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Letter Content

Hi Rachel and thanks for taking the time for our brief chat earlier today.

Background Information As I mentioned I represent Leigh Hackspace, a community 'Makerspace' or 'Hackerspace' which essentially functions like a shared community workshop/workspace allowing people who lack the space to make things, or don't have the tools at home, can come along, join our community and share our tools. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hackerspace>.

We started as a 'virtual' group on Facebook in November 2014 (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/leighhackspace/?fref=ts>) but have grown so rapidly that we were able to take up shared tenancy of a shop in Leigh Town Centre a couple of weeks ago, which we will be using as HQ and our main Hackspace. In the future we already have firm plans to move into a whole floor of the Leigh Spinners Mill redevelopment (<http://leighspinners.org/>), which is just around the corner from Screwfix's new counter store in Leigh, and which would make us one of the largest Hackspaces in the country. Wee these pictures for an idea of the size of the floors of the Mills: <http://www.leighhack.org/>

Governance We are a registered UK Community Interest Company, meaning that all donations are immediately 'locked' in Trust for the community served, and cannot be sold/stripped out of the company. We have 4 directors and an advisory board which includes member of the Leigh Spinners Mill Redevelopment Team and are decisions are made democratically by our 65-person strong community. We are non-profit and all time is voluntarily donated.

What We Need: We are approaching a range of enterprises such as yourselves, to ask for support for our important community. There are a variety of ways that organisations can contribute, depending on their size, financial resources, and degree to which they would like to be involved: Donations of small tools, fixings, materials, storage equipment, PPE, unsorted items, etc for members' use. (list available on request of what kind of things we would need) Reciprocal arrangements such as a 'Hackspace Member's Discount' in return for some brand advertising and our gratitude. Financial donations of any size are also welcome!

What You Get: Apart from the satisfaction of helping our tiny grassroots organisation to develop, you are helping fellow makers. We will show our gratitude by ensuring Screwfix are credited on our Facebook Group and Twitter account, mentioned in Local press when the Hackspace is featured, and we can also display your branding on our Supporter's Wall in the shop, along with details of the donation.

I sincerely hope you will feel able to help us. Marcus Baw Director & Founder Leigh Hackspace CIC (company number to follow once company foundation documents return) Phone Number @leigh_hackspace <http://www.leighhack.org/>

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