

## Welcome to SoMakelt, the Southampton Makerspace!



SoMakelt is for anyone who enjoys making things! - it's run by its members who volunteer, it's not for profit, and funded primarily by membership subscriptions & donations.

We have trustees who are legally responsible for the company, but all members contribute to the running and decision making. We are a Company Limited by Guarantee so there are no share holders. We have a lot of passionate members who put lots of time into running SoMakelt, but we are always looking for more!

We have a social & kitchen area for use by members and visitors. The rest of our main space is for clean activities such as 3D printing, Electronics, Textiles, Crafting or just sitting down with your laptop. Our well equipped workshop is segregated to keep the mess and noise out of the main space.

All tools and equipment are for use by members of SoMakelt, although health and safety policies apply in some cases. 3D Printing is charged additionally by weight, at 4 pence per gram, for members only.

Members of SoMakelt can use the space for their own projects, group projects, or specific workshops which we regularly run. We have a group project to build a life size Dalek which we use for charity events, around fifteen people have contributed to building it so far - carrying out tasks such as wood work, metal work, 3D printing, electronics and programming. You can help us finish it, or start the next project!

### Joining SoMakelt

Membership to SoMakelt is charged on a 'pay what you can afford' basis. The suggested subscription for full membership is £20 per month, but we accept anything from £5 per month up. We want to make SoMakelt accessible to everyone, but remember - we are funded almost entirely by our members so we need to make ends meet as well as make SoMakelt even better in the future with new equipment and resources!

You can sign up right away at: <http://somakeit.org.uk/join>

We have various roles levels which are subject to approval. Becoming an actual member is dependant on having set up payments which is easy to do and integrated into the members area. Please come on down to the space during the regular openings and get to know everyone!

Every established member has the opportunity to become a key holder with 24/7 access to the space.

### Opening Hours

We are regularly open to the public and new members four times a week, plus additional workshops. Have a look at the calendar on the front page of the website to see what's going on. Regular openings and directions can be found at: <http://somakeit.org.uk/visit>

Our regular openings are made possible by our key holder members who open the space on a scheduled volunteer basis.

## Groups & Events

SoMakelt has various subgroups for specific interests which anyone is welcome to get involved with. Any member is free to start their own subgroup! Current groups include:

- 3D Printing / RepRap user group
- Costume & Prop building
- SewBakeKnit - Textiles, baking & more
- SCAR - South Coast Amiga Rendezvous
- Men's Sheds - Open Friday mornings & maybe more
- MicroSouthCoast - Electronics
- SouthHACKton - Electronics & coding

We exhibit at local events to promote SoMakelt including Southampton ComicCon, Science Festivals and shows at Southampton University. Members are always welcome to help us out at events with our table or Dalek driving!

## Useful links

Our website	<a href="http://somakeit.org.uk">somakeit.org.uk</a>
The Wiki	<a href="http://wiki.somakeit.org.uk">wiki.somakeit.org.uk</a>
Our discussion group for Q&A	<a href="https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/somakeit">groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/somakeit</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://facebook.com/SoMakelt">facebook.com/SoMakelt</a>
Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/MakeSoton">twitter.com/MakeSoton</a>
YouTube	<a href="https://youtube.com/user/somakeitorg">youtube.com/user/somakeitorg</a>
Flickr	<a href="https://flickr.com/groups/somakeitpics/">flickr.com/groups/somakeitpics/</a>
Github	<a href="https://github.com/somakeit/">github.com/somakeit/</a>
IRC	<a href="https://irc.freenode.net/#somakeit">irc.freenode.net #somakeit</a>

Even more information for new members at: [http://wiki.somakeit.org.uk/wiki/New\\_Members](http://wiki.somakeit.org.uk/wiki/New_Members)

Please ask a member or find a trustee if there are any questions, or post in our Google Group.

We hope to see you at the space soon!