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Textile Museum of Canada launches Making Makers, a crowdsourced platform connecting national maker community

(Toronto) The Textile Museum of Canada is pleased to present Making Makers (makingmakers.ca), an interactive map that allows makers to connect on a national and local scale. A fully bilingual hub that is free to use, the user-generated platform encourages the submission of places and events associated with Canada's dynamic maker activity, asking the public to add their favourite DIY-friendly sites, shops, suppliers, and fabricators – high tech to handmade, hacker spaces to maker spaces. Produced with the support of the .CA Community Investment Program, Making Makers is intended to facilitate grassroots networks, promoting the exchange of skills, resources, materials and inspiration across the country.

Following on the success of the Textile Museum of Canada's award-winning TXTilecity app (TXTilecity.ca) that mapped the rich textile history of Toronto's urban landscape, the TMC turns its attention to the national landscape with makingmakers.ca. Evolving with Canada's vibrant maker community, the Making Makers map is a growing catalogue of contemporary craft resources, community sites, galleries and museums, incubators, fabricators, distributors, educational resources, and services.

New sites and events can be added now at makingmakers.ca. Visitors can also explore sites that have already been contributed. Whether looking for local materials or the opportunity to learn a new skill, there are resources to explore across the country, from classes at the Anna Templeton Centre of Craft, Art and Design in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, to the community space for sewing and crafting offered by The Workroom in Toronto, or the forum for builders, programmers, and artists provided by Vancouver Hack Space and Winnipeg's Skullspace.

Join us for the official launch of Making Makers on Tuesday September 2 at 5 pm at Mozilla Hive Toronto (366 Adelaide St. West, suite 500, Toronto, Ontario, M5V 1R9). All welcome; RSVP required as space is limited. Email to confirm attendance to events@textilemuseum.ca.

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