

MAKER IN RESIDENCE

@ Valletta Design Cluster

*Creativity is inventing, experimenting,
growing, taking risks, breaking rules,
making mistakes and having fun.*

Mary Lou Cook



ABOUT

The Maker in Residence (MIR) is a residency programme for Designers and Makers at the Valletta Design Cluster, a community hub for cultural and creative practice in Malta. The residency offers designers time and space away from their usual routine to reflect, research, and consider new ways of developing their practice or product

Share your results with like-minded individuals, professionals and the public through a final event/ talk/ workshop/exhibition at the end of the residency.

Participate in events, training, talks and workshops organised for members and non-members on a wide variety of topics.

Connect with a community of creative individuals and organisations who are members at the VDC

BENEFITS

The Residency provides:

- Accommodation in a private bedroom in a shared residency facility.
- A dedicated studio space within VDC
- Access to the **VDC Makerspace** which includes a variety of tools and equipment
- Opportunities to connect with other makers, designers and creative professionals.
- Maker retains full ownership of their work and Intellectual Property

It does not provide:

- Financial support towards visa, flights, per diem, insurance or materials



AREA OF FOCUS

SUSTAINABILITY - Makers who are developing sustainable products, processes and materials such as those that reduce waste, conserve energy or use recycled material.

REIMAGINATION - Makers who are using their skills and creativity to reimagine existing products, services or systems. This includes makers who are developing new ways to produce or consume goods or creating new models for community problem-solving.

SOCIAL IMPACT - Makers who are developing products and services that address social challenges such as urban greening, accessibility and promoting community engagement in making.





THE MAKERSPACE

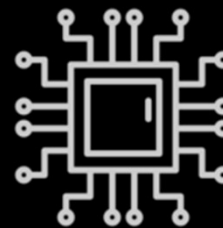


VINYL CUTTING



CNC MACHINERY

CNC Router, CNC Mill,
CNC Mini-Lathe



ELECTRONICS

Oscilloscopes, Soldering
stations, Multimeters



SEWING

Texi 1501 TS 15-needle Embroidery,
Pfaff Creative Ambition 640, Singer
Heavy Duty Sewing Machines and
Overlockers



3D PRINTING

Crealty CR-10 Smart Pro,
Delta WASP 2040, Creality
Halot-Lite



HAND AND POWER TOOLS



MOULDING

Vacuum Forming



EXPECTATIONS

The Makers will be expected to:

- Dedicate at least 20 hours per week to their residency project
- Give a public presentation or a hands-on workshop about your work at the end of the residency
- Be open to meet and possibly collaborate with VDC staff and members



ELIGIBILITY

The Maker-In-Residence Programme is designed to support and encourage creative exploration and experimentation.

The program is open to makers from all design-related disciplines: Designers, Craftspeople, Visual artists, Technologists, Fashion designers and more ...

Applicants must:

- Be 18 years of age or older at time of applying
- Have a strong portfolio of their work
- Be able to communicate effectively in English



APPLICATIONS

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A Residency may last between 15 and 45 days and it may take place any time between May and December 2024.

Applications must include:

- Filled-in application form
 - Portfolio
- Copy of ID Card

Application deadline: 14th March 2024

SELECTION

A selection panel will review all applications and select finalists for interviews. Finalists will be notified within fifteen days of submission deadline.

Applications will be scored according to set criteria: creativity and innovation; impact of the project on the maker community and the broader public; feasibility.

Results will be communicated once interviews are completed.