

Call for Maker Space / Innovation Lab Tenders

At Impact Hub Berlin, we're looking for people and organisations to occupy a Maker Space or Innovation Lab in our new Berlin - Neukölln location. We have three units available and are looking for interesting proposals combining impact and innovation.

Who are we

[Impact Hub Berlin](#) empowers entrepreneurs and organisations to create innovative solutions for people and the planet. Since 2014, we've worked to connect, enable and inspire our network to scale their ideas for a future that works for all. We coordinate a community of impact-driven members, host a creative space for engaging events, and run a consultancy for business innovation and sustainability. As part of the Impact Hub global network, founded in 2005 and now made up of 100+ locations and 16,500 members, we're both locally rooted and globally connected in our mission to help achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

What's ahead

We're scaling up our ambition. Construction is underway on Impact Hub Berlin's new location at the CRCLR House – a **3,500m2 collaborative space** on the site of the former Kindl Brewery in Berlin's Neukölln district. The development of the site was initiated by the team from [CRCLR](#) four years ago in close collaboration with the Edith Maryon Foundation. Impact Hub Berlin will now run the CRCLR House, set to **open its doors at the beginning of 2022**. Embracing a **completely innovative approach, the space will embody sustainable and cradle-to-cradle thinking in all aspects of its creation and operations**. The interior will comprise coworking and private offices, function rooms, maker labs **and a gastronomy unit**. Circular economy principles guide its purpose and process, which includes reusing the timber and bricks from the pre-existing warehouse and running on 100% renewable energy. Throughout the wider organisation, we're also focusing our efforts on four core Impact Ecosystems.

What is an Impact Ecosystem?

Our Impact Ecosystems are made up of a community of passionate people, regular events, research publications and innovation programmes, centred around one of our selected challenge areas: **Green Tech, Diversity & Inclusion, Sustainable Food, and the Circular Economy**. We're bringing together entrepreneurs, investors, consumers, governments, corporates and NGOs to work within these ecosystems with us.

In our new location, each Impact Ecosystem will have a dedicated Maker Space or Innovation Lab of approximately 150m2: a place to prototype, showcase and make great innovations tangible.

The opportunity: we're looking for ecosystem innovators

We're looking for organisations who are interested in running a Maker Space or Innovation Lab in one of the three remaining units on the ground floor of our new space. Each unit is 150-200m² in size with 4m+ ceilings, daylight from large windows and a street level entrance to Rollbergstraße. They will be available in a basic, renovated state: white undercoat, raw concrete floor, regular electricity input "at the door" (no sub-distribution), with direct glass fibre internet connection available. We're offering contracts for a running time of five years with a potential extension, and have a preference for long term relationships.

An inclusive and holistic concept for Impact Hub Berlin and the local community

We're seeking ambitious Maker Space or Innovation Lab concepts, preferably within one of our four ecosystems. **A clear commitment to achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals** through innovation and entrepreneurship is key. Groups and organisations who apply are expected to have a **proven track record and extensive network** in their field of expertise that they are looking to bring into the space and community. Both what could be gained from and contributed to the community, and how being situated in the space would benefit your concept are very relevant to us. We're particularly looking for concepts that not only function as closed shop laboratories but as **spaces for implementing and showcasing innovative approaches**. Through your application, we'd like to understand your programmatic approach to creating impact, and get to know your **amazing team** that would turn the concept into a success. Finally, a **solid financial plan** for the coming years should show that you are aware of the potentials, but also the risks associated.

At Impact Hub Berlin, our programmatic offering includes innovation workshops, incubators and accelerators, as well as corporate programmes. As a Maker Space or Innovation Lab resident, you should have an interest in contributing to these activities where relevant. We see great potential for co-creating and co-fundraising for corporate sponsorship, public funding and research grants with the right partners. Your concept should also include an offering for our community of members, for example through regular workshop opportunities. The core users of your Maker Space or Innovation Lab should also be paying members of the community (approximately between €25-150 monthly, depending on level), in order to have access to our local and global communication platforms, as well as room booking and contract management functions.

Core facts

- Three available lab spaces, ranging from 150-200m² in size
- Monthly rent between **€3,000-5,000** plus operating and ancillary costs
- Contracts with a duration of five years, with a potential extension and a preference for long term relationships

- Available occupancy start date: from **1st October 2021** / planned public launch date of Impact Hub Berlin: **January 2022**

You're our perfect partner if you...

- ... bring an impact mindset.
- ... have a proven track record and a strong network.
- ... have a clear programmatic approach to and offering for our community.
- ... are excited to integrate within the wider community.
- ... want to collaborate on our Impact Ecosystems and programmes.
- ... can make the needed investment in the equipment and outfitting of your space.
- ... don't forget the funk and fun we want to have together!

Apply with your concept to leon.reiner@impacthub.berlin with:

- A full Maker Space / Innovation Lab concept note
- Financial modelling

We look forward to receiving your application!