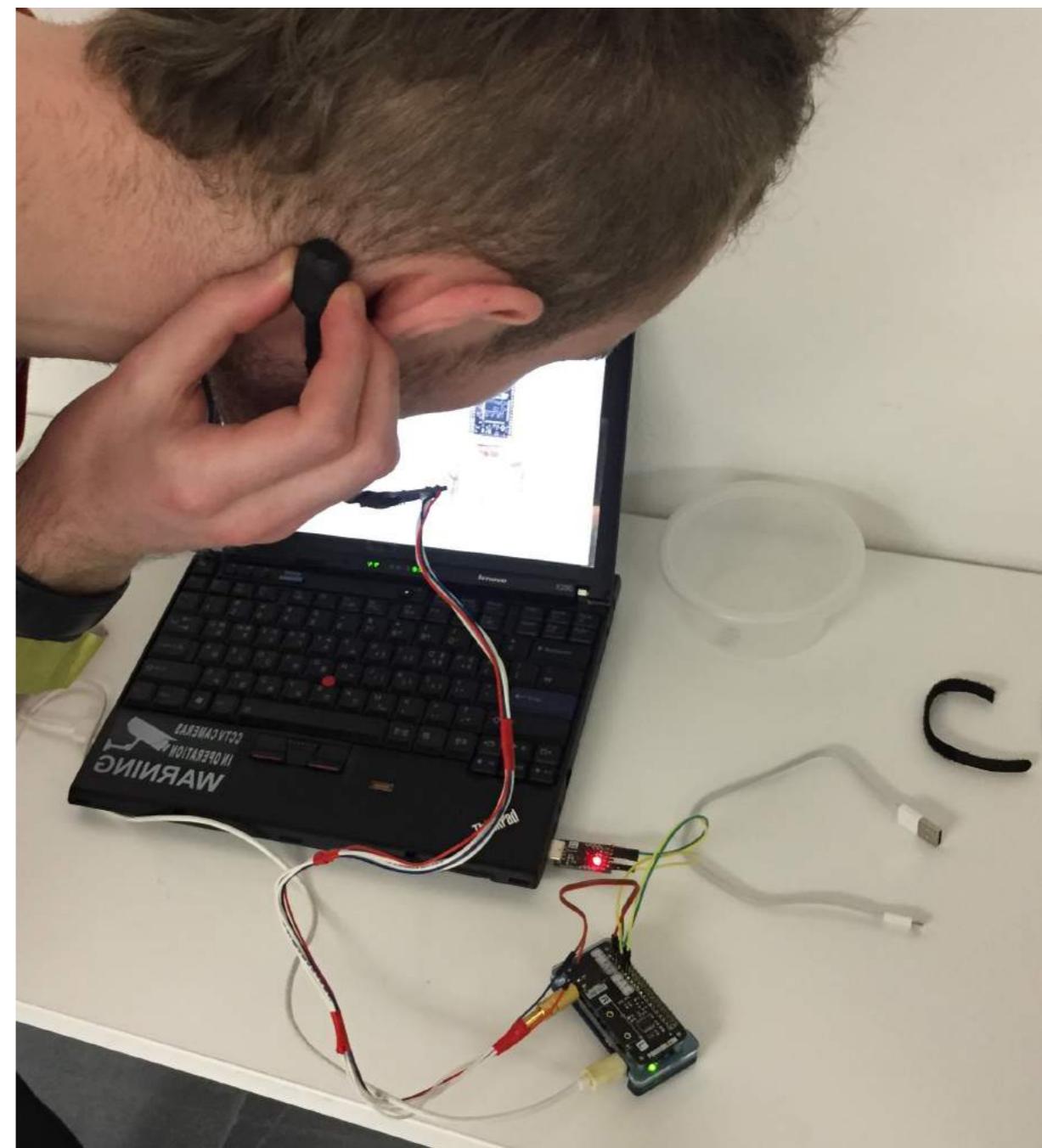




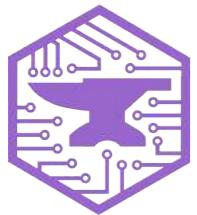
Music Hack Day London

We're bringing it back to London! Music Hack Day is the stage to experiment with the changes in music and develop ideas for the future.

We'll be inviting technologists, designers and musicians together for a two day jam. We expect to see new tracks, new instruments and new experiments involving machine learning.



<http://goldsmiths.tech/music>



How can you get involved?

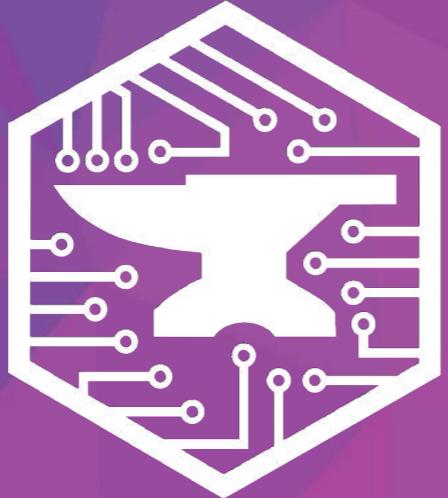
Hacksmiths is run by volunteer students at Goldsmiths.

Every event needs money to run, and our complete annual running costs are roughly £20k. Anything you can contribute to our events is massively appreciated.

If you are a hardware manufacturer, distributor, or hobbyist with spare equipment, you can donate it to the Hardware Lab for use at Code & Craft and our hackathons.



If you can send along expert mentors to our events, we'd love to have them! Hackathons are as much about learning new skills than they are about building cool projects.



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